

# Winthrop McNair Scholars Program Newsletter

## McNair May 2013 Graduation Celebration

On May 4, the McNair Family celebrated the end of 10 undergraduate careers. Congratulations Brittney Black, Chauntice Buck, Vitta Clawson, Zach Collier, Danielle Giles, Shantelle Igiozee, Amy Moore, Jasmine Morgan, Shanique Sumter, and Brandi Teat. Scholar Brittany Walker will graduate from Wofford University on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The graduates were rewarded with royal blue McNair Honor Cords and a special gift.

Also, the McNair Family would like to celebrate four other graduates, including three McNair alumni for completing their graduate programs. Congratulations Jessica Fuentes for earning your Master of Education Degree, Courtney Gregory for earning your Master of Social Work Degree, Krysten Sobus for earning your Master of Science Degree, and Shannon Simmons (McNair Grad. Assistant 2010-11) on earning your Specialist in School Psychology Degree

Congratulations, Scholars! The McNair Family is very proud of you all and is honored to be a part of this special moment in your lives!



*Graduating McNair Scholars: Back row (left to right): Brittney Black, Chauntice Buck, Zach Collier  
Front row (left to right): Vitta Clawson, Shantelle Igiozee, Amy Moore, Shanique Sumter*

***Pictures from the graduation celebration and more graduation pictures are located on page 6.***

## 2013 SC McNair Orientation

On April 13, Winthrop McNair traveled to the College of Charleston for the annual South Carolina McNair Orientation. Orientation opened with guest speakers that included Dr. Marjorie Thomas, Dr. Lisa Covert, and Dr. Trisha Folds-Bennett. All three speakers provided valuable knowledge about what McNair is, what McNair can do, and what graduate programs look for. It was a special treat for Dr. Fortner-Wood to publicly thank her undergraduate research mentor, Dr. Trisha Folds-Bennett, for her influence on Dr. F-W's professional development.

Incoming Scholars attended presentations from 2012 McNair researchers. Scholars Nicole Drown, Destinee Johnson, and Jose Paramo represented Winthrop McNair.

The day concluded with a graduate school panel that consisted of graduating seniors, Master's students, and a doctoral student. The graduate panel discussed the application process and what to expect in graduate school interviews.

Winthrop McNair would like to thank the College of Charleston for graciously opening up their doors and hosting this event. Our Scholars had a wonderful time and learned a lot!



*McNair Scholars at the SC McNair Orientation - Winthrop McNair Scholars are seated in back two rows, wearing yellow Winthrop McNair polos.*

*Pictures from this event are located on page 7.*

## 2013 McNair Taco Thursday



*Taco Bar at Taco Thursday*

To help Scholars get through their spring 2013 exams, McNair staff hosted the McNair Taco Thursday. Scholars were treated to a taco bar, fresh fruit, and homemade goodies made by Dr. Fortner-Wood and Mrs. Yeager. Scholars were able to take a little break from studying to socialize and enjoy the food. Mentors and McNair Family were invited to join the Scholars, as well! Thank you to both Dr. Fortner-Wood and Mrs. Yeager for providing lunch and a much needed break!

