

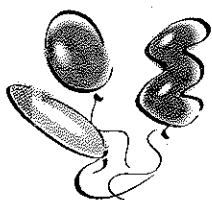
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Celebration Time

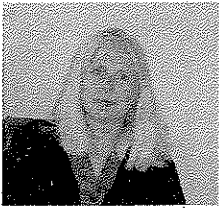
During the six-week McNair Summer Research Internship students participated in a Research Writing class taught by Dr. Cheryl Torsney, Professor of English, and a Research Methods class from Dr. Eboni Zamani, Assistant Professor of Advanced Educational Leadership. Students also visited several campuses in Washington D.C. and Maryland. Students demonstrated their hard work by presenting their research proposals to faculty mentors and fellow scholars on June 28. The closing program on June 29 celebrated the McNair Scholars' successful finish with their Summer Research experience. Dr. Keyatta O. Rivers, Associate Professor of the Dept. of Communicative Disorders from the University of Central Florida was the keynote speaker for the closing program. The McNair Program staff would like to thank all students, instructors, as well as faculty and graduate mentors, in making the 2001 Summer Research Internship a success.

Thank you for all of our Mentors' hard work...

Faculty Mentors

Katrina Bragg	Kung Wang	Professor, Chemistry
Adriana Hardy	Corrie Mancinelli	Assistant Professor, School of Medicine
Jodi Heffinger	James McGraw	Professor, Biology
Tiyonna Jenkins	Paula Bone	Professor, College of Business & Economics
Blaise Kapombe	Bojan Cukic	Assistant Professor, Engineering
Michael Kapombe	Ge Lin	Assistant Professor, Regional Research Institute
Gmelyn Link	Kurt Schimmel	Assistant Professor, School of Journalism
Deidre Paige	Paula Bone	Professor, College of Business & Economics
Matthew Smith	Tim Norman	Professor, Engineering
Jamison Campbell	James McGraw	Professor, Biology
Gino Degregori	Virginia Kleist	Assistant Professor, College of Business & Economics
Angela Derk	Van Dempsey	Director, Benedum Collaborative
Gabrielle Frey	Ann Oberhauser	Associate Professor, Geography and Geology
Serena Gibson	Joseph Scotti	Associate Professor, Psychology
Jonathan Glover	Eboni Zamani	Assistant Professor, Advanced Educational Leadership
Nicole Johnson	Frances Vanscoy	Associate Professor, Computer Science
Fredona Mikalik	Ellesa High	Associate Professor, English
Eunice Rohrer	Leslie Rubinkowski	Assistant Professor, School of Journalism
Anna Stasick	Ann Paterson	Director, Eberly College Advising
Jennis Taylor	Russell Sobel	Associate Professor, College of Business & Economics

Graduate Mentors James Bukenya, Sheyi Ojofeitimi, and Chris Waters



Director's Corner

Anita G. Mayer
Director, McNair Scholars Program

Dr. Calvin Masilela recently resigned his position at West Virginia University in order to accept another appointment. Dr. Masilela was the first director for the McNair Scholars Program at WVU and we appreciate all that he has done for the program.

It is my pleasure to introduce myself to you as the new McNair Director. Almost two years ago Dr. Masilela and I established the Evansdale office of TRIO programs at WVU. He, as director of McNair, and I, as director of Upward Bound, worked together to institute and establish the two programs. Having spent the last two years immersed in the WVU TRIO programs I have great faith in the ability of TRIO and the WVU McNair staff to maximize and offer outstanding opportunities to our very deserving students.

The West Virginia University McNair Scholars Program supports participating students through the creation and dissemination of knowledge while fostering the values and rewards of teaching in preparation for college teaching careers. Effective teachers are by design, not happenstance. The WVU McNair Scholars Program is undeniably committed to the needs of our scholars, the future foundation of our universities, and the rights of future generations to equitable and unprecedented educational opportunities. Please join me in celebration of the Fall 2001 WVU McNair Scholars and in wishing them great success in their quests for greatness.

