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The McNair Director Laura Bartolo

Hello and welcome to the McNair Achievement Program!!

My name is Laura Bartolo, and I am the Interim Director of the program. I have really enjoyed getting to know the scholars, new and returning, over the past weeks and months. Please know that I am available to assist you in any way that I can. As I mentioned during many of the interviews, the students who are the most successful in our program are those that are visible and those that participate

whole heartedly. Our office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please feel free to call upon us as needed.

I wish all the scholars and program mentors the best as they begin their journey with the McNair Achievement Program.



Laura Bartolo

Interim Director, McNair
Achievement Program
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The McNair Scholars 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 Graduate Assistant Lindsey Wilson

My name is Lindsey Wilson I am the new Office Graduate Assistant. I received my Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology with a minor in Sociology. I am a first year Graduate Student here at Minnesota State University-Mankato working towards my Masters in Counseling and Student Personnel (Professional Community Counseling). My ultimate career goals are to become a

family and marriage counselor, while one of my personal goals is to help the community.

I am originally from Minnesota but have lived in many different states.

Lastly, I am really excited and look forward to working with all the McNair Scholars. I am a very friendly person and I will always be here to listen to any of your

concerns or problems. Please do not hesitate to stop in and chat with me about graduate school, GRE prep, conferences, upcoming events or any other issues.



Welcome 2007 Scholars

The McNair Scholars Program would like to congratulate and proudly accept the 2007 Minnesota State University, Mankato Ronald E. McNair Scholars.

- Naima ali
- Awale, Awale
- Joshua Bryant
- Malcolm Carter
- Juma Dennis
- Daniel Ellis
- Yonis Gabow
- Rahmo Hassan
- Nicole Jorissen
- Paulette Kimber
- Breauana Mack

- Mahaman Nekere
- Julie Poyzer
- Amina Salim
- Stephon Sorenson
- Mark Thompson
- Hussein Wehelie
- Janelle Yakymi
- Jonathan Shaw

(Each Scholar has taken the time to write a brief biography)

We would also like to congratulate past scholars as they continue work hard and achieve their academic goals.

- Fatah Ahmed
- Tashina LaRocque
- Ismail Mohamed

Dear McNair Scholars,

We are excited to have this opportunity to help you achieve your academic goals and hope you take full advantage of the many different services that the McNair Scholars Program Offer.

We wish all of our scholars the best with their upcoming summer research and future graduate school plans.

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Meet the 2007 Scholars

Awale Awale

I am a male student from Somalia & I'm majoring in Biochemistry. I choose to become a part of this program because I want to go to grad school and this program will help me with that.



Juma Dennis

My name is Juma Dennis, majoring in Community Health and Minorng in Psychology. I would like to work with people that would like to get more education about their health and environment, and most importantly, how to prevent diseases, here in the U.S. and in Africa.



What I would like to get out of this program is the ability to do a quality research. I would also like to get the strength to work well with others on different projects that will be very beneficial in the future. Last, but not least, I would like to get a better score on the GRE's. All in all, I would like to get the experience that will help make my Graduate School experience more interesting.

Daniel Ellis

I am a Psychology major, I have come to realize the importance



of research experience. It is important to me to both as a amateur scientist and as a future grad student. That is why I became interested in the McNair program.

Breauna Mack

My name is Bre, my area of study is Mass Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations. I entered the McNair program hoping to gain networking connections, education and life direction. I am also interning with the program this summer to help with publicity.

"Whether or not you reach your goals in life depends entirely on how well you prepare for them and how badly you want them. You're eagles! Stretch your wings and fly to the sky."

Ronald E. McNair

Meet the 2007 Scholars

Malcolm Carter

My name is Malcolm Dean Carter. I am an Ethnic Studies major. Besides being a non-traditional student, I am the author of the book, "\$7 an hour ain't no job: The Second Emancipation of the Black Race" and the co-founder of The M. Carter Group which educates people on issues affecting

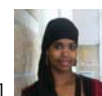


minorities in America. I entered the McNair Scholars program because I have a great deal of respect for its' purpose and the services it offers students like myself. I anticipate using the resources of the program to help strengthen the academic areas where I am weak so I may make the highest score possible for me on my GRE. I

also look forward to the assistance in sharpening my research and presentation skills which I know will come in handy in my future career and my current writing.

Rahmo Hassan

My Major is Social Work and I hope the McNair program can help me in finding graduate program. Other opportunities that would help me to succeed in my field.



