# 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.

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The McNair Scholars Program at Cleveland State University has served close to a hundred and fifty students since its inception in 2007. Our scholars are students who are interested in pursuing graduate degrees in the STEM disciplines and come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Most importantly, the McNair scholars are hard-working students who earn a spot in our program based on merit, undertake several responsibilities, and undergo training that makes the competitive graduate school candidates. This spring, we are proud to introduce our newest cohort to the Cleveland State Community. These are 11 scholars from diverse academic and cultural backgrounds with a

very promising future. Please, join us in celebrating these students, in welcoming them into our McNair family, and in supporting them in a path that while difficult, will be rewarding. We look forward to working with them, as well as with our 13 returning scholars, toward a successful semester, towards fulfilling their potential, and towards making their goals come to fruition.

Ángel L. Reyes-Rodríguez, Director McNair Scholars Program

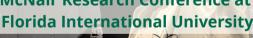
### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| FEBRUARY   |   |
|------------|---|
| 2/4:       | Returning scholars meeting: Interviewing Skills, 11:30am            |
| 2/6:       | New scholars meeting: Orientation                                   |
| 2/21:      | Cultural Activity: Trapped! Escape Room, 5:30pm                     |
| MARCH      |   |
| 3/12 - 3/1 | 5: McNair research conference in Maryland                           |
| 3/19:      | All scholars meeting: Financial Literacy Workshop, 11:30am          |
| APRIL      |   |
| 4/7:       | Returning scholars: Transition to Graduate School Workshop, 11:30am |
| 4/9:       | New scholars: Research 101 Seminar, 11:30am                         |
| 4/17:      | 12th Annual McNair Scholars Program Research Exposition and Banquet |
| MAY        |   |
| 5/7:       | Cultural Activity: Next to Normal, 5:30pm                           |
| 5/16:      | Spring 2020 Commencement Ceremony                                   |

# FALL 2019 SEMESTER REVIEW:















# WELCOME NEW & RETURNING SCHOLARS!

#### **New Scholars:**



Ola Abuhamdeh Major: Health Sciences



Andrea Arnold Major: Psychology



Quendresa Demiri Major: Health Sciences



Mikayla Gary Major: Urban Studies



Maria Habean Major: Biology, Chemistry



Michail Haswani Major: Computer Engineering



Lamar McCornell Major: Health Sciences, Black Studies



**Alexis Merk** Major: Physics, Spanish



Mohamed Najjar Major: Health Sciences



**Darryl Nasser** Major: Chemistry



Camilya Williams Major: Black Studies, Social Work

### **Returning Scholars:**

Tatiana Ally Ashley Banks Kayla Barillas Whitney Tyree

Kiara Gray Ashley Guilford Sandra Haswani Jemima Kennedy Stephen Kennedy Juan Lee Briana Nichols RJ Pieria Solomiya Pushchak Jasline Rosaio



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