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## MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM INFO

The McNair Scholars Program is named after the late Dr. Ronald E. McNair, an African American physicist and NASA astronaut who perished in the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle in 1986.

Federally sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, the program prepares participants for graduate and Ph.D. programs through involvement in research and other scholarly activities.

Participants come from underrepresented groups in higher education and/or from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and they additionally demonstrate strong academic potential in STEM disciplines.

## FALL MEETINGS

**Tuesday, 9/12 @ 3 pm**  
**Thursday, 9/14 @ 11 am**

**Tuesday, 10/3 @ 12 pm**  
**Thursday, 10/5 @ 3 pm**

**Wednesday, 11/1 @ 3 pm**  
**Thursday, 11/2 @ 11:30 am**

**Wednesday, 12/6 @ 3 pm**  
**Thursday, 12/7 @ 11:30 am**

## FALL EVENTS

**September:**  
*Research Poster Day;*  
*Careers in Diversity Panel;*  
*Dental School visit*

**October:**  
*Resumes, Personal Statements,*  
*& Portfolios*

**November:**  
*Choosing, Managing, and*  
*Repaying Student Loans*

**December:**  
*Handling Stress & Student*  
*Success*



# TRIO

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 ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

## Our scholars have been working hard! Here are their most recent achievements:

### **Mishgan Abdullah** **Health Sciences**

- Worked full-time in the McNair office this summer

### **Cyna Abid** **Nursing**

- 2017 Summer Research Institute Participant

### **Sierra Bonifant** **Psychology**

- 2017 Summer Research Institute Participant

### **Nicholas Gehler** **Mechanical Engineering**

### **Ma'Taya Hammond** **Sociology/Criminology**

- 2017 Summer Research Institute Participant
- Acceptance into the MBA program at CSU starting January 2018
- Received LINK Scholars Scholarship & the Cage Family Scholarship Fund from the Columbus Foundation

### **Angelica Houston** **Biology**

- 2017 Summer Research Institute Participant
- Dean's List: Spring 2017

### **Casey Iyasere** **Biology**

- 2017 Summer Research Institute Participant

### **Jammel McRae** **Electrical Engineering**

- Dean's List — Spring 2017
- Washkewickz College of Engineering Scholarship Recipient

### **Taylor Moore** **Speech and Hearing**

- Member of Honors College & Delta Omega Phi Sorority
- CSU Resident Assistant (R.A.)

### **Nadet Najjar** **Health Sciences**

- 2017 Summer Research Institute Participant
- Leader on the student government

### **Uchechukwu Obiako** **Chemical Engineering**

- Dean's List: Spring 2017
- Received Ohio Space Grant Consortium Undergraduate Scholarship from NASA

### **Michael Ortiz** **Accounting/Biology/Leadership**

- Vice-President of the National Society of Leadership & Success (NSLS)
- Mentor, leadership workshop speaker and developer, and community outreach advocate through Esperanza, YLN, House of Praise, and College Now
- Writing a book, "Immersed," based on recently founded organization: New Vision

### **Solomiya Pushchak** **Biology**

- 2017 Summer Research Institute Participant
- Worked at an orphanage while on a summer mission trip to Ukraine
- Community Service Chair at NSLS

## Scholar Achievements (continued)

### **Aicha Quamine** **Pharmaceutical Science**

- 2017 Summer Research Institute Participant; Summer research internship at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Volunteered in Nicaragua with Global Medical Brigades
- Last Mile Grant recipient

### **Victor Rosa** **Mechanical Engineering**

- Summer Internship at NASA

### **Asma Saleh** **Biology**

- 2017 Summer Research Institute Participant
- Diligently preparing for the MCAT

### **Kimberly Schveder** **Mathematics**

- 2017 Summer Research Institute Participant
- Looking forward to tutoring, participating in the honors college, applying to grad school, and attending McNair & Math Club conferences

### **Kia Smith** **Health Sciences**

### **Celeste Thomas** **Speech and Hearing**

### **Jamil Wilson** **Biology**

- 2017 Summer Research Institute Participant
- Accepted into National Society of Leadership & Success

## Astronaut & Scholars Enlighten Children



On August 24th, Colonel Michael T. Good, Cleveland native, NASA astronaut and retired commissioned officer in the United States Air Force, came to speak with grade school students and CSU students at Cleveland Metropolitan School Districts' new Campus International K-8 facility.

