



# McNair Scholar Newsletter

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RONALD E. MCNAIR  
POST-BACCALAUREATE  
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

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The McNair Scholars Program has been preparing undergraduate students for graduate school since 2007. Currently, there are several McNair Scholars that have graduated and are working towards obtaining a Doctorate Degree, MD /PhD, an MBA, and a Master's Degree.

It is a great pleasure that McNair Scholars are being accepted into graduate programs, most of them with full financial funding. We only hope that as the Fall semester continues, more of our scholars are accepted into graduate school and we wish them much success. With an overall graduation rate of 93%, and a graduate school enrollment rate of 73%, we are sure that our scholars will continue to be successful!



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## McNair Scholars

- ❖ *Sara Al-Nimer- Psychology*
- ❖ *Arielle Bowers- Psychology*
- ❖ *Dominique Brooks- Biology*
- ❖ *Anecia Chatmon- Chemistry/Biology*
- ❖ *Alexander Kariotakis- Biology*
- ❖ *Jayleen Melendez- Psychology*
- ❖ *Angela Mesenburg- Social Work*
- ❖ *Dominique Rose- Psychology*
- ❖ *Monique Russell- Environmental Science*
- ❖ *Shannon Walker- Environmental Science*
- ❖ *Morgan Wiggins- Biology*



## Welcome New Scholars!

- ❖ *Carmen Caticchio- Biology*
- ❖ *Anita Isom- Psychology*
- ❖ *Jennifer Niles-Watson- Nursing*
- ❖ *Diandra Starks- Biology*
- ❖ *Alexandra Welch- Psychology*
- ❖ *Christian Willis- Biology*
- ❖ *Ayana Wilson- Biology*

## Spring/Summer 2013 Graduates

- ❖ *Jermaine Clark- Business Economics*
- ❖ *Astrid Hernandez- Psychology*
- ❖ *Brittany Percy- Linguistics*
- ❖ *Audrianna Rodriguez- Psychology*
- ❖ *Pedro Sarsama- Economics*
- ❖ *Tenia Harris- Biology*
- ❖ *Michael Chukwuonye- Electrical Engineering*

## Summer/Fall 2013 Acceptances

- ❖ *Al Lawong - Candidate for MD / PhD  
University of Texas-Southwestern*
- ❖ *Paul Schrader- Candidate for PhD in Mathematics  
Bowling Green State University*
- ❖ *Na'Tasha Evans- Candidate for PhD in Community Health  
University of Toledo*
- ❖ *Astrid Hernandez- Candidate for M.Ed. Community Health  
Cleveland State University*
- ❖ *Tenia Harris- Candidate for MBA  
University of Toledo*
- ❖ *Brittany Percy- Candidate for M.Ed. in C&I Literacy  
Cleveland State University*
- ❖ *Sherry Cucci- Candidate for Masters in Anesthesia  
Case Western Reserve University*

NA'TASHA EVANS



## McNair Alumni

"The McNair Scholars Program has encouraged me to accomplish goals, and now I am thrilled to earn my Doctorate degree. The McNair Scholars Program has provided me with various opportunities to enhance and develop who I am as a professional. Through the abundance of resources such as cultural events, workshops, and conferences, I was adequately prepared for graduate school and what graduate school had to offer."

**-Na'Tasha Evans**  
*Candidate for Ph.D. in Community Health*  
*University of Toledo, OH*

The McNair Scholars program has enhanced my life in so many ways that it is difficult to illustrate it in just one paragraph; this long list seems to grow daily. But, for starters the McNair Scholars program has provided me with the skills and the confidence in my abilities needed to obtain a graduate degree with full funding. Furthermore, the program has provided me with the skill set and knowledge base to find information and solve problems; you'd be surprised at the number of my peers/your peers that lack competency in these areas (especially at the graduate level).

The McNair program has required me to do things that I once believed were impossible such as conducting and presenting research, which has given me assurance in my ability to handle even the most daunting projects. The McNair program has introduced me to things that I have never experienced before through activities such as cooking classes, plays and research conferences, which have all helped to broaden my view of the world and the opportunities that it provides. The "home away from home" atmosphere in the McNair office where fellow scholars can convene, confide in each other, and seek help and advice from each other and Dr. Valli has helped me to establish valuable relationships such as life-long friendships, future business partners, and project collaborators. I am truly blessed to be a part of such an intelligent, focused, driven, genuine, caring, (and the list goes on), select family of friends.

**-Tenia Harris**  
*Candidate for MBA*  
*University of Toledo, OH*



# UPCOMING EVENTS



- October 9<sup>th</sup> - Statement of Purpose Workshop*
- October 13<sup>th</sup> - Graduate School Recruitment*
- October 28<sup>th</sup> - Financial Literacy*
- November 19<sup>th</sup> - Writing Workshop*
- November 20<sup>th</sup> - Cover Letter Workshop*

## Want to Join the McNair Scholars Program?

The CSU TRIO McNair Scholars Program assists undergraduate students with their academic development and prepares them for doctoral studies. In order to help the students achieve their goals, the program supports and sponsors undergraduate experiences to produce highly competitive students who have all of the necessary skills for graduate school. These experiences include attending seminars, advising, preparation for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), and involvement in research. Students who participate in the program come from disadvantaged backgrounds, show strong academic potential in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics) disciplines, and are committed to pursuing a Ph.D. degree. The McNair Scholars program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and Cleveland State University. The program is named after Dr. Ronald E. McNair, an African American physicist and NASA astronaut who died in the Challenger explosion in 1986.

