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FROM THE MCNAIR GRADUATES:



I attend the University of New Haven for my masters in Clinical Community Psychology. I work as a graduate research assistant for the engineering department. We investigate methods to improve educational programming to support nontraditional engineering students. The McNair program has prepared me well for this research position and allowed me to explore other career opportunities. I currently volunteer for the A.L.I.V.E program. My role is to

read letters from school aged children and identify possible trauma occurrences. If trauma is detected, the program will provide additional resources to the child and family. A few pieces of advice that I would give is to seek every opportunity with an open mind and learn how to network early.

—Audrianna Rodriguez

I am currently in the Master of Sciences in Health Sciences Program (MSHS) at Cleveland State University. It has been a great experience so far in my program. We are studying to become researchers and this is something that I am really excited to study. If it was not for the summer research opportunity that the McNair Scholars Program provided, I would not have been as prepared for graduate school as I am now. I also enjoy the graduate assistantship position at the McNair Office because it allows me to interact with students and help them on the road to graduation and beyond. I know how I felt when I was an undergraduate where I was lost in planning for my academic future. That is why I am glad to share my experiences with current and future McNair Scholars.

—Monique Russell



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POST-BACCALAUREATE
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

MCNAIR SCHOLARS

New Scholars	Major	Returning Scholars	Major
Abdullah, Mishgan	Health Sciences	Al-nimer, Sara	Mathematics & Psych
Boccoeri, Brian	Pre-Physical Therapy	Arias, Fernando	Electroni Eng. Tech.
Burkhalter, Brooke	Biology	Bykov, Leon	Mathematics
Hinnawi, Rani	Physics	Call, Bethann	Pre-Occ Therapy
Keller, Michael	Biology	Caticchio, Carmen	Biology
Najjar, Khadeja	Psychology	Isom, Anita	Psychology
Negron Rolon, Christian	Biology	Jones, Jillian	Health Sciences
Obiako, Uchechukwu	Chemical Eng.	Kulman, Daniel	Biology
Patel, Maitri	Biology	Nikova, Teodora	Biology
Pendleton, David	Electrical Eng.	Oluwasanmi, Mofetoluwa	Biology
Quamine, Aicha	Pharmaceutical Science	Robinson, Samantha	Speech & Hearing
Smith, Kia	Chemistry	Seck, Sokhna	Chemistry
		Thomas, Celeste	Speech & Hearing
		Waltonen, April	Psychology & Organizational Leadership
		Welch, Alexandra	Psychology

MCNAIR SPOTLIGHT



April Waltonen
Psychology & Organizational Leadership

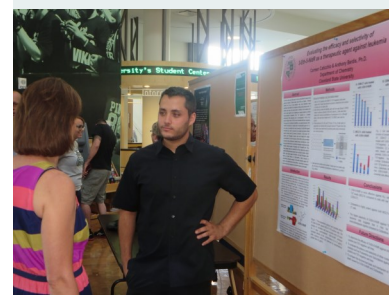
As a McNair scholar I have taken the opportunity to develop the skills I've learned in the workshops to further my goals at CSU. I have also learned many things at Cleveland State University, but the most valuable thing that I learned is how to network. The connections that I made at Cleveland State University have allowed me many opportunities. This year I was awarded the Mercedes-Cotner Scholarship and the Campbell-Steinbacher Fellowship which has allowed me the opportunity to work at the Cuyahoga Land Bank as a Research Fellow.

The work that I do on campus is a testimony to the fact that when students are engaged they are more successful in their academic endeavors. It is my passion to motivate others the way that I was motivated and, this is the reason that I have been accepted into the Adult Learning and Development Master's Program at Cleveland State University.

—April Waltonen

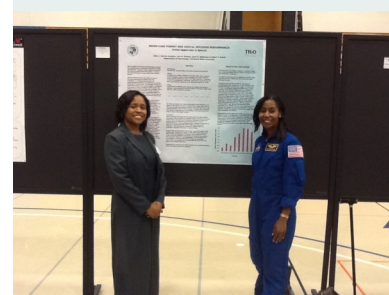
MCNAIR SCHOLARS GRADUATIONS

McNair Graduates	Degree	Graduation Date
Bowers, Arielle	BA, Psychology & Sociology	Spring 2014
Kariotakis, Alexander	BS, Biology & Chemistry	Spring 2014
Melendez, Jayleen	BA, Psychology & Sociology	Spring 2014
Russell, Monique	BS, Environmental Science	Spring 2014
Walker, Shannon	BA, Environmental Studies	Fall 2014
Wiggins, Morgan	BS, Health Sciences	Fall 2014
Willis, Christian	BA, Spanish	Fall 2014
Wilson, Ayana	BS, Biology	Spring 2014



GRADUATE SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES

Name	Program	Enrollment
Bowers, Arielle	MS in Clinical psychology, CSU	Fall 2014
Call, Bethann	PhD University of Toledo & MS in OT, CSU	Fall 2015
Russell, Monique	MS in Health Sciences, CSU	Fall 2014
Walker, Shannon	MEd in Community Health Education, CSU	Fall 2015
Waltonen, April	MA in Adult Education Program, CSU	Fall 2015
Wilson, Ayana	MS in Medical physiology, Case	Fall 2014



CONFERENCE ACCEPTANCES

National Conference on Undergraduate Research

Spokane, Washington

April 15-19, 2015

Daniel Kulman presenting *Evaluation of the selectivity of sulfonamide tubulin inhibitors against human african trypanosomiasis*

Sokhna Seck presenting *Dysfunctional carbamylated high density lipoprotein is atherogenic and proinflammatory*

Alexandra Welch presenting *Psychopathy and sexuality*

CSU MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The McNair Scholars Program has been preparing undergraduate students for graduate school since 2007. Currently, there are several McNair Scholars that have graduated and are working towards obtaining a Doctorate Degree, MD /PhD, an MBA, and a Master's Degree. Each year the CSU McNair Scholars Program sponsors a Summer Research Institute (SRI).

As the Spring semester continues, more McNair Scholars will apply to and be accepted into graduate programs and we wish them all plenty of success. With such a wonderful program as The McNair Scholar Program, it is a pleasure to assist students in obtaining the research, knowledge, and academic abilities they need in order to sustain a higher education. With continued financial and active support from Cleveland State University we are sure that our scholars will continue to be successful and benefit from the program. The McNair Scholars program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and Cleveland State University.



BENEFITS

- ◆ Undergraduate Research with Stipend, tuition, and housing
- ◆ Dual faculty mentorship
- ◆ Textbook benefit
- ◆ Financial support for graduate school visits and conference travels
- ◆ GRE preparation course
- ◆ Graduate school preparation workshops
- ◆ Graduate school application fee waivers and funding for graduate school education

SPRING EVENTS

- ◆ **January 8th:** McNair Alumni Gathering
- ◆ **February 17th & 19th:** Financial Literacy (Workshop)
- ◆ **March 12th-15th:** University of Maryland McNair Conference
- ◆ **March 17th & 19th:** Time Management (Workshop)
- ◆ **April 14th:** Applying and funding for graduate schools (Workshop)
- ◆ **April 16th:** Sorting out differences: The envelop game. How we sort out visual cues to make generalizations about people? (Workshop)
- ◆ **April 24th:** 7th Annual McNair Research Exposition & Banquet
- ◆ **May 26th-30th:** Grad School preparation camp at Lake Barkley State Resort Park KY

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