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Congratulations to Graduating Seniors!



The WVU McNair Scholars Program staff proudly presents the May 2005 graduates: Tochukwu Aguoji ("T" as he is known), Amber Davis, Donnie Hill, Tony Huang, Michelle Mantooth, Brittany Morgan, Amy Ritterbusch and Chris Williamson. These students worked extremely hard throughout their participation in the McNair Scholars Program. We are sad to be saying farewell but at the same time excited to see them move one step closer to the doctorates. Good Luck Scholars!



Back Row (L-R): Donnie Hill, Tochukwu Aguoji, Brittany Morgan. Front Row (L-R): Chris Williamson, Amy Ritterbusch, Amber Davis, and Tony Huang

T will graduate with his B.S. in Management and Marketing. He will enter the work force after graduation and later pursue graduate studies.

Amber Davis will receive her B.A. in Psychology and will be attending the University of Alabama for her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

Donnie Hill will receive his B.S. in Business Administration with a Major in Finance. He will enter the work force after graduation and later pursue graduate studies.

Tony Huang will receive his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, and will pursue his M.S./Ph.D. at West Virginia University.

Michelle Mantooth will receive her B.A. in Psychology and will be attending Fairleigh Dickenson University for her master's degree.

Brittany Morgan graduates with her B.A. in Psychology and will be attending Wake Forest University for her master's in Psychology.

Amy Ritterbusch graduates with her B.A. in International Relations and will be attending Florida International University for the doctoral program in International Relations.

Chris Williamson graduates with his B.A. in Political Science and Economics and will be attending American University to pursue his master's degree in Public Policy.

Faculty Mentors and Scholars at the Graduation Dinner



Pictured from left to right: Amy Ritterbusch and Dr. Jamie Jacobs, Dr. Nigel Clark and Tony Huang, Dr. Nancy Leonard and Tochukwu Aguoji, and Donnie Hill and Dr. Victor Chow.



Director's Corner
 Anita G. Mayer
 Director, McNair Scholars Program



May is a time of transition in the WVU McNair Scholars Program. Our seniors are moving on, our juniors are moving up and our new scholars are moving in! We are very proud of our students this year. The recent graduates are on track for graduate school, the rising-seniors are well on their way to becoming accomplished researchers, and the new cohort is an impressive consortium of up-and-coming scholars. Our hats are off to each of you as you continue on your magnificent journey.

Magnificent journeys are things we write home about. They include adventure, intrigue, discovery and determination. Magnificent journeys are only for the very brave and this makes those who take them very special to all of us because they inspire, prod and dare us all to think wisely and strive to do better.

Ronald E. McNair had a magnificent journey. His life had such great purpose and intent. Two decades later, as the memory of his single journey continues to advance the journeys of thousands of McNair Scholars; so too, their journeys inspire others. For this we are eternally indebted.

Best wishes to all our May graduates and may you always soar with the eagles!

SUNY Binghamton McNair Conference/NYC



Scholars who attended the SUNY Binghamton Conference

On April 14th nine McNair scholars traveled to Binghamton, NY, to attend the biannual conference hosted by the State University of New York at Binghamton.

On Saturday, several scholars traveled to the Big Apple to spend the day in New York City. Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, Times Square and Rockefeller Center were some of the many exciting stops throughout the day.



Donnie Hill presenting his research at the conference



Among Amy Ritterbusch's audience, her parents from Connecticut



Tenishia Rhodes, Angie Derk and Brittany Morgan visited Ellis Island



Welcome 2005 McNair Scholars



Name

Joshua Austin
Leilani Browning
Ehren Cruz
Chris Hertel
Rachel Hildebrand-Jefferson
Ryan Scott
Rebecca Scoville
Renee Stasko
Ryan Ursal
Heather Washington
Jason Wilkinson
Kristin Williams

Major

Public Relations/Pol.Sci.
Multi-Disciplinary Studies
Secondary History Education
Regents Bachelors of Arts
Physical Therapy
Communication Studies
Horticulture/Biology
Biology
Mechanical & Aerospace Engin.
Criminology and Investigations
History/Anthropology
Psychology

Hometown

Grafton, WV
Hawaii
Colonia, NJ
Salem, IL
Morgantown, WV
Pittsburgh, PA
Houma, LA
Coal Center, PA
Slanesville, WV
Moorefield, WV
Kingwood, WV
Huntington, WV



2005 McNair Scholars at orientation

Semester Sightings.....



Community Service Project:

The 2004-2005 McNair cohort decided to volunteer their time and efforts to Habitat for Humanity this past Spring. Several of our scholars dedicated their Saturdays helping others have a home.



Cultural Event: To celebrate the end of a successful semester, McNair Scholars spent their last day of Spring class at Hibachi Japanese Restaurant.



Typical WVU McNair Scholar – taking advantage of every moment to study



Anita Mayer and Chris Williamson enjoying the cultural experience



T is being challenged by chopsticks

Undergraduate Research Day: On March 1st

Tony Huang and Amber Davis spent the day in Charleston, WV, presenting their McNair Research to State legislators. Tony Huang pictured on right with his poster *NOx Emissions From Heavy Heavy-Duty Diesel Trucks in California.*



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McNair Scholars Program Summer 2005 Schedule

May 23- June 30	Summer Research Internship
June 3	University of Pittsburgh campus visit
June 10	Summer Picnic
June 15-18	Washington DC campus visits/cultural trip
June 30	Symposium/Induction Banquet
July 7-10	SAEOPP/University of Tennessee Conference



