Named after the late Dr. Ronald E. McNair, African American physicist and NASA astronaut.

Federally sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.

Focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math disciplines.

Participants prepare for Ph.D. programs through involvement in research and scholarly activities.

Scholars are academically accomplished first generation college students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, or that hail from underrepresented groups in higher education.
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's the beginning of the Spring Semester, and we are still celebrating our recent accomplishments. In the last three years, students in our programs achieved higher GPAs and higher graduation rates than non-McNair CSU students, especially among First-Generation, African American, and Female students. Last year, 75% of our graduates enrolled in Graduate Programs. Last Fall, senior scholar Alexis Merk (Physics) had her first first-author publication. Five scholars graduated this December after their successful undergrad career here at CSU (page 4) in fields including Social Work, Marketing, Computer Engineering, and Speech and Hearing.

Several other scholars will graduate this semester and are starting to interview at graduate programs (some have been accepted already!). We also accepted new students into our program (Page 3). These students are hard workers, passionate about their discipline, and will contribute to the betterment of our community. And the McNair Faculty and Staff will be there to support them along the way.

McNair Scholars Program prepares undergraduate students for applying and being accepted into graduate school. Students pursue Ph.D. degrees in their field to access careers in research, find solutions to social, environmental, or medical problems, develop new materials, and many other reasons. And we work to support them on that journey and help mitigate barriers they encounter.

We can help more students interested in this path. We offer paid research experience, mentorship, career development, and guidance through the graduate school application process. We discuss how to attend graduate school free of cost and often get paid for studying! And finally, we take students to cultural activities and conferences, give book scholarships, and create networking opportunities. Our priority is ensuring that underrepresented students and first-generation students from low-income backgrounds access resources to help them succeed. That's the work ahead in 2022 and beyond.

Ángel L. Reyes-Rodríguez, Ph.D.
Director, McNair Scholars Program
WELCOME NEW & RETURNING SCHOLARS!

New Scholars:

Angel Ciccarelli, India Matthews, Cyenna Ulrich-Chech, Ben King, Madison Slayton

Donovon Blair, Sydni Davila, Semra Dervisevic, Sadie Pinckney

Returning Scholars:

Sebrine Abu-Hamdeh
Kylie Armstead
Thyra Chaney
Jessica Disla
Steven Fairley
Maria Habean

Angela Harris
Erica Hughes
Dywayne Johnson
Orlando Lopez
Marissa McIntosh
Alexis Merk

Jamila Najjar
Forrest Osborn
Silvia Surunis
Hannah Tackett
Sadie-Marie Wright
FALL '21 EVENTS

Wicked at Playhouse Square

Graduate School visit (FIU, Univ. of Miami) in Miami, FL

Immersive Van Gogh Cleveland

The Lion King at Playhouse Square

DECEMBER '21 GRADUATES

Donna Erwin
Janell Craig
Michail Haswani
Ericka Clifton
Onetha Belgrave
SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

2/1 | 11:30 AM | SR 158
Interview Skills | Kyle Znamenak, Ph.D.
Research Methods | Ángel Reyes-Rodríguez, Ph.D.

2/4 | 3:00 PM | MS Teams
Encore: Interview Skills and Research Methods

3/1 | 11:30 AM | SR 158
Effective LinkedIn | Kyle Znamenak, Ph.D.
Using Databases | Theresa M Nawalaniec, M.L.S.

3/4 | 3:00 PM | MS Teams
Encore: Effective LinkedIn and Using Databases

4/5 | 11:30 AM | SR 158
Networking | TBT
SRI Success Guide | Ángel Reyes-Rodríguez, Ph.D.

4/8 | 3:00 PM | MS Teams
Encore: Networking and SRI Success Guide

4/21 | 5:30 PM | SC 311
End of Year Celebration

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TRAPPED! ESCAPE ROOM - CLEVELAND HEIGHTS
COME TO TRAPPED! ... HURRY, EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

2/17 | 5:30 PM
Escape Room
Trapped! Escape Room

3/24 | 5:30 PM
Currents and Costellations: Black Art in Focus
Cleveland Museum of Art

5/5 | 5:30 PM
The Absolutely Amazing and True Adventures of Ms. Joan Evelyn Southgate
Cleveland Public Theater