



MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM



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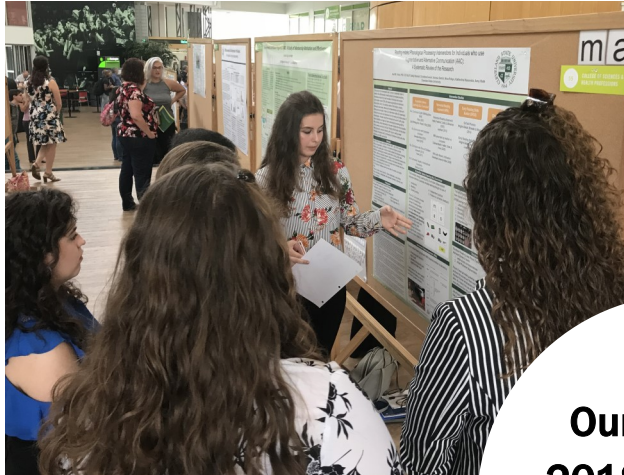
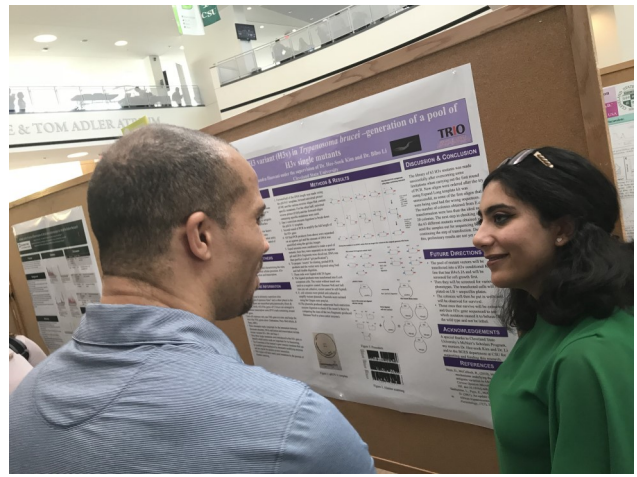
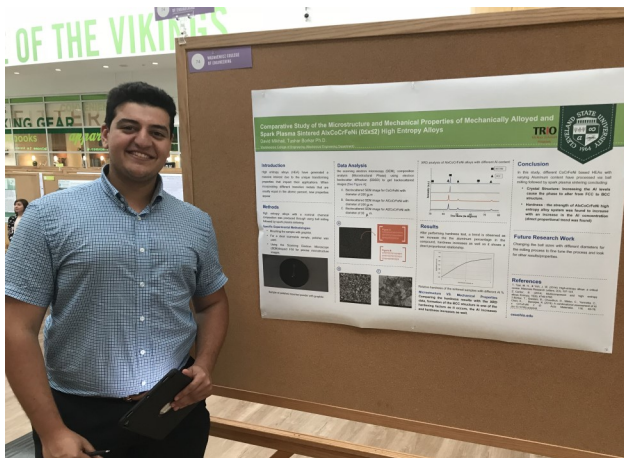
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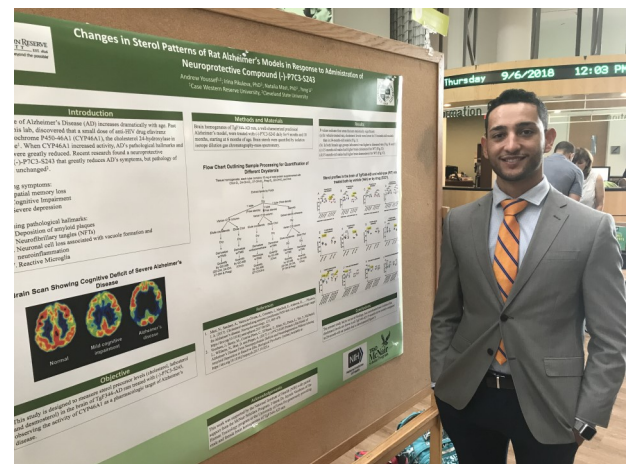
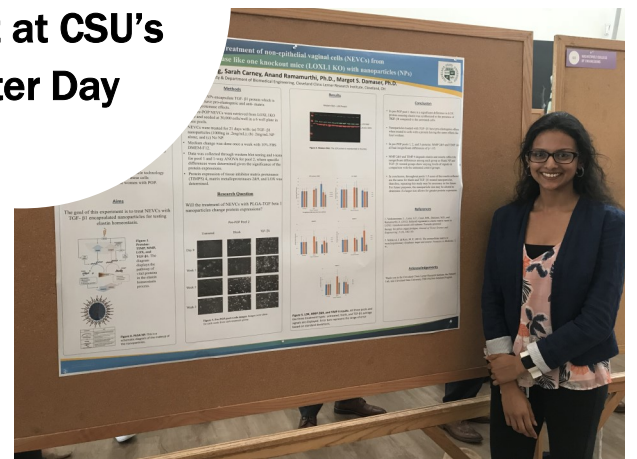
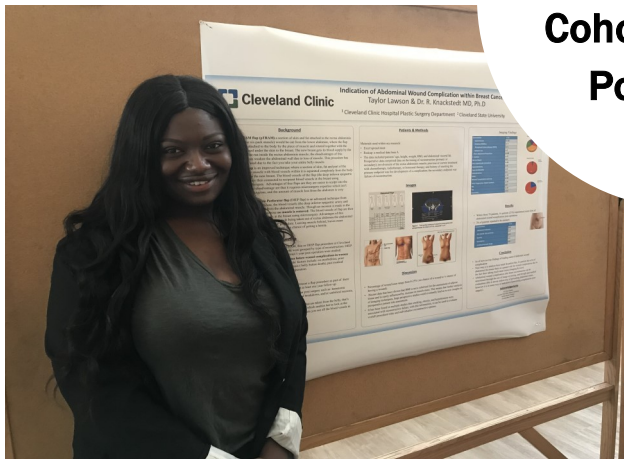
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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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. PARTICIPANTS COME FROM UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND/OR FROM ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS, AND THEY ADDITIONALLY DEMONSTRATE STRONG ACADEMIC POTENTIAL IN STEM DISCIPLINES. 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.



