

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.



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GRADUATING SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



NAUTICA MCCULLY

I have always had a love for healthcare but the pharmaceutical industry was not always my goal. The pathway to obtain my degree has not been without its challenges. However, with perseverance and fortitude in overcoming my weakness, I became a good candidate for pharmacy school. I will be attending the College of Pharmacy at Northeast Ohio Medical University as a P1 student for the upcoming Fall 2019 semester. I am looking forward to community engagement, counseling and advising patients and working in the pharmacy-compounding lab, which is the art and science of preparing personalized medications for patients. The McNair Scholars Program has exposed me to research in which I have conducted and presented original research “Retinoic Acid to Promote Differentiation of Atrial-Like Cardiomyocytes for Atrial Fibrillation Research” under the guidance of Dr. Shamone Gore Panter.

DAVID MIKHAIL

I got accepted into the 4+1 accelerated program here at Washkewicz College of Engineering. As I am approaching the end of my bachelor's path in May, I will be already done with half of my Masters. I am continuing my Masters Classes this upcoming Fall and am looking forward to get pure work and application knowledge through these higher level classes. Before joining McNair, I felt that I was trying my best to achieve more but I was lost and hesitant. McNair mentored me and showed me new horizons that I never thought of before. It was as easy as just chatting and checking on me, helping me improve in writing professional documents, research knowledge, applying for graduate programs, and assisting financially as well. Dr. Graham had a big effect on all of us in the program and made me realize that I can do bigger things I never thought I could do. Also, thank you Melissa and Davlon for making sure that everything is in place, on time, and for being perfect. I truly appreciate all the help and mentoring that I am receiving from all of you guys. I am truly thankful for all of you, and I am truly thankful of the McNair Scholars Program.



NADET NAJJAR

After graduating this Spring of 2019, I will be starting at Northeast Ohio Medical University in July pursuing a Doctorate of Medicine. I am a student within the NEOMED-CSU Partnership for Urban Health Program which means I plan to practice medicine in the Greater Cleveland Area while combating health disparities within our urban community in the future. During my undergrad, being a McNair Scholar provided great experience that led me to intriguing research as well as academic guidance, development, and direction. Experiencing the enjoining of other pre-professional students in the McNair Scholars Program has given me fruitful inspiration throughout my time and also helped make undergrad a great experience.

PRIYA PATEL

My major is Health Sciences with a track in Pre-Physician Assistant studies. I completed my freshman year of college coursework in my senior year of high school, and I have attended CSU since my sophomore year. I learned about the McNair Scholars Program through a friend, and I thought it was an excellent opportunity to be a part of a close cohort, conduct research, and build professional relationships with mentors. All of the skills I've learned will transfer into my work as a healthcare professional and the McNair scholars program has provided guidance and support through this journey of becoming a competitive PA school applicant. I am ecstatic to say I have accepted a seat at the Ohio University Physician Assistant program in Dublin and will be beginning at the very end of the semester in May. Seeing all of my hard work pay off is an incredible feeling, and I cannot wait to begin my studies as a future healthcare provider!





CONTINUING SCHOLARS

BIOLOGY

Sandra Haswani
Angelica Houston
Andrew Youssef

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & PHYSICS

Stephen Kennedy

BIOLOGY & CHEMISTRY

Igor Radzikh

MATHEMATICS

Saiida Bowie-Little

HEALTH SCIENCES

Vonesa Demiri
Taylor Lawson
Karmen Love
Nautica McCully
Nadet Najjar
Priya Patel

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

David Mikhail

PSYCHOLOGY

Klarissa Zeno

PSYCHOLOGY & SPANISH

Ashley Banks

WELCOME TO OUR NEW 2019 SCHOLAR COHORT!

BIOLOGY

Jasline Rosario

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Jemima Kennedy
Hudan Shaheed

BIOLOGY & SPANISH

Tatiana Ally

PSYCHOLOGY

Kayla Barillas
Kiara Gray
Ashley Guilford

COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Renato Pereira-Castillo

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Juwan Lee

SOCIAL WORK

Ariel Bell
Briana Nichols
Maranda Santoya
Whitney Tyree

HEALTH SCIENCES

Nautica Bell



SPRING 2019 EVENTS

ALL SCHOLAR MEETINGS

Tues, Feb 5: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed, Feb 6: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tues, Mar 5: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed, Mar 6: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tues, Apr 2: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed, Apr 3: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

MCNAIR BANQUET

Fri, Apr 12: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

SPRING CULTURAL EVENT

Fri, Apr 26: 5 pm – 10 pm

END OF YEAR LUNCHEON

Fri, May 3: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

2019 SUMMER RESEARCH COHORT MEETINGS

Tues, Feb 26: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed, Feb 27: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tues, Mar 19: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed, Mar 20: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tues, Apr 9: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed, Apr 10: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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