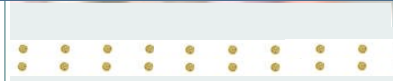




*“Whether or not you reach your goals in life depends entirely on how well you prepare for them and how badly you want them. You’re eagles! Stretch your wings and fly to the sky.” –Ronald E. McNair*

# Winthrop University McNair Scholars Program

*Congratulations to our Graduating Class of May 2018!*



The Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program is a federally-funded TRIO Program that prepares first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented undergraduates to be successful in doctoral programs.



Winthrop’s McNair Scholars Program includes, but is not limited to, a paid summer research experience, faculty mentoring, workshops, GRE and graduate school application preparation, graduate financial aid assistance, and travel to present research and explore graduate program. Learn more at <http://www.mcnairscholars.com>

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*Dr. Andrew Doyle (HIST); Stanley Kennedy; Maddie Diaz; Quviah Streater; and Dr. Nick Grossoehme (CHEM)*

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*Dr. Nathaniel Frederick (MCOM); Maryssa Shanteau-Jackson; Barb Yeager, Executive Support Specialist; Brittany McCarver; Jesslyn Park; Autumn Leggins; and Dr. Kori Bloomquist (SCWK)*

Front Row Left to R:

*Gabby Lee; Dr. Fortner-Wood, Program Director; Raven Temoney; and Ashley Watson, Graduate Associate*



## Where are we headed? McNair Class of 2018

Maddie Diaz	Gap year
Stanley Kennedy	Gap year
Gabby Lee	Gap year
Autumn Leggins	Gap year
Brittany McCarver	UNC Chapel Hill
Jesslyn Park	UC San Francisco
Maryssa Shanteau-Jackson	Gap year
Jalen Smith	George Washington University
Quviah Streater	Wake Forest University
LaRaven Temoney	University of Florida



## Lake City, SC Trip

On May 14, 2018 we made a return trip to the birthplace of Ron E. McNair. This trip continues to make an impact on our scholars, who always emphasize how important it is to learn about the program's namesake.



*Scholars listen closely to Mr. Clyde Bess, the McNair Life History Center manager*



*The 2018 Summer Scholars pose for photos!*



*We had to get at least one serious picture :)*







Scholar	Mentor	Project Title
Ana Barkley	Dr. Sherrell Fuller	Invisible Barriers: Experiences of First-Generation, Low-Income Students Navigating Academia
Monejah Black	Dr. Nathaniel Frederick	Shut Up and Dribble: How Twitter Users Attempt to Mute Athlete Opinion
Caity Boudreaux	Dr. Darren Ritzer	Prevalence of academic entitlement and potential transferability to job entitlement
Sierra Davis	Dr. Wendy Sellers	The Impact of Long-Term International Travel on the Socio-Political Consciousness of South Carolina students
Jasmine Goode	Dr. Merry Sleigh	Knowledge, Personality, and Race Predict Perceptions of Gun Control and School Shootings
Olivia Greathouse	Dr. Kristen Abernathy	A Mathematical Model of Controlling the Spread of Cholera through Disinfection, Vaccination, and Quarantine
Ali Maclay	Dr. Courtney Guenther	The impact of generalized anxiety disorder on academic performance in undergraduate students following a brief guided meditation
Shemeika McCray	Dr. Joni Boyd	Understanding the Perceptions of Dry Needling in NCAA Division I Athletes
Marlin McKnight	Dr. Jason Hurlbert	Xanthomonas Cynarae FK-506 Binding Protein
Marissa McNeace	Dr. Donna Nelson	Predictors of Frequency and Type of Social Support Seeking in Response to Stress
Chandani Mitchell	Dr. Kathryn Kohl	Locating Mutagen-sensitivity Gene mus109 in the Drosophila melanogaster Genome Using Deficiency Mapping
Juliana Quay	Dr. Jason Hurlbert	Expression and Purification of a Novel Calcium-Binding Protein, EfhX, Necessary for Phytopathogenesis in Xanthomonas Strains
Ta'Niss Robinson	Dr. Darren Ritzer	A Look at Mentorship in a Structured Undergraduate Program
Tim Smith	Dr. Adrienne Edwards	Familial and community influences on the sports socialization of Black boys: A case study
Jessica Stevens	Dr. Zachary Abernathy	A Mathematical Model for Tumor Growth and Treatment Using Virotherapy
James White III	Dr. Joni Boyd	Effects of a Single Bout of Yoga on Self-Esteem, Self-Efficacy, and Happiness of Winthrop Students
Destinee Waddy	Dr. Tyrone Ceaser	The relationship between nature connectedness and physical activity patterns in a sample of collegiate students and staff
Kalea Young-Gibson	Dr. Merry Sleigh	Entitlement, Empathy, and Dark Triad Predict Political Attitudes and Knowledge

## 24th Annual SAEOPP McNair/SSS Scholars Conference

June 28-July 1, 2018, scholars travelled to the annual SAEOPP McNair/SSS Scholars conference in Atlanta, Georgia, to present their summer research projects. Winthrop took 18 scholars to present, and three of our scholars won awards! We are so proud of all of our scholars' hard work this summer.



*Scholars and Staff at SAEOPP*

Winthrop McNair Scholar	Presentation Title	Place 
Chandani Mitchell	Locating Mutagen-sensitivity Gene mus109 in the Drosophila melanogaster Genome Using Deficiency Mapping	1st—Life Science
Ta’Niss Robinson	A Look at Mentorship in a Structured Undergraduate Program	1st—Social Science
Kalea Young-Gibson 	Entitlement, Empathy, and Dark Triad Predict Political Attitudes and Knowledge	2nd—Social Science



*Scholars and staff with Carl McNair and SAEOPP president , Selena Blair*

## Scholar Among Scholars Award

At the McNair Dinner on July 13th, Chandani Mitchell was presented with the Scholar Among Scholars Award. The award was originally created in honor of Lauren Green’s exceptional work during the SRE, but now each cohort votes for the cohort member they believe best exemplifies the qualities of a McNair scholar. The 2018 cohort praised Chandani in many ways, noting that she “is smart, dedicated, charming, and passionate about her research,” and that she “always has a smile on her face...despite her troubles.” Congratulations Chandani!



## A Letter from Our Graduate Associate, Ashley Watson

Starting in August, I will be a school psychology trainee in Fort Mill Schools, meaning my time as the McNair GA must sadly come to an end. As I sit here reflecting on what to say, I am confronted with numerous emotions. As excited as I am for this new chapter of my training as a school psychologist, I am disappointed it means leaving this amazing program.

Scholars and alumni, thank you for letting me be a part of your lives, even if only for a brief period. Getting to know all of you was one of the greatest blessings of my life, and I will cherish the friendships I have made with all of you forever. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors, and please keep me updated on your successes—which I know will be numerous!

Cheryl, Barb, Stephanie, and Amanda, thank you for seeing potential in me and allowing me the opportunity to work alongside you in this role. I will always cherish the time we spent together, the stories and laughs we shared, and the mentorship you all provided me. I’m sure I’ll be back to pester all of you when I’m on campus, so I refuse to say a true goodbye just yet.

Love always,

Ashley



# Recent McNair Photos



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