**Our Summer
2018 Research
Cohort at CSU's
Poster Day**



THROUGH THIS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE, I LEARNED THAT PERSEVERANCE IS WITHIN ALL OF US, EVEN IF WE BELIEVE OTHERWISE. FRONTAL LOBE DEVELOPMENT GOES ON UNTIL ABOUT AGE 25, SO DON'T FEEL BEHIND IF YOU ARE NOT 100% CONSISTENT WITH FUTURE PLANNING AND OBLIGATIONS -YOU'RE NOT 25 YET!
- VONESA DEMIRI

BEING A MCNAIR SCHOLAR AND CONDUCTING RESEARCH OF MY VERY OWN WAS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE THAT IS UNFORGETTABLE. HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU KNOW THAT GET TO DEVELOP A PROJECT AND CARRY IT OUT ALONGSIDE YOUR BEST FRIENDS? MY FAVORITE SUMMER THUS FAR!
- KLARISSA ZENO

MY SUMMER RESEARCH HELPED ME UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF CONDUCTING GOOD RESEARCH IN WHICH YOU WANT TO HAVE CORRECT RESULTS. ALTHOUGH I BECAME FRUSTRATED AT TIMES, IT TRULY TAUGHT ME THE IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIZING AND PERFECTING YOUR CRAFT WITHIN RESEARCH.
- TAYLOR LAWSON

RESEARCH TESTIMONIES

IT WAS A VERY REWARDING EXPERIENCE IN WHICH I LEARNED HOW TO APPRECIATE RESEARCH AND THE HARD WORK OF SCIENTISTS THAT IS DONE BEHIND THE SCENES. IT IS THEORY PUT INTO PRACTICE WHICH IS YOU DON'T USUALLY SEE.
- SANDRA HASWANI

OVERALL, I LEARNED A LOT FROM DOING SUMMER RESEARCH. SOME EXPERIMENTS TOOK WEEKS TO PREPARE BEFORE ANALYZING SO MAKING SURE THAT I WAS HYPER FOCUSED AND PRECISE IN LABORATORY TECHNIQUES WAS KEY. IN ADDITION, I LEARNED HOW TO ANALYZE AND REVIEW RESEARCH ARTICLES PERTAINING TO MY TOPIC AS WELL AS PERFECTING MY SKILLS IN WRITING IN BIOLOGY.
- ANDREW YOUSSEF

THE SRI IS A GREAT STEPPING STONE TO GET YOUR FOOT IN THE DOOR FOR RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES. IN THE BEGINNING, I HAD NO IDEA HOW TO CONDUCT SCHOLARLY RESEARCH. GOING THROUGH THE SRI, I NOW KNOW THE PROCESSES OF CONDUCTING RESEARCH. THIS KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE OBTAINED WILL GUIDE ME AS I CONDUCT MORE RESEARCH IN THE FUTURE.
- KARMEN LOVE



CURRENT SCHOLARS

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FALL 2018 EVENTS

Tues, Sept 11:	11:30 am—12:30 pm	All Scholar Meeting
Wed, Sept 12:	3:00 pm—4:00 pm	All Scholar Meeting
Wed, Oct 10:	3:00 pm—4:00 pm	All Scholar Meeting
Tues, Oct 16:	11:30 am—12:30 pm	All Scholar Meeting
Thurs, Oct 18:	11:30 am—12:30 pm	Open House
Thurs, Nov 1:	11:30 am—12:30 pm	Don Asher Recruitment Drive
Tues, Nov 13:	11:30 am—12:30 pm	All Scholar Meeting
Wed, Nov 14:	3:00 pm—4:00 pm	All Scholar Meeting
Tues, Dec 4:	11:30 am—12:30 pm	All Scholar Meeting
Wed, Dec 5:	3:00 pm—4:00 pm	All Scholar Meeting

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MEET THE GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

Davlon is a recent graduate from Cleveland State University as of 2017. He received a bachelor's of arts in Psychology from Cleveland State University in 2017. He has worked with the Cleveland Child and Adolescent Research in Education (C.A.R.E.) Lab, helping at-risk youth deal with emotional struggles. He is currently a 2nd-year graduate student in the Cleveland State University School Psychology master's program. He is on track to receive his School Psychology specialization of the M.A. degree in 2019, in combination with the Psy.S. degree in School Psychology in 2020. His professional goals are to help under-served minority students who live in low socioeconomic areas receive the academic and psychological services they need. Davlon's passion is helping those who are in need and are forgotten about. He sees his future work as a school psychologist as service to humanity rather than just a job. When he is not studying, he enjoys exercising and spending time with his family.

Melissa graduated from Grove City College with a B.S. in Mathematics and secondary education certification. She taught Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II for four years in the Cleveland area and earned a M.S. degree in Mathematics at CSU in May 2018. She is currently a math tutor at a local high school and pursuing a Master's degree in School Counseling. Melissa loves working with students individually or in a small group environment, since it allows her to get to know them on a deeper level. She enjoys helping students understand math better and is looking forward to being able to help them with life issues too. She has appreciated the opportunity to help run the McNair Scholars Program and form relationships with the undergraduate students. Melissa likes photography, taking walks outside, watching sunsets, and designing creative documents such as this newsletter, and spending time with her husband, golden retriever puppy, family, and friends.