

2008 Summer Research Training Institute

The McNair Summer Research Institute will run from May 19 to June 30 in Room 110, Oglebay Hall, M-F from 8am to 12pm. Scholars will present their research proposals on June 27. The closing banquet will be held that evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Historic Clarion Hotel Morgan. Other dates to remember:

May 28 University of Pittsburgh campus visit
June 11-14 Washington D.C. area school campus visits
June 29-30 Ohio State University campus visits
July 17-20 SUNY Buffalo National McNair Conference

C O N F E R E N C E A S U C C E S S

Nine members of the 2007 McNair Scholars cohort attended the University of Maryland Ninth Annual McNair Scholars and Undergraduate Research Conference in March. The WVU scholars who delivered their research presentations were Joey Bailey, David Bello, Kim Bonilla, Danielle Castillo, Ashley Daniels, Chelsea Derlan, Sean Dougherty, Victoria Gilliam, and Jason Likens. Then Saturday evening it was off to dinner in Chinatown and then on to the Verizon Center to watch a very exciting Washington Wizards basketball game. The scholars had a fantastic cultural experience in Washington, D.C. Congratulations to the scholars for a job well done at the conference!

About the McNair national conference, the scholars had this to say:

Kim Bonilla presenting her research at the University of Maryland McNair Conference in March

O R I E N T A T I O N

2008 McNair Scholars listening intently at orientation.

Anita Mayer, program director, spoke to the 2008 McNair Scholars at orientation.

G R A D U A T I O N

2008 May graduates (from L to R): Sparkle Davis, Ian Lutz, Lenin Leon, Victoria Gilliam, David Bello, Ashley Daniels, Josh Austin, Lauren Dembeck, Jason Likens, Kim Bonilla, and Sean Dougherty. Not pictured is Tembele Yangandawele.

2007 McNair Scholar Ashley Daniels with faculty mentor Dr. Norm Lass

Dr. David Ray mentored two McNair Scholars, Lauren Dembeck (L) and Adrienne Gauna (R).

Dr. John Ernest, Jesse Pott's mentor, came to support Jesse's presentation.

Josh Austin pictured with Political Science professor Dr. Sophia Peterson.

Josh Austin – received a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study at the University of Glasgow in Scotland for a master's in international politics.

Lauren Dembeck – received a teaching assistantship to attend North Carolina State University for doctoral studies in genetics.

Lenin Leon – received the WVNano Graduate Bridge Award to attend the master's program in electrical engineering at WVU.

David Bello – received a graduate fellowship to attend the doctoral program in Communication and Rhetoric at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Kim Bonilla – has been accepted into the master's program in Public Relations at New York University.

Ashley Daniels – will be attending the master's program in Speech Pathology and Audiology at WVU.

Sparkle Davis – will be attending the MBA program at WVU.

Sean Dougherty – received an assistantship to attend the University of Delaware for master's studies in Wildlife Management.

Jason Likens – will be attending the WVU medical school.

Chelsea Derlan was nicely surprised when her name was announced at the graduation luncheon as the scholarship recipient of the West Virginia Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (WVAEOPP).

WVAEOPP gives out a total of four \$250.00 scholarships to two secondary school and two college students being served in the TRIO programs in West Virginia. Chelsea's exemplary academic performance won her that honor. Congratulations Chelsea!

WVAEOPP Scholarship Recipient

The McNair Scholars Program is proud to present to you our top seniors, Josh Austin and Jason Likens. Both Josh and Jason graduated with the most prestigious student honor, the Order of Augusta, for their outstanding academic performance, campus leadership and public service. Only eight WVU students were awarded the honor this year. According to University News and Information Services, "recipients of the Order of Augusta are chosen from 50 WVU Foundation Outstanding Seniors." Best wishes to Josh and Jason as they venture on to graduate studies!

"The McNair National Conference was a world full of experiences for me. From the beginning I was surrounded by hardworking, goal-oriented and successful individuals who never stopped giving words of encouragement and hope. The many avenues for one to succeed were all explained in this conference with success stories from many professors, professionals and current students." Kim Bonilla

"The 9th National Conference for McNair Scholars and Undergraduate Research at the University of Maryland was a learning and an enlightening experience. The conference was full of diversity, both in the people and in the subject content. I thought it was a unique opportunity that most undergraduates will never get the chance to partake in."

Danielle Castillo

Program Director, Anita Mayer, proudly presents Chelsea Derlan her certificate for the WVAEOPP scholarship award.

Rachael Leon and new born son Saul celebrated Lenin's graduation

On Saturday, April 19, the McNair Spring Research Symposium and Graduate Luncheon were held at the Pines County Club. In the morning, graduating seniors from both the 2006 and 2007 cohorts presented their McNair research. Afterward everyone enjoyed a delicious and relaxing lunch buffet. The afternoon closed with the presentation of graduate certificates and cords to Joshua Austin, David Bello, Kimberly Bonilla, Ashley Daniels, Sparkle Davis, Lauren Dembeck, Sean Dougherty, Victoria Gilliam, Lenin Leon, Jason Likens, Ian Lutz, and Tembele Yangandawele. Congratulations to all and best of luck in the future.

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How time flies! On the fourth of April the incoming 2008 McNair Scholars attended the first of two orientation sessions. It is a pleasure to welcome John Armour, Ashley Barnes, Jessica Domer, Nicholas Fagundo, Mariana Freitas, Chelsea Fuller, Deanna Hoard, Jeffery Mahaney, Anand Narayanan, Luisa Padilla, Norly Prucien, Rita Snyder, Jennifer Steele, Brandon Thomas, Kayla Tutalo, and Yolanda Wiggins to the 2008 McNair Scholars Summer Research Internship.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE MAY GRADUATES?

We are proud to announce that Lenin Leon has received the WVNano Bridge Award to attend the M.S./Ph.D. program in Electrical Engineering at WVU. The award is given to highly qualified students who are pursuing doctoral studies in the areas of nanoscale science and engineering. During his past two years of McNair participation, Lenin had been working with Drs. Parviz Famouri and Lisa Holland on nano research. Best of luck in graduate school, Lenin!

WAY TO GO JOSH AND JASON!

Left: Joshua Austin

Right: Jason Likens

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