CSU McNair Scholars, Jammell McRae, Mishgan Abdullah, Kim Schveder, and Asma Saleh had a Q & A session with the students, shared their plans for beyond college, and motivated them to do well in school.

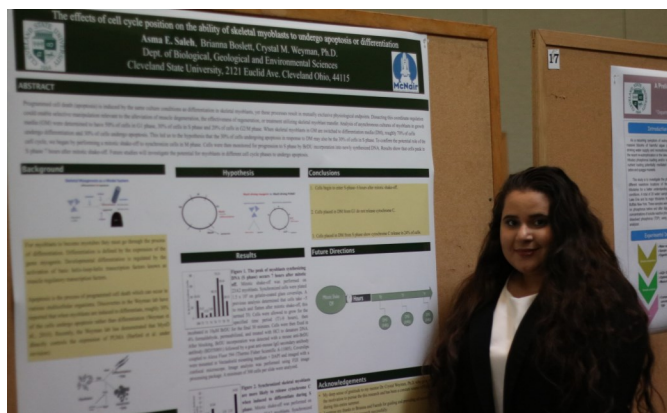
Astronaut Good talked about everyday life in space and the transition into space life and back to life on earth. Jammell McRae reflected on his experience: "Colonel Good was an amazing and humble speaker. It was neat, because one of the first things I ever wanted to be was an astronaut. Hearing his stories on how it was like to travel in space, from his living arrangements (they slept upright in sleeping bags floating basically!) and floating through the space station was also intriguing.

Interacting with the children was also a treat. They were all very respectful and engaged in every learning station there was. Of course they were most excited for the bottle rocket station. All of the CSU physics students that conducted the event were great too. It was all in all a great day for the Cleveland science community."



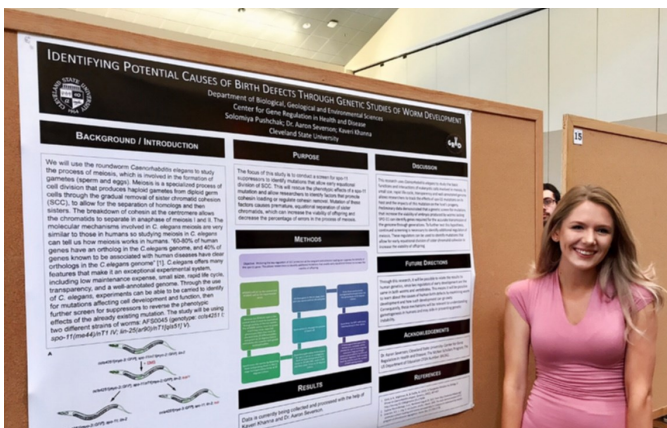
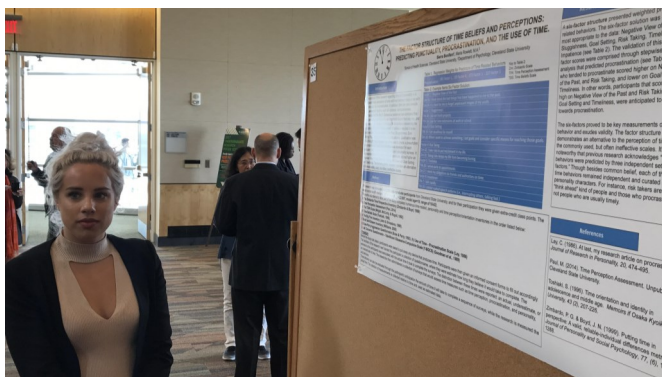


# McNair Scholars Presenting their Summer Research



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