



MCNAIR SCHOLARS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Graduation Application Due:

Remember to apply for graduation prior to March 5th, 2012 if you would like your name printed in the commencement packet.

Research Journal Published

The digital version of the *McNair Scholars Research Journal* has been published! You can read our Scholars' work at

<http://commons.emich.edu/mcnair/>

Congratulations Walter Reggans!

A graduate student in EMU's Economics Department, Walter had a paper, "The Predictable Cycle of Culture, Institutions, and Economic Development" accepted for presentation at the National Association of African American Studies conference in Baton Rouge, LA

Congratulations Julie Krupa,

second year Scholar majoring in Psychology and Criminology, who was awarded an Honors Undergraduate Fellowship for the Winter of 2012.

Congratulations Brittany Galloway!

Brittany received the