Anita G. Mayer
Director, McNair Scholars Program



Dr. Calvin O. Masilela
Associate Professor of Geography

As many of you have since learned, I stepped down as Director of the McNair Scholars and left WVU to pursue an opportunity with Indiana University of Pennsylvania, effective August 31, 2001. The unsolicited offer and decision to join the Department of Geography and Regional Planning faculty at IUP was sudden and unexpected.

Since the decision to step down and leave WVU occurred during the latter part of the summer recess I was not able to say goodbye to all the scholars and friends throughout the University. I therefore want to take this opportunity to convey to all the scholars, alumni and current, how much I have valued our relationships and how much you have enriched me personally and professionally. I will miss you and wish you well in all your endeavors.

The McNair Program and I, personally, owe a debt of gratitude to a lot of people on this campus. First, I am thankful for the opportunity I was afforded to develop and administer the McNair Scholars Program. In that effort the program owes its success to the faculty mentors, Advisory Board, Summer Research Institute faculty, and graduate mentors. You have been there for this program—volunteering your time to advise and counsel in order to ensure success. Collectively you have made a real difference in the lives of these budding scholars and researchers. Second, I am thankful to the program staff. Your dedication and enthusiasm has been the key ingredient in the success of this program. Keep up the good work. Finally, I just want to let my former colleagues in Geology and Geography and countless friends throughout the university know that I have enjoyed my tenure at WVU and greatly appreciated the collegiality, assistance, and fellowship we shared. I leave WVU proud of the accomplishments and small contributions I made to make this a better place for our students to succeed. I shall always carry fond memories of you all.

My new contact information is: Department of Geography and Regional Planning, 10 Leonard Hall, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA 15705. (724) 357-2647. Email: cmasilel@grove.iup.edu.

A few words from McNair Scholars about the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Conference...

"I have never been to a conference such as the UTK (University of Tennessee at Knoxville) affair, and to say it was exciting for me would be an understatement. The friendliness and interest I found in the other McNair students and those there to support us were refreshing. I met many good people...The presentations were especially helpful in giving me some idea of different styles and techniques I may be able to use when my presentation comes due. I cannot overstate how much I enjoyed the other McNair students I traveled with, the conference itself, and the opportunity to get out and meet new people. Thank you."

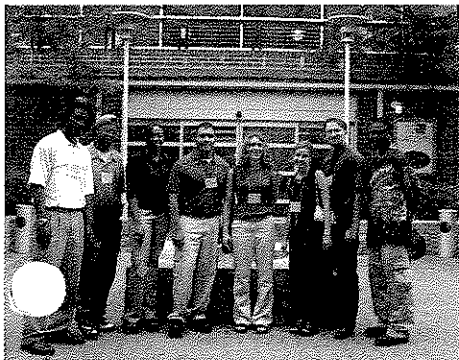
-Anna Lynn Stasick

"The McNair conference in Knoxville, Tennessee was a wonderful and valuable experience. We were able to attend other McNair scholars' presentations, providing an excellent opportunity to critique others' work and gain personal strategies for presentation. I enjoyed the four days in Knoxville very much and feel honored to have had the opportunity to attend. Thank you."

-Angela Derk

"The SAEOPP/UTK McNair Scholars Conference reaffirmed and reassured me of the expectations our West Virginia McNair Scholars Program has spent the summer instructing us and teaching us. The conference gave me the advantage of gaining first-hand knowledge about Graduate School Programs offered at places that I might not have had the chance to visit. Attending the conference was a great opportunity, especially for a first year McNair Scholar."

-Brie Frey



Penn State McNair Conference



Campus visit at American University



Luncheon with University President

McNair Scholars program Fall 2001 Schedule

August 30, 2001	Pool Party- meet our new Director
September 19 th	GRE Workshop / Quantitative
September 26 th	GRE Workshop / Analytical
October 1	Mock Presentation for Puerto Rico
October 4 th - 7 th	Puerto Rico McNair Conference
October Seminar	Topic: Writing a Purpose Statement
November 4 th - 6 th	Ohio State University Visit
November Seminar	Topic: Interviewing Techniques
December 1	Holiday Party

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