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Congratulations to Graduating Seniors



2004 McNair Scholar Graduates



Graduate Laura Steele with her parents

Jon Michael Bosley – Obtained a BA in Environmental Geoscience and plans to attend Oregon State University for a Master's in Geography in the fall.

Amisha Dean – Will obtain dual Bachelor degrees in Psychology and Sociology in August.

Angie Derk – Obtained a MA in Secondary Education and will begin Ed.D. studies in Curriculum and Instruction at WVU in the fall.

Nicole Bono Hertel – Will obtain a BS in Exercise Physiology in August and will begin Ph.D. studies in the WVU Health Sciences Center in the fall.

Nicole Johnson – Obtained a BS in Computer Science and will be attending Duke University for a Ph.D. in Bio-informatics in the fall.

Teresa Jones – Obtained a BA in Psychology and plans to go into the Peace Corp.

Stefanie Puher – Obtained a BS in Biology.

Angela Schaffer – Obtained a BS in Nursing.

Laura Steele – Obtained a MA in Elementary Education.

Gabe Tapia – Obtained dual Bachelor degrees in Mathematics and Psychology and will be attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for a Ph.D. in Mathematics in the fall.

Danny Trejo – Will obtain a Regents BA in August.

Brianne Williams – Obtained a BS in Aerospace Engineering and plans to attend Old Dominion University for a Master's in Aerospace Engineering.

Jonathan Young – Obtained dual Bachelor degrees in Economics and Political Science and will begin Ph.D. studies for Economics at WVU in the fall.

Faculty Mentors and Scholars at the Graduation Dinner



From left to right: Jon Bosley with Dr. Tim Warner, Nicole Johnson with Dr. Frances VanScoy, Dr. Michael Mays with Gabe Tapia, and Angela Schaffer with Dr. Kari Sand-Jecklin.



Director's Corner

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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Flower blossoms fill the air with their light perfume and we know for certain that spring is here - a time of hope and new beginnings. Spring in the academic calendar means one thing – Graduation! This year the WVU McNair Scholars Program has a record number of graduates, both at the bachelor and master's level. We congratulated 13 McNair Scholars at our graduation banquet on April 30. Seven of our scholars will be entering master and doctorate programs in fall 2004 and several will begin research and teaching positions.

We are happy to honor each of you. You have persevered through the long, sometimes tedious, years of studying and have now achieved your degrees. We stood behind you through your undergraduate research projects and were happy to support your academic goals. Your future aspirations are attainable. Pursue your dreams with passion! You will need great enthusiasm for your fields of study, in order to obtain the ultimate degree: the doctorate. But remember, Rome was not built in a day and neither are professors. Your steady, continuous progress is the key to success.

As Dr. Ronald E. McNair once said, "In order to achieve your dream, you must first have one." In true McNair fashion, you have dreams and you **are** achieving them.

Welcome to 2004 McNair Scholars



The newly-accepted 2004 McNair scholars at Orientation. These incoming Scholars will participate in the McNair Summer Research Internship from May 17 through June 24.

Name	Major	Hometown
LaNelle Barber	Communication	Pittsburgh, PA
James Greene	Journalism	Beckley, WV
Tony Huang	Mechanical Engineering	Kingwood, WV
Deana Kleine	Horticulture	Reedsville, WV
Michelle Mantooth	Psychology	Bridgeport, WV
Greta Martin	Social Work	Core, WV
Katrina McCoy	Psychology	Alderson, WV
Christopher Monk	Psychology	Kenna, WV
Brittany Morgan	Psychology	Princeton, WV
Wayan Rata	Liberal Arts/Sculpture	Charles Town, WV
Tenishia Rhodes	Secondary Ed/Spanish	Parkersburg, WV
Linda Riddle	Sculpture	Morgantown, WV
Amy Ritterbusch	International Studies/Spanish	Canton Center, CT
Jeremiah Samples	Political Science/History	Charleston, WV
Natalie Wesley	Accounting	Cross Lanes, WV

The WVU McNair Scholars provided and served dinner at the Ronald McDonald House on March 1.

"Helping prepare dinner for the Ronald McDonald house was an experience that I won't likely forget anytime soon. It was a chance for all of us to come together and help the families of people who were sick. When I first thought about helping the people, I did not yet have concrete faces for my abstract ideas. Once at the Ronald McDonald house all of that changed, when I met a woman who went into detail about why she was there and the circumstances that brought her there. I felt very happy to have been able to talk to her and be able to help her in some small way. This was a great experience and I think that we should do some community project every month. I can't think of a better way for all of us McNair students to give back, than by working together for a common goal in our community."
--Stefanie Puher, 2002 Scholar



Congratulations to:

Danny Trejo received the Anne Crum Director's Award at the WVAEOPP Student Leadership Conference.



Danny Trejo receiving the Anne Crum Director's Award from the President of WVAEOPP, Darrell Taylor. "I really want to thank the WVU McNair Scholars Program and the Great Spirit for the Anne B. Crum Award nomination. I think that it's a real self-esteem boost to receive such noteworthy recognition."

WVU Center for Black Culture and Research Carter G. Woodson Award Ceremony



Dr. Betty Mei (center), Assistant Director of the WVU McNair Scholars Program, received the Director's Award for Outstanding Contribution and Service, **Brianne Williams** (2003 Scholar, left) received the Academic Achievement Award, and **Gabrielle St. Leger** (2000 Scholar, right) received the Fanny Lou Hammer Award for Service to African American Students.



Chris Williamson, a 2003 McNair Scholar, was a National Finalist for the Truman Scholarship.

"The Truman Scholarship process was one that I learned a great deal from. It is truly a great program that inspires college students to pursue future careers in public service. Meeting the other National Finalists was the highlight of my trip to Washington, D.C., and I came away from this experience a better person. I would like to thank Dr. Robert DiClerico, Dr. Cheryl Torsney, and my faculty mentor Dr. Robert Dilger for helping me with the application and preparing me for the final interview. Without their help, I would never have made it to Washington, D.C."

Special Farewell to our beloved Eunice Rohrer, Graduate Assistant for the WVU McNair Scholars Program since August 2002. Eunice was a 2001 McNair Scholar. She began working for the Program after obtaining her bachelor's degree in Journalism. Eunice is graduating with a Master's degree in Journalism in May. Her tireless effort and time spent on the first WVU McNair Research Journal published in November 2003 was truly appreciated. McNair Scholars and staff will miss her proficient writing and editing skills. Best Wishes to you in your future doctoral studies Eunice!



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McNair Scholars Program Summer 2004 Schedule

May 17	First day of McNair Summer Internship
May 21	Picnic at Krepp's Park
June 4	University of Pittsburgh Campus Visit
June 17-19	Washington D.C. Cultural Trip and Campus Visits
June 24	McNair Research Symposium 9-5 Closing Banquet 6:30-9:00 p.m.
July 1-4	McNair Conference at University of Tennessee, Knoxville

