



*"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

## Director's Discourse

I am so blessed to be the Director of Winthrop's McNair program. I work with amazing people (Dean Jones, Barb, Kayla, Stephanie, Amanda, Dr. Hayes, our Advisory Board, and faculty mentors from all over campus) to support outstanding, driven students, each of whom has gifts to change the world for the better. Over the past year, we have been particularly fortunate to be visited by many alumni. Thank you for reaching out via email, text, or in person. One of my favorite things to do in the McNair suite is sit on our comfy red couch with past, present, or

future McNair Scholars to strategize about how to leverage resources and seize opportunities for professional and personal growth.

Looking ahead: In 2019-2020, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Winthrop's McNair program. Be on the look-out for requests for input and updates from our new GA, McNair Alum Jasmine Goode. -Dr. FW

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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>





## Florida International University

In October 2018, Scholars Kalea Young-Gibson and Eva Coleman-Owusu (pictured to the right) presented research at the Florida International University McNair Scholars Research Conference. Both scholars placed in the Top 3 at SAEOPP in their respective years (Eva, 2017 and Kalea, 2018) and Kalea earned 2nd Place at the conference held at FIU.

## McNair Scholars Research



*Kalea (left) and Eva (right)*

## Scholar Adventures



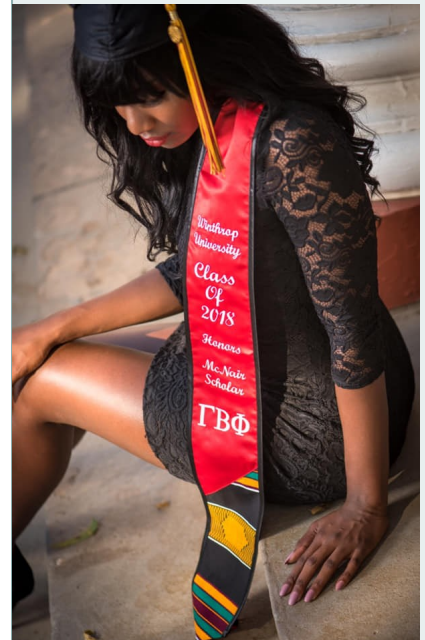
Scholars Timothy Smith, Ximena Perez, and Ta’Niss Robinson with Don Asher at the 2018 Institute on Teaching and Mentoring Conference in Arlington, VA.



*Dr. Fortner-Wood and Eva at December commencement*

## Congratulations to Our Recent Graduate, Eva Coleman-Owusu!

McNair graduate, Eva Coleman-Owusu received a B.A. in Integrated Marketing Communications with a minor in Legal Studies/Pre-Law. Eva recently accepted a position as a cast member at the Walt Disney World Resort and will be starting graduate school in the fall of 2019. Eva received a honorary McNair cord to wear at her graduation, a McNair pin, and one of our stainless steel McNair tumblers for her hard work in the McNair Program. We are so excited for and proud of you, Eva!



*President Dan Mahoney and Eva*



*Senior Scholars at Eva's Celebration*



## Winthrop McNair Hosts A Successful Program Information Session

On October 4, we hosted our annual program information sessions. During this time, we briefly discuss what Winthrop's McNair Program entails and how to apply. We ended the session with time for students to ask any questions they may have. We had about 20 students to attend and as a result of our efforts, we received 25 applications for our program this year!

## McNair Scholars Awards Corner

McNair Scholars, current and alumni, have received several awards for their outstanding work. Ana Barkley recently won an honorable mention from the Elie Wiesel Foundation Prize in Ethics Essay Contest for her essay on the ethics of suffering, oppression, and newfound privilege. Alumni scholar Jordan Lewis also recently received the Best Graduate Student Poster award at the 2018 South Eastern Population Ecology and Evolutionary Genetics Conference at UVA.



