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Newsletter – Fall 2016

From the Director

This past program year has been an exciting one of many firsts for our young program. Amanda has included photos of some of the firsts throughout the newsletter and I want to highlight a few here. 2016 saw Dr. Ashton Brock earn the first Winthrop McNair Alumnus PhD. 100% of our graduating seniors applied to graduate programs and all of them received offers. Emily Hokett was the first graduating senior in our program to be awarded an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.

This is also the first year Winthrop's Scholars and staff have visited the hometown of the great Dr. Ronald E. McNair. This allowed all of us to personally connect with some of the locations we read about in Carl McNair's inspiring biography of his brother.

2016-17 promises to be at least as exciting as 2015-16. Our largest cohort of graduating seniors (17) is preparing graduate applications. We anticipate selecting one of our largest cohorts of new Scholars (≥ 14) this year (applications are due October 14). What's more, Winthrop will apply for its third McNair grant from the U.S. Department Education (deadline TBA). The McNair staff anticipates being busier than ever this year. We're looking forward to supporting our Scholars through their graduate admissions processes, publications, and presentations at national conferences. Please be on the lookout for more exciting updates from our program. And, alumni, please be sure we have updated

addresses. I anticipate something special coming your way in the next few months.

-Dr. FW





Taco Tuesday continues to be an event each semester. These photos are from our Spring event where we had current scholars and our newly invited folks! Tacos were enjoyed by all – as usual! And of course we had Mrs. Yeager's pumpkin rolls!



2016 Summer Scholars



McNair Scholar Mentor	Summer McNair Experience Research Topic
Naseem Adkinson-Jobe, Dr. Stephanie Lawson	Collector's Relationship to Access-Based Consumption: A Sneakerhead's Perspective
Cera Crowe, Dr. Padmini Patwardhan	Business Sustainability: An Analysis of Three Enterprises in Charlotte, North Carolina
Maddie Diaz, Dr. Takita Sumter	Investigation of the HMGA1/EF25 Nexus in Colon Cancer
Jesse Grainger, Dr. Brent Cagle	"I Don't Fit in a Box, No One Does." Intersectionality and Homeless Identity
Elizabeth Lambert, Dr. Adriana Cordis	Whistleblower Laws and Corporate Fraud in the United States
Autumn Leggins, Dr. Nick Grosseohme	Controlling the Expression Levels of Oct4 Using Invitrogen's Gene Switch™ System
Nicole McMullen, Dr. Heather Evans-Anderson	Targeted Mutagenesis of FOXO Transcription Factors in the Model Organism <i>Ciona intestinalis</i> Utilizing the CRISPR/Cas9 System
Lesley Pena, Dr. Darren Ritzer	Mindfulness, Coping, and Stress Levels Among Different Races
Savannah Pewett, Dr. Merry Sleigh	Police Perceptions Across Ethnicities and Cultures
Holly Rittenberry, Dr. Joni Boyd	The Relationship of Lower Body Flexibility and Stress on the Ulnar Collateral Ligament in High School Baseball Players
Claudia Salazar, Dr. Merry Sleigh	Adults' Cognitive and Emotional Effects of Self-Reported Stereotype Experiences
Tollie Schultz, Dr. Tara Collins	Masculinity and Femininity as Predictors of Emotional Expressivity and Relational Attainment
Jalen Smith, Dr. Brad Tripp	Examining Longitudinal Data of Juvenile Delinquents in Rock Hill, SC
Shannon Snelgrove, Dr. Laura Gardner	Contemporary Black Women Artists' Narratives
Shayla Warren, Dr. Maria Aysa-Lastra	Associations Between Perceived Discrimination on Subjective Quality of Life Among Adults in the US
Cameron Washington, Dr. Kathryn Kohl	Investigating X Chromosome Non-disjunction in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> su(var)3-9 mutants
Alexis Williamson, Dr. Brad Witzel	Implementation of Resilience in Children of Low Socio-Economic Status

Winthrop University McNair Scholars Graduating Class of May 2016



Where Are We Going?

Back Row L to R:

Ashley Causey – Columbia University

Taylor Toves – Gap year/Work

Shawn Hoskins – University of Minnesota

Malyn Pope – George Mason University

Ethan Hanner – University of Colorado

Front Row L to R:

Kristin Ramirez – University of Nebraska

Lauren Green – Notre Dame

Emily Hokett – Georgia Tech

Olivia Manley – University of South Carolina

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU AND
WISH YOU THE VERY BEST!**



LAKE CITY, SC

MAY 11, 2016



In a first for our program, we began our summer by visiting the birthplace of Dr. Ronald E. McNair. While the Life Center is small, it made a huge impact on our scholars. Scholars spoke several times over the course of the summer of how meaningful it was to make a connection with the man our program is named for.

DINNER ON A BUDGET

In another first for our summer program, scholars were invited to learn from Aramark Chefs how to make healthy, affordable meals once they enter graduate school. The Aramark staff members made chicken quesadillas and corn on the cob and shared the recipes and cooking costs with scholars. We were then invited to stay and eat a yummy meal!



22nd SAEOPP McNair/SSS Scholars
Research Conference

Hilton Atlanta
255 Courtland Street NE,
Atlanta, GA 30303
June 23-26, 2016



Image from: <http://www.saeopp-mcnairconference.com/>



June 23 -26, scholars travelled to the annual SAEOPP McNair/SSS Scholars conference in Atlanta, Georgia, to present their summer research projects. Winthrop took 17 scholars to present and we are so proud of all they have accomplished this summer. Three of our scholars won awards:

Scholar Name	Presentation Title	Award
Lesley Pena <i>Mentor:</i> Dr. Darren Ritzer	Mindfulness, Coping, and Stress Levels Among Different Races	1 st – Poster
Shayla Warren <i>Mentor:</i> Dr. Maria Aysa-Lastra	Associations Between Perceived Discrimination on Subjective Quality of Life Among Adults in the US	2 nd – Social Science Oral
Camerun Washington <i>Mentor:</i> Dr. Kathryn Kohl	Investigating X Chromosome Non- disjunction in <i>Drosophila</i> <i>melanogaster</i> su(var)3-9 mutants	1 st – Life Science Oral

POINTS OF PRIDE



Dr. Ashton Brock brought yet another first to our program this summer: our first PhD recipient! We are so proud and took time to celebrate Ashton's achievements!!



Olivia Manley was awarded a GEM Fellowship to support her graduate study in Chemistry and Emily Hokett was awarded an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship to support her graduate study in Cognitive Neuroscience.



This summer's Scholar Among Scholars recipient is Nicole McMullen.



June

Kendra Bufkin
Symone Calhoun
Cera Crowe
Jesse Grainger
Lauren Green
Jordyn Kessler
Nicole McMullen
Ronald Nelson
Savannah Pewett
Brittany Prioleau
Kristin Ramirez
Jasmin Sanders
Hannah Swan
Brittany Walker
Alexis Williamson

July

Ashley Garrick
Ashley Causey Golden
Brandi Jeffries

August

Wendy Adams
Muri Mata
Derion Reid
Claudia Salazar
Tollie Schultz



September

Ashton Brock
Amanda Cavin
Vitta Clawson
Dwana David
Katheryn Dixon
Danielle Giles
Theresa Melendez
Jasmine Morgan
Kia Smalls
Jálen Smith
Taylor Toves

October

Michael Capps
Shawn Hoskins
John Huffman
Brittany Lawrence
Robin Newsome
Lesley Peña
Cedric Williams

A few of Dr. FW's favorite photos



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