

West Virginia University

McNair Scholars Program

Newsletter

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Welcome New McNair Scholars!!!

2001-2002 McNair Scholars

Incoming McNair Scholars

Major

Hometown

Jamison Campbell	Biology	Rosedale, NY
Gino Degregori	MIS	Alexandria, VA
Angela Derk	Secondary Education	Middletown, PA
Gabrielle Frey	Environmental Geoscience	Morgantown, WV
Serena Gibson	Psychology	Looneyville, WV
Jonathan Glover	History	Garfield Hts., OH
Nicole Johnson	Computer Science	Clarksville, PA
Fredona Makalik	English	Morgantown, WV
Eunice Rohrer	Journalism	Harrisonburg, VA
Anna Stasick	English	Morgantown, WV
Jennis Taylor	Economics	Morgantown, WV

Congratulations to Graduating Seniors

Melia Atwell –	Graduating with a B.A. in Philosophy. Attending WVU Law School in Fall 2001	Jonathan Smith –	Graduating with a B.A. in Journalism. Attending WVU for M.A. in Journalism in Fall 2001
Troy Christman –	Graduating with a B.A. in Arts Attending University of Delaware for MFA in Sculpture in Fall 2001 with Presidential Scholarship.	Gabrielle St. Leger –	Graduating with a M.A. in Secondary Education, WVU College of Human Resources and Education
Angela Dixon –	Graduating with a B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology. Attending WVU for M.S. degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology in Fall 2001	Kevin Taylor –	Graduating with a B.A. in Accounting
Sheyi Ojofeitimi –	Graduating with a MPT (Masters in Physical Therapy), WVU School of Medicine in June 2001	** Congratulations ** to Dr. Sam Heastie, our Program Assistant, who'll receive his doctoral degree in Educational Psychology on May 13. We'll miss you Sam. You have been a great role model for our McNair Scholars. Good Luck!	

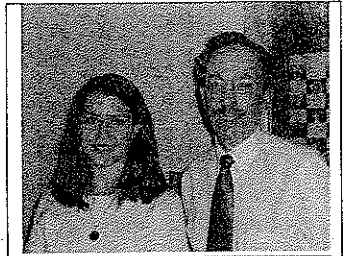
Our Sincere thanks to Faculty mentors

Scholars

Melia Atwell
Troy Christman
Angela Dixon
Mandi Frederick
Jodi Heffinger
Tiyonna Jenkins
Gmelyn Link
Sheyi Ojofeitimi
Gabrielle St. Leger
Kevin Taylor

Mentors

Joyce McConnell, Associate Dean, College of Law
Professor Allison Helm, College of Creative Arts
Professor Norman Lass, Dept. of Speech Pathology
Professor Cheryl Torsney, Dept. of English
Professor James McGraw, Chair, Dept. of Biology
Professor Paula Bone, College of B&E
Leslie Rubinkowski, Assistant Professor, School of Journalism
Corrie Mancinelli, Assistant Professor, School of Medicine
Van Dempsey, Associate Professor, College of HR&E
Dick Riley, Assistant Professor, College of B&E



Angela Dixon and her
mentor Prof. Norman Lass

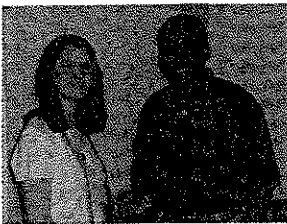
A Few Words from our Graduates...



"The McNair summer institute helped me to realize that I am talented and intelligent enough to finish my teacher education program and do it well. I really do have to thank the program for making me feel not only capable, but also special. I really think that the staff has taken the time to provide us with programs to help us prepare for the great expectations we should have for ourselves. For that I thank them, the other participants and the program. It has been fun."

Gabrielle St. Leger

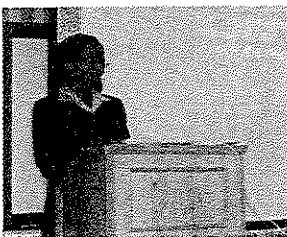
About the U of Maryland McNair Conference



"The National McNair Conference at the University of Maryland at College Park was the last McNair trip for me since I will be graduating in May. I was a bit saddened by this after having had such positive experiences through the program. I completed the final stage of fulfillment of my obligation to the program by doing an oral presentation, which was not nearly as frightening as I thought it would be. I urge all McNair scholars to take the option of doing an oral presentation. It gives you valuable practice with presenting before a group, and the more often you do it, the more comfortable you will become with presenting.