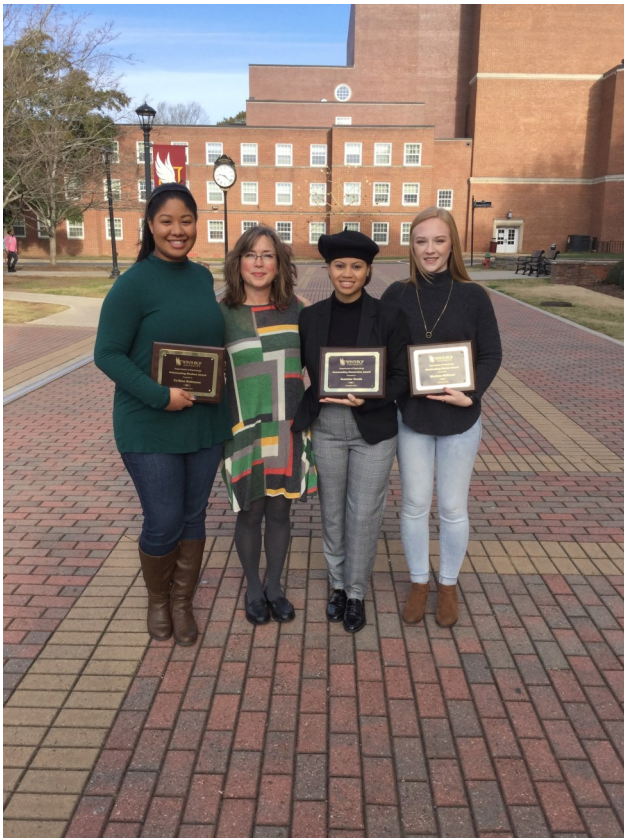
*Ana Barkley*



*Jordan Lewis*

## Psychology Department Awards

At the end of the fall semester, three scholars received awards from the Department of Psychology.



From Left to Right:

Scholar Ta’Niss Robinson received the Outstanding Student Award, an award given to a student who excels in all areas- research, service, engagement, and scholarship. This award will go to the most well-rounded candidate.

Scholar Jasmine Goode received the Outstanding Researcher Award, which is given to a student who is strong in many areas, but demonstrates exceptional research skills (independent work, work with multiple mentors, conference presentations, etc).

Scholar Marissa McNeace received the Outstanding Scholar Award, which is given to the psychology major with the highest overall grade point average who completed at least 65 hours of coursework (i.e.- the majority of their coursework) at Winthrop University.

## Recent McNair Photos



## Fast Facts About Our Graduate Associate, Kayla Tucker

1. I graduated from the University of Maryland College Park in May of 2016 with a B.A. in Psychology and minor in Human Development and Quantitative Methodology. I am currently in the School Psychology Graduate Program at Winthrop.
2. Prior to coming to Winthrop, I was a research assistant for the Prevention and Early Adversity Research Lab, housed at the University of Maryland College Park.
3. I'm a Marylander raised by Southern transplants as both of my parents have roots in South Carolina.
4. I'm into all things health, wellness, self care, and sustainability.
5. I'm passionate about working with at-risk children (especially 0-5) and I hope to work with them again in the future!



## Dean Jones Visits MCNR 302

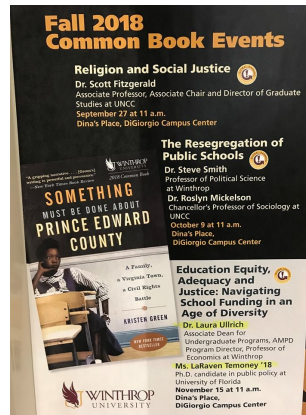
In November, Dean Jones visited MCNR 302: McNair Graduate Application Preparation to discuss budgeting in graduate school. One of her teaching moments involved each scholar receiving \$5!



## A Visit from Alumna, Muri Howle (Mata)

In October, we were surprised by a visit from McNair Alumna, Muri Howle and her baby. We were also visited by Winthrop Alumna Raven Temoney, who came to share some of her University of Florida graduate school experiences with the current senior scholars. Raven was also a panelist for "Education Equity, Adequacy and Justice: Navigating School Funding in an Age of Diversity" at the Fall 2018 Common Book Event at the DiGiorgio Student Center.

We love seeing alumni scholars!



Common Book Events poster featuring Raven



Muri Howle

## Recent McNair Photos (cont.)



## Dr. Ronald E. McNair Celebration

On January 28, 2018, we honored Dr. McNair with a celebration. In the morning we had Tang, and pastries, and in the afternoon we had a hearty lunch featuring some of Dr. McNair's favorite foods to include, BBQ pork (vinegar-based), rice and gravy, green beans, and fruit. Current scholars, alumni scholars, and advisory board members participated. We even had a surprise visit from Dr. Mahony!



*From Left to Right:  
Jasmine, Destinee, Kellie, Shameika, Amanda, and Chandani*



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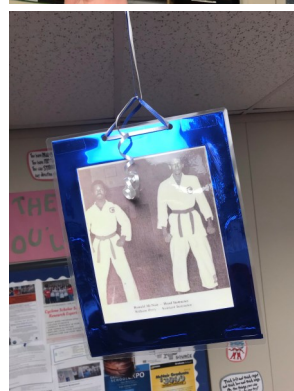
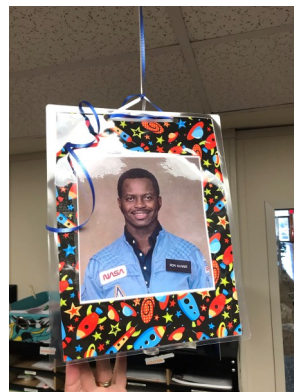
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*Scholars, Dr. Fortner-Wood, and Dr. Mahony*