*Pictures from this event can be found on page 8.*

## Where will our Graduating Scholars go next?

- Brittney Black – Brittney’s path after graduation has not been determined as she is fortunate enough to have multiple offers. “I am still in the process of deciding.”
- Chauntice Buck – "After graduation from Winthrop, I will be attending the University of Georgia's M.Ed. Professional School Counseling program starting this summer. I hope to finish within 2 years and eventually go back to obtain a Ph.D. in Psychology or Counseling."
- Zach Collier – “After graduation I plan to dually enroll at the University of Florida's Research Evaluation and Methodology Masters and Ph.D. program! I could not have done it without McNair!”
- Vitta Clawson – "After graduating, I plan to assist with faculty research at Winthrop University. In addition, I plan to gain work experience in the social services field. "
- Danielle Giles – “After graduating, I plan to enroll in Lenoir-Rhyne in the Masters of Counseling Program.”
- Shantelle Igiozee – "After graduating, I plan to attend the University of Saint Augustine to receive my Doctor of Physical Therapy. Couldn't have done this without the love and support from my McNair family!"
- Amy Moore – “I am planning on continuing my education at Winthrop University to complete a Masters in the Arts of Teaching in Chemistry. I am very excited to focus my chemistry knowledge from my undergraduate in a new way to learn how to be the best teacher. In the future, I plan to return back to school to complete my Ph.D. in chemistry education.”
- Jasmine Morgan – “...after graduation I plan on attending University of Georgia as a full-time graduate student in the Advance Standing Master’s of Social Work Program.”
- Macreshia Salters – “I will be attending The Ohio State University in August for my Master's in Health Administration.”
- Shanique Sumter – “After graduating I plan to attend [an] MBA program with an emphasis in Accounting. “
- Brandi Teat – "After graduation, I plan on attending Winthrop University as a part-time graduate student in the MBA Program with emphasis in Accounting while also working for Hearst Corporation as a Staff Accountant/Analyst."
- Brittany Walker – “After graduation, I will attend The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to earn a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. During the summer between graduation and graduate school, I will have a paid internship at DuPont in Wilmington Delaware. I will be working in their research and development lab as a GEM Fellow.”
- Cedric Williams – “Since graduation, my wife and I have been very busy. We are expecting to move in late June. I will be attending the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston (MUSC). As of now, my area of interest in internal medicine.”



# Looking Ahead

## 2013 Summer Research Scholars & Mentors

Scholar	Major	Mentor
Brianna Barnette	Elementary Education	Dr. Lisa Harris
Leah Brown	Psychology	Dr. Merry Sleigh
Kendra Bufkin	Chemistry	Dr. Takita Sumter
Symone Calhoun	Psychology	Dr. Donna Nelson
Keisha Carden	Psychology	Dr. Robin Lammi
Amanda Cavin	Elementary Education	Dr. Carol Marchel
Dwana David	Psychology	Dr. Matthew Hayes
Nicole Drown	English	Dr. Jack DeRochi
Aaron Fountain	History	Dr. Andy Doyle
Chelsea Gilmore	Psychology	Dr. Donna Nelson
Kierra James	Psychology	Dr. Antigo Martin-Delaney
Chelsea Johnson	Business Administration	Dr. Marguerite Doman
Destinee Johnson - REU at Miami University, OH (see p. 5)	Chemistry	Dr. Ellen Yeziarski
Stanley Kennedy	Early Childhood Education	Dr. Marleah Bouchard
Brittany Lawrence	Biology	Dr. Kristi Westover
Johnakin Martin	Mathematics	Dr. Zachary Abernathy
Justin Moore	Business Administration	Dr. Clarence Coleman
Nikeshia Nelson	Dance	Dr. Stephanie Milling
Jose Paramo	Political Science	Dr. Stephen Smith
Denise Peppers	Chemistry	Dr. Nicholas Grossoehme
Brittany Prioleau - CHOOSE Development! (see p. 5)	Biology	Dr. Heather Evans-Anderson
Derion Reid	Chemistry	Dr. Takita Sumter
Hannah Swan	Mathematics	Dr. Joseph Rusinko
Sarah Wicks	Chemistry	Dr. James Hanna

## Upcoming Dates

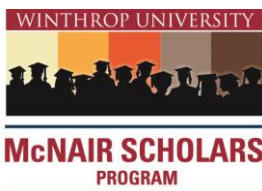
- May 13, 2013 – Winthrop McNair Summer Research Experience begins
- May 16, 2013 – Taco Thursday (No. 2)
- June 28, 2013 – Scholars present research at SC McNair Summer Research Symposium