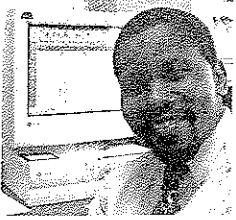
The UMD trip proved to be a very rewarding experience for me. This was the first opportunity that I had with this program to actively take part in networking with other scholars in my field while attending a conference, which was very exciting. It was wonderful to get feedback about my research topic from my peers hailing from other universities, and interesting to see their research presentations as well."

Angela Dixon



"I was truly grateful for the opportunity to present my research. It taught me how to mentally and physically prepare myself for a professional presentation. The more experience I get in this arena, the better a researcher I hope to become."

Sheyi Ojofeitimi



Director's Corner

Dr. Calvin O. Masilela
Associate Professor of Geography

There's a time for everything. Sadly enough, it's time to say goodbye to our first group of seniors who have completed their tenure with the McNair Program. Just over a year ago, Sheyi Ojofeitimi, Angela Dixon, Gabrielle St. Leger, Melia Atwell, Jonathan Smith, Kevin Taylor, and Troy Christman were seven of nineteen students in the pioneering class of McNair Scholars at West Virginia University. Many of these graduates will pursue higher educational goals when they enter graduate school in the fall. Congratulations and best wishes!!! You'll surely be missed! I hope you have benefited from the McNair Program and that your McNair experience will carry you through the next phase of your journey.

In the same spirit of well wishes, it's time to say hello to the new group of torchbearers. Congratulations to Gabrielle Frey, Serena Gibson, Jonathan Glover, Nicole Johnson, Fredona Makalik, Eunice Rohrer, Anna Stasick, Jennis Taylor, Jamison Campbell, Angela Derk and Gino Degregori. In view of the legacy of Dr. McNair, we invite you, our new recruits, to embrace the challenges of scholarship, to discipline your thinking and performance, and to develop a worldview that advances the plight and common good of all mankind. And most of all, enjoy being a McNair Scholar!

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Dr. Mei presented a TRIO t-shirt to Dr. J Michael Mullen, Chancellor of Higher Education at the WV State Conference. On right Tia Spencer, President of WVAEOPP



Jonathan Smith receiving his graduation cord from Dr. Masilela



Dr. Masilela presenting a graduation cord to graduating senior Troy Christman

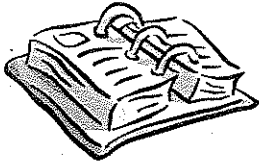
Graduation Luncheon at Hibachi Japanese Restaurant



McNair Scholars learning to make sushi



Watching the fancy knife work



Information on GRE PowerPrep Software

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) has announced that a downloadable version of POWERPREP will be available free of charge to anyone who registers for the GRE effective August 15, 2001.

The GRE POWERPREP software is also available for use in the McNair Scholars office. Any Scholar needing to practice taking their GRE is welcomed to use the software installed in our office computer.

2001 Summer Research Institute May 21- June 29

Classes and seminars are held from 1-3 p.m.

MW	Research Writing	Instructor: Dr. Cheryl Torsney	Woodburn Hall G10
TTh	Research Methodology	Instructor: Dr. Eboni Zemani	Allen Hall 511
F	McNair Seminars		Allen Hall 511

Dates to remember:

June 21-23 Washington D.C. area school visits
Cultural Enrichment Activity -- Smithsonian Museums

June 28 Summer Research Symposium
Place: TBA

June 29 Closing Program
Erickson Alumni Center
6 - 9 p.m.

McNair Conferences:

July 6-8	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
August 3-5	Penn State, State College
October 5-7	Universidad de Puerto Rico, San Juan

A limited number of graduate school application fee waivers are available to non-WVU students. Any McNair Scholars applying to the WVU Graduate Programs should contact Dr. Masilela or Dr. Mei for a fee waiver.

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