

McNair Achievement Program

Another Successful Summer Session Completed

The McNair Achievement Program is designed to increase the retention and success of those students who have been underserved by higher education. It offers high-quality research opportunities and other assistance to ensure that students succeed in doctoral programs after graduating from Minnesota State University-Mankato.

The McNair Achievement Program Staff celebrated another successful summer session. During our six week program our scholars prepped for the GRE, completed and presented research in their area of interest, and participated in numerous activities which will help prepare them for graduate school. We would like to thank the scholars for all of their hard work this summer. We had



a huge turn out and great research projects. We would also like to take time and thank all the mentors. We appreciate all of the time and dedication you give to

help our scholars during the summer sessions. You are a huge essential to the McNair Program.

Thanks once again...

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And The "Caught You Doing Something Good" Goes to Yonis Gabow

The McNair Achievement Program has adopted the theme "Caught You Doing Something Good". All of our scholars do tremendous work. This theme is one of our ways to recognize a scholar who goes well above and beyond their standards. The above and beyond is based on numerous things such as their attendance, Pre & Post-GRE scores, attitude towards school and their academic career, goals and the steps they are taking to achieve those goals. We would like to recognize Yonis Gabow as our first "Caught You Doing Something Good" Recipi-

ent. Mr. Gabow is an upcoming senior here at Minnesota State University-Mankato. He is majoring in Psychology with a minor in Biology. He plans include going on to get his Master's in Clinical, Biology, Social, or Industrial/Organization Psychology. During the summer session he worked extremely hard and volunteered for a number of duties. Every Friday morning he was at the seminars bright and

early with a smile on his face ready to learn. As mentioned earlier Mr. Gabow is preparing for Graduate School.



Scholars Research and Presentations

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Each Scholar worked closely with a mentor and did research in their area of interest. They presented their research and findings at the McNair Seminar on July 13th, 2007. The following is each scholar, their mentor, and research.

Scholar: Naima Ali
Mentor: Dr. David Bissonnette
Research: Obesity in America



Scholar: Fatah Ahmed
Mentor: Dr. Donna Brauer
Research: Aspartame

Scholar: Ismail Assir
Mentor: Dr. Kebba Darboe
Queen Booker

Research: Black Minorities Business

Scholar: Awale Awale
Mentor: Dr. James Rife
Research: Protein Extraction and Quantification

Scholar: Joshua Bryant
Mentor: Daniel Ragsdale
Research: Developing & Educating African American Males

Scholar: Breana Butler
Mentor: Marshel Rossow
Research: Print Media in Minnesota

Scholar: Malcolm Carter
Mentor: James Burnett
Dr. Kebba Darboe
Research: Sacred Space (Changing the lives of at risk minority youth)

Scholar: Juma Dennis
Mentor: Amy Hedman
Research: Relationship of Abstinence Education and Comprehensive Sex Education

Scholar: Dan Ellis
Mentor: Dr. Vinai Norasakkunkit
Research: Culturally dominant self-construal & the common experience of emotion among American & Japanese college students

Scholar: Yonis Gabow
Mentor: Dr. Jonathan W. Page
Research: Relationship of Brain and Behavioral Response: A Pilot Study

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Scholar: Rahmo Hassan
Mentor: Dr. Chris Black-Hughes
Research: Acclimations to the United States: What Somali Women are doing to adjust to American Culture.

Scholar: Nicole Jorissen
Mentor: Dr. Theresa Salerno
Research: The Effect off Maternal Aldosterone Levels on the Expression of 11B-HSD Isoenzymes in Normal & Hypertensive Rat Placentae

Scholar:Paulette Kimber
Mentor: Leah White
Research: Invisible Threatre Scenario for MSU

Scholar: Mahaman Nekere
Mentor: Dr. Sandra Eggenberger
Research: The Essence of Research projects in Nursing

Scholar: Julie Poyzer
Mentor: Dr. Vinai Norasakkunkit
Research: Cross-cultural study between Japan & United States

Scholar: Amina Salim
Mentor: Dr. Karen Willette Murphy
Research: Health Behaviors of Somali Families

Scholar: Jonathan Shaw
Mentor: Dr. Sherrise Truesdale
Research: Modern Day Slavery & the affects on Black Communities today

Scholar: Stephon Sorenson
Mentor: James Dimock
Research: Social Construction of Gender in Video Games

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Scholar: Mark Thompson
Mentor: Dr. Danae Quirk-Door
Research: Inter & intrastrand cross-links between Guanosine

Scholar: Hussein Wehelie
Mentor: Dr. Raymond Asonmani-Boateng
Research: Non-Profit Organizations

Scholar: Janelle Yakymi
Mentor: Dr. Jose Lopez
Research: Fashion Now and Then



Upcoming Events: Fall 2007

September 14, 2007

Claremont Graduate University invites you to attend an Open House for McNair Scholars from noon to 4:00pm.

This Open House will provide you with a opportunity to meet with recruiters from each academic department, tour the campus, and converse with other students and faculty. There will also be a "Applying to Graduate School" workshop, which will break down the admissions process.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

October 10, 2007

The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities is holding a Graduate and Professional School Day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. During this event there will be over 100 graduate/professional programs and 900 students participating.

Two workshops will be held:

1. How to apply to Graduate and Professional School.
2. Funding Graduate and Professional School.

Stop in the McNair Office for additional information.

October 19, 2007

University of Southern California is holding a one day campus visitation opportunity from 9:00am to 4:00pm. During this event students will get the chance to meet with graduate faculty and staff in programs of their interest. Meet with PhD students, campus tours, and receive other helpful resources and information.



"Before you can make a dream come true, you must first have one"

Dr. Ronald E. McNair

Upcoming Events: Spring 2008

February 15-17, 2008

The 10th Annual Texas National McNair Scholars' Research Conference will be held at the University of North Texas (Denton, Texas).



February 20, 2008

Oklahoma State University McNair Research Conference is giving McNair Scholars the opportunity to present their research at a conference.

If you are interested in presenting your summer research at the Oklahoma State University McNair Research Conference.

Please stop in the MSU McNair office.



Hussein Wehelie talks about his trip to the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Hello Everyone, my visit to the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities opened my mind to ideas that I had not thought of. While I was on the campus I talked to a professor in the Political Science Department. He

gave me some good insight. There were two very important things, one had to do with my major which is International Relations. He also recommended many books on

African Politics that I was unaware was out



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***McNair Scholars mark Thursday, September 20th,
2007 on your calendars!!!!!!***

We are kicking off our FIRST fall meeting on Wednesday, September 20th, 2007 at 5:00 pm. This meeting is mandatory for all McNair Scholars and should not last more than an hour. Dr. Anne Blackhurst, the Interim Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will be at the meeting. She will go over some policies, as well as answer any questions that any of you may have. The

McNair staff (Laura, Marla, and Lindsey) will also be there to see how your academic studies are going and answer any questions.

Lastly, we will be taking professional head shots of all the scholars, so please dress accordingly. These photos will be used for upcoming news letters, the McNair Scholars Wall, etc.

If you have any questions please feel free to contacts.

