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2003 Summer Research Internship:

Eleven new McNair Scholars participated in the Summer Research Internship which was held from May 19 through June 26. In addition to the two research classes scholars took, other activities included in the six weeks were campus visits to University of Pittsburgh, American University, University of Maryland at College Park and Howard University, as well as a cultural trip to Washington, D.C. The summer internship ended on June 26 with scholars presenting their research proposals during the day and a closing banquet at Lakeview Resort and Conference Center in the evening. The keynote speaker for the banquet was the Honorable Barbara Harmon-Schamberger, Esq. from Charleston, WV. Ms. Harmon-Schamberger was an Upward Bound graduate and a WVU Rhodes Scholar. Her keynote message was inspiring to all those who were in attendance.

The McNair staff would like to thank Dr. Cheryl Torsney and doctoral candidate AnaGloria Rodriguez for instructing the summer research classes, as well as faculty and graduate student mentors for participating in the summer program. We couldn't have done it without YOU!



McNair Scholars toured Howard University



McNair Scholars enjoyed a trip to Washington, D.C.

Doctors-To-Be: We are proud to announce that **Gabrielle St. Leger** (2000 Scholar) and **Jennis Taylor** (2001 Scholar) are the first two WVU McNair Scholars who are enrolled in doctoral programs this fall. Gabrielle began her Ed.D. studies in Educational Leadership at WVU and Jennis began her Ph.D. studies in Economics at George Mason University. In Jennis' own words "Thank you all for helping me to go from the farm to Fairfax!"

Scholar	Faculty Mentor	Title
Nicole Bono	Dr. Paul Gordon	Effects of Disclosure of Muscle Performance Genotype on the Self-Concepts of Individuals
Jon Michael Bosley	Dr. Tim Warner	Monitoring Mining Related Disturbance in Southern West Virginia: A Remote Sensing Case Study
Amber Davis	Dr. Daniel McNeil	Pain, Fear and Anxiety: A Multidimensional Scaling Method of Affective Concepts
Donald Hill	Dr. Victor Chow	Mutual Fund Analysis and Selection Efficiency for Individual Investors
Rose Mazza	Dr. Sandra Dixon	Domestic Fascism in "La Casa de Bernarda Alba": An Analysis of Authority and Power in Lorca Pre-Franco Spain
Adrian Thompson	Dr. Joseph Scotti	Separate but Equal: An Examination of Existing Scales for Inner-City and At-Risk Children
Daniel Trejo	Dr. Ellesa High	Living in Balance: A Native American Approach to Psychological Healing
Patricia Underwood	Dr. Victoria Fergus	Critical Inquiry: Looking Beyond the Surface
Brianne Williams	Dr. John Kuhlman	Magnetic Enhancement of Pool Boiling in Microgravity
Christopher Williamson	Dr. Robert Dilger	School Consolidation in Six Southwestern West Virginia Counties: A Policy Analysis of School Consolidation and Educational Achievement
Jonathan Young	Dr. Brian Cushing	The Effect of Zoning on Residential Option Value

This is what a few of the 2003 Scholars had to say about the Summer Research Internship:

"Thank you so much for the opportunity. This program helped me feel I can succeed. I feel very lucky to have been part of this program."

"Very beneficial and enjoyable."

"I had a wonderful experience this summer. I feel honored to be part of this great program."

"Great program."



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Jon Michael Bosley presents research



Director's Corner

Anita G. Mayer
Director, McNair Scholars Program



The essence of a good leader is not how much he/she accomplishes, but how much others are inspired to accomplish under his/her leadership

Dear McNair Scholars:

As you embark on this new journey, it would behoove you to take stock of your preparedness, lest you should find yourselves at any number of crossroads, wondering which way to turn. Remember to foster your courage, for without courage you will never reach your full potential. Set your compass and do not stray far off your path. Your compass and your path are your lifelines to achieving your goals. Keep your eyes and ears open at all times. You might be confronted with choices that only logic and knowledge can dictate. Never, ever be close-minded. You will lose your way for sure. Accept responsibility for your own actions and know that consequences are inevitable. Dr. Martin Luther King once said "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality". Believe it. Do not fret if the light at the end of your tunnel appears to dim from time to time. It is usually just the result of a personal power surge somewhere else. You know what I mean – when one thing goes wrong, it feels like everything has gone wrong. This will pass. Everything does. Remind yourself of this if your journey gets particularly difficult or confusing. It is okay to be occasionally down or confused or angry. Tell yourself when you are feeling disoriented that it is normal to feel this way, pamper yourself a little, and then get on with the order of the day. Be careful what decisions you make when you are not emotionally or physically strong...you might regret them. Attend to business. Be wary of getting diverted away from what you know to be right for you. Be true to yourself. Remember to exercise your sense of humor. Humor is the true healer of all heartfelt wounds. If you find that you have an abundance of humor, feel free to share it with others who may be feeling a little shortchanged. Inspire someone.

Have fun,
Anita

9th Annual SAEOPP/UTK McNair National Research Conference:

Seven Scholars attended the McNair Research Conference at Knoxville, TN. Angela Schaffer presented her research **The Impact of First Clinical Experiences on BSN Students' Perceptions of the Nursing Profession** at the 9th Annual SAEOPP/UTK McNair National Research Conference and won the 5th place award in the Biological Science category. Angela's faculty Mentor is Dr. Kari Sand-Jecklin, WVU Associate Professor of Nursing.



Angela Schaffer accepting award from Dr. Ronnie Gross, President of SAEOPP

A special farewell to AnaGloria Rodriguez who has been a graduate assistant of the WVU McNair Scholars Program since 2001. Ms. Rodriguez will be focusing her efforts in completing her doctoral degree in the coming academic year. Thank you for everything AnaGloria and best wishes for the coming year. We'll miss you and can't wait until next May to call you Dr. Rodriguez!

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McNair Scholars Program Fall 2003 Schedule

August 25	Informational Meeting/ Writing Resumes and Personal Statements
Sept. 8	GRE Tutorial
Sept. 11	7-9 pm Peace Corps. Information Session in Laurel Room, Mountainlair
Sept. 15	GRE Tutorial
Sept. 22	Diversity Awareness Seminar
Sept. 26-27	Colloquium for Aspiring Minority Doctoral Candidates
Oct. 3-4	National Research Conference at University of Delaware
Nov. 2-4	Ohio State University Campus Visit
Oct. – Nov.	Office closed due to construction in building (students still meet with Dr. Mei for monthly appts.)
Dec. 6	Graduation Dinner



**Don't forget
tutors are
available if
needed!**