Meet the 2007 Scholars

Nicole Jorissen

My Major is Biochemistry and I am interested in the program because going to grad school is the next step in the process. I am hoping this program can help me get into grad school and get more preparation for GRE which I will be taking next summer or the summer after that.



Mahaman Nekere

My Major is nursing. I have a great desire to attend graduate school. Since McNair is a program that assists students to get the guidance, advising and tutoring for higher education, I choose to become a scholar. I will achieve my goal by attending to all the projects and events of McNair.



opportunity it provides to get me into grad school.

Hussein Wehelie

Hi my name is Hussein Wehelie, my major is International Relations with a URS minor. I'm from East Africa Somalia I consider this the best place to live in the world. My short goal is to get Master Degree in Education and Leadership. My long term goal is consist of me getting my Doctorate Degree in Political Strategy and Conflict Resolutions.



Lastly, I am a soccer player and fan. I enjoy watching Cowboy and War movies.

Paulette Kimber

My name is Paulette Kimber. I am a double major in Mass & Speech Communications. I hope to gain knowledge on how to apply for grad school, what resources are available for me as well as meet new individuals to network with here at the university.



Mark Thompson

My major is Biochemistry and I am interested in the program and very excited about the opportunity to do research and work in the field I enjoy. I like the



Meet the 2007 Scholars

Julie Poyzer

I am a Psychology major with two minors in Math & Speech Communications. The McNair program is important to me because it gives me research experience. Lastly, it gives me the opportunity to prepare for graduate school. This is why the program is very important to me.



Amina Salim

My major is Pre-Nursing, the reason I chose this program is because I am not familiar with research and this would be a great opportunity for me to learn the ins and outs of research. It will also help me prepare for grad school.



Stephon Sorenson

My Name is Zeke Sorenson and my major is Speech Communications. I hope to gain a valuable research experience and skills that will help



me achieve success in grad school. I believe furthering my education will help me to grow as a student as well as leading to personal growth through learning new skills and gaining a better understanding of the world around me.

Joshua Bryant

I am majoring in ethnic studies. I played football for the past 2 years. Now that it is over I would love to pursue a higher education. This is an opportunity of a life-time. Graduating with a master's or PH.D is one of life's greatest achievement for one such as myself.



Meet the 2007 Scholars

Yonis Gabow

My name is Yonis Abdulkadir Gabow and I am the oldest of four children. I am a twenty five year old African American male, veteran of the Armed Forces and first generation American. I graduated high school and junior college from the same county in Georgia. My outlook on life is with every challenge, life has to offer, is an opportunities to become a better person. My strengths are in two categories: verbal and numerical. I am effective communicator in an individual or group environment.



I have a strong background in numerical reasoning. My goal in life is to be a great provider to my family, becoming effective philanthropist in my society, and sharing my time with the world as a humanitarian. I am looking forward to gaining the necessary experience from McNair scholars program for graduate school in my field of study.

Janelle Yakymi

My name is Janelle Yakymi, the first in my family to have the opportunity to not only attend a post secondary



but to be a part of such an amazing program. I believe in the McNair Scholars Program because it doesn't focus on changing and helping you just as student, but also as a person. I believe strongly in its intentions to help the future I may not otherwise have as well as encouraging me to conquer the fear of the unknown. As of now, I am trying to finish by the time I am twenty-two, with a major in Spanish and a minor in International Business, while maintaining at least a 3.3 GPA. After graduation I plan on attending the International Academy of Design and Technology in the heart of Chicago, where I will get my Masters in Fashion

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

Dr. Ronald E. McNair

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Summer Program June 4th- July 13, 2007



University at Buffalo's
13th Annual McNair
Research Conference
Registration deadline
June 29th

"Setting an exciting goal is like setting a needle in your compass. From then on, the compass knows only one point-its ideal. And it will faithfully guide you there through the darkest nights and fiercest storms"
Unknown Author



Come visit us!!
JW, Luke, Sheila

Date	Room	Times	Purpose
Friday June 8th, 2007	Wiecking Auditorium	• 9:00am-11:00am	• Writing/Verbal
	(GRE Prep Classes)	• 11:00am-12:00	• Mathematics
	ML-45	• 1:00pm-4:00pm	• GRE Pre-Test
Friday June 15th, 2007	Wiecking Auditorium	• 9:00am-11:00am	• Writing/Verbal
	(GRE Prep Classes)	• 11:00am-12:00	• Mathematics
		• 1:00pm-4:00pm	• Speaker (Joseph Williams)
Friday June 22nd, 2007	Wiecking Auditorium	• 9:00am-11:00am	• Writing/Verbal
	(GRE Prep Classes)	• 11:00am-12:00	• Mathematics
		• 1:00pm-4:00pm	• Completing Grad School Applications
Friday June 29th, 2007	Wiecking Auditorium	• 9:00am-11:00am	• Writing/Verbal
	(GRE Prep Classes)	• 11:00am-12:00	• Mathematics
		• 1:00pm-4:00pm	• Resume/ C.V.
Friday July 6th, 2007	Wiecking Auditorium	• 9:00am-11:00am	• Writing/Verbal
	(GRE Prep Classes)	• 11:00am-12:00	• Mathematics
	ML 45	• 1:00pm-4:00pm	• GRE Post-Test
Friday July 13th, 2007	Wiecking Auditorium	• 9:00am-12:00	• Oral Presentations
		• 1:00pm-4:00pm	• Wrap-up & Evaluations

McNair GRE Tutors availability

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Friday: 8:00am-9:00am

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Tuesday: Noon-5:00 pm

Wednesday: Noon-5:00 pm

Take Advantage of McNair's Benefits

- Academic and Graduate School Advisement
- Conference Presentations - local, regional, and national
- Faculty and Staff Mentoring
- Faculty Recommendations
- Graduate School Preparation Seminars
- Graduate School Visits - local, regional, and national
- Mock Interviews
- Leadership Opportunities and Skill Building
- Networking Opportunities
- Opportunities to Network with Graduate School Faculty
- Paid Research Internships
- Research Presentation Skills
- Scholarship and Fellowship Information
- Graduate School Application Fee Waivers
- Standardized Test Preparation (GRE) and ETS Vouchers
- Laptop Loans
- Support Network Comprised of Scholars, Faculty, Staff and National McNair Community: "The McNair Family"



Ronald Erwin McNair, Ph.D. (October 21, 1950 – January 28, 1986) was one of the astronauts killed during the launch of the Space Shuttle Challenger, mission STS-51-L. He was a native of Lake City, South Carolina.

Financial aid's GRE Fee Waiver Program

The GRE Program makes available a limited number of GRE fee waivers for college seniors who meet eligibility requirements. Fee waivers may be used for one General Test and/or one Subject Test.

To be eligible, you must be:

1. U.S. citizen or resident

alien; and

2. A college senior receiving financial aid through a undergraduate college in the U.S., a U.S. territory, or Puerto Rico, or returning unenrolled college graduate who has applied for financial aid; and either

3. A dependent college

senior whose Institutional Student Information Report (ISIR) shows a parental contribution of not more than 1,200 for the senior year, or a self-supporting college senior whose ISIR shows a contribution of not more than 1,600 for the senior year .

•Check with the financial aid department for more information.

McNair's GRE Fee Policy has changed!!!

The Graduate Record Examinations program will offer GRE Fee reduction vouchers to McNair Scholars regardless of income level or class year for the 2007-2008 testing year. They no longer provide actually fee waivers. Each GRE fee reduction voucher may be applied toward the test fess for

up to two GRE tests, One General Test, and/or one Subject Test. Individuals who receive GRE fee reduction vouchers will be required to pay 50 percent of the full test fee. The fee reduction is \$70 for the General Test and \$65 for a Subject Test.

In life, the first thing you must do is decide what you really want. Weigh the costs and the results. Are the results worthy of the costs? Then make up your mind completely and go after your goal with all your might.

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Upcoming Conferences

University of Minnesota Graduate School Campus Visitation:

The University of Minnesota campus visit will take place on Tuesday, July 10, 2007. There will be a Graduate School staff presentation about the process of applying for admission to a graduate program. In addition, students will meet with faculty to discuss their research, and have a staff-led tour of the campus. The Graduate School website address is www.grad.umn.edu.

Internal Deadline: June 10, 2007

Penn State's McNair Scholars Summer Research Conference -

This conference take place August 3 - 5, 2007 at the Penn State Conference Center and Hotel. The keynote speaker at the opening banquet will be Dr. Guion S. Bluford Jr., former NASA astronaut Colonel, USAF, Retired. To learn more about this conference please visit their website at <http://www.outreach.psu.edu/cnf/McNairScholars>

Internal Deadline: June 10, 2007