## MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM



#### ABOUT THE RONALD E. MCNAIR SCHOLARS 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.

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

The participants demonstrate strong academic potential, especially in the STEM disciplines. They are first generation college students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, or hail from underrepresented groups in higher education.

## FALL 2019 EVENT CALENDAR

#### **ALL SCHOLAR MEETINGS**

Tues, Oct 8: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Wed, Oct. 9: 3pm – 4pm

Tues, Nov 5: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Wed, Nov 6: 3pm – 4pm

Tues, Dec. 3: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Wed, Dec. 4: 3pm – 4pm

#### **CULTURAL EVENT**

Fri Dec 13: 5pm - 10pm

## MEET THE DIRECTOR!

## Dr. Ángel Reyes-Rodríguez



Angel graduated with a B.S. in Biology from the University of Puerto Rico, and was a research scholar as part of post-baccalaureate the research education program at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). obtained a Ph.D. in Molecular Virology from CWRU and did a post-doctoral fellowship at Lerner Research Institute, Cleveland Clinic. Ángel has been an active member of academic professional organizations and focused on professional development, engagement, and advocacy. He is opportunity excited for the contribute to the development of a diverse future group of Ph.Ds.. bringing together the resources needed to the **McNair** support Scholars in their academic pursuits.

### CURRENT SCHOLARS

Tatiana Ally
Ashley Banks
Kayla Barillas
Nautica Bell
Whitney Tyree

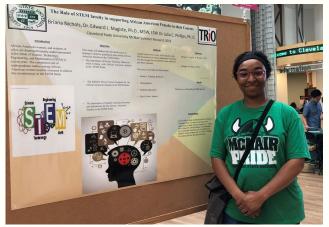
Saiida Bowie- Little Kiara Gray Ashley Guilford Sandra Haswani

Jemima Kennedy Stephen Kennedy Taylor Lawson Juan Lee Maranda Santoya Briana Nichols RJ Pieria Solomiya Pushchak Jasline Rosaio

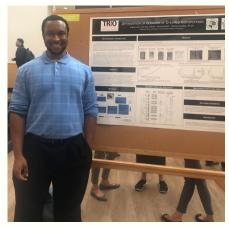
## **FALL 2019 RESEARCH DAY SPOTLIGHT**



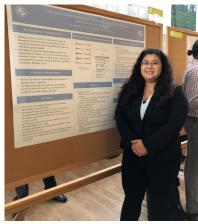




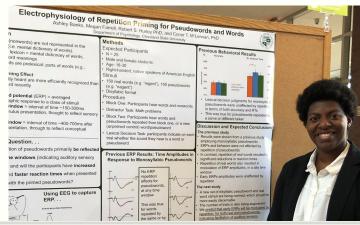












## **MEET THE GRADUATE ASSISTANTS!**



#### ARIEL BELL (MCNAIR GA 2)

is a licensed social worker with a BSW from Cleveland State University. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Social Work with a clinical specialization through CSU's advanced standing program. She is dedicated to championing for equal opportunity, social justice, and upward mobility of marginalized persons. Ariel has made it her life's mission to contribute to post traumatic growth of youth by engaging her non profit organization, research and social justice advocacy activities. These include testifying before the Ohio Senate for Senate Bill 82, and studying the efficacy of evidence based therapies on youthful victims of sexual assault. Upon completion of the MSW program, Ariel intends to pursue a PhD in Urban Education Counseling Psychology at CSU.

#### KHADEJA NAJJAR (MCNAIR GA 1)

is a two-time graduate of CSU, with a BA in psychology and MA in Clinical Psychology. She has held multiple roles at CSU, including English tutor, success coach, research assistant, and part-time instructor. She is passionate and invested in minority development and well-being, both professionally and personally. As a former McNair Scholar, Khadeja understands the long-term, positive impact the McNair Scholars Program can have on a student's academic and career trajectory. As a counseling psychology PhD student, Khadeja is excited to complete her education at CSU (a "vike for life," if you will), and to have the opportunity to participate in the McNair program as a graduate assistant and student-mentor to undergraduate scholars.



#### KLARISSA ZENO (MCNAIR GA 3)

graduated from Cleveland State University in May 2019 with a BA in Psychology. She was a McNair Scholar, a TRIO Success Coach, and involved in several student organizations. As a research assistant in the Healthy Relationships (HEART) Lab, she studied the experiences of women of who were pregnant as teenagers. Klarissa is currently working on her master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at CSU. She enjoys spending time with students and showing them the ropes of college life. Klarissa is very passionate about serving underrepresented populations and wants to continue to do so throughout her career. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. in counseling psychology after completion of her masters. When not in school, she is working full time managing Mitchell's Ice Cream in Ohio City.



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