## Points of Pride

- **Brittney Black** and **Hannah Swan** won the prestigious **Inez Bell Caskey Student Scholar Awards**. Each year, the Caskey Awards are given to students in three different categories: social sciences, science and math, and humanities and arts. A faculty committee selects the winners and the process is highly competitive. Students are chosen for this award based on the “quality of their scholarship and the significance of the work to the student’s discipline.”
- **Brittney Black** received a **second place award from Committee for Equality Professional Opportunity (CEPO) at the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA)** for her research on “Race, Gender, Age and Divorce Associated with Specific Parenting Beliefs.” Also, Brittney will be the **first Winthrop McNair Scholar to have two publications of undergraduate research**.
- **Chauntice Buck** received a **Psi Chi Regional Research Award at SEPA** for her research on “Predictors of Effort Expenditure Following a Mental Fatigue Challenge.”
- **Destinee Johnson** was accepted as **one of ten students into the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program at Miami University in Ohio** in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. This is a 10 week program and is geared for students interested in pursuing graduate degree programs in chemistry. Also, Destinee received a **first place certificate at the Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium** for her Oral Presentation in Chemistry/Physics. More information about the REU program can be found at <http://chemistry.muohio.edu/reu-program>.
- **Jasmine Morgan** received the BSW Academic Excellence Award from the Social Work Department. This award represents exemplary academic achievement as a student in the BSW Program, including superiority in academic performance, excellence as an engaged participant within the social work learning community, and distinction in upholding the high standards of the social work profession.
- **Brittany Prioleau** was chosen as one of only ten students in the nation for the **CHOOSE Development! Fellowship**. This fellowship will require Brittany to conduct independent research. The overall goal of CHOOSE Development! is to expose students from under-represented minority populations to research through independent projects and mentoring in the hopes that this work will better prepare students to enter doctoral programs in developmental biology. More information about this fellowship can be found at LINK.
- **Hannah Swan** was selected to participate in the **Spring 2013 USC Graduate Student Prospective Program at the University of Southern California**. The selection process for this program is very rigorous and highly competitive. This program is for students interested in pursuing a Ph.D. program and offers students the opportunity to learn about the graduate school admissions process and funding graduate studies. Hannah will receive a Scholarship from the USC Graduate School, Office of the Provost to cover all travel and program-related expenses. Hannah also received the **Patterson Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America’s Southeastern Section**.
- **Brittany Walker** was selected as **one of only two people chosen by DuPont to receive a GEM Fellowship for her first year of graduate study**. The goal of this program is increase the number of minority students who enter doctorate programs in the natural sciences. DuPont will pay Brittany’s first year of tuition and fees, and provide her with a stipend of \$16,000. The GEM member university will provide a living stipend, cover all tuition and fees up to the 5th year of the PhD program. More information about this fellowship can be found at <http://www.gemfellowship.org/>.

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# Pictures



*Scholar Jasmine Morgan at graduation*



*Scholar Vitta Clawson at graduation*



*2013 May Graduation Luncheon*



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*Dr. Fortner-Wood and Shanique Sumter at the 2013 May Graduation Luncheon*



# Pictures



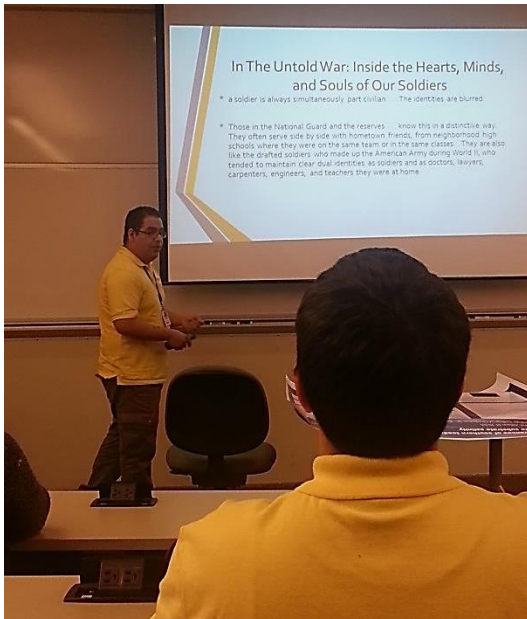
*Dr. Fortner-Wood and her undergraduate mentor, Dr. Trisha Folds-Bennett at the SC McNair Orientation*



*Graduate school advice panel at SC McNair Orientation*



*Brittney Black and Hannah Swan, recipients of the Inez Bell Caskey Award*



*Jose Paramo presenting at the SC McNair Orientation*



*Scholars at Winthrop's Scholar Day on April 30*



# Pictures



*Scholar Jose Paramo, McNair Fans, and Dr. Fortner-Wood*



*Scholars Zach Collier, Brittney Black, and Amy Moore at McNair Taco Thursday*



*Dr. Fortner-Wood and Scholars at McNair Taco Thursday*



*Dr. Fortner-Wood, McNair Fans, and Scholars at McNair Taco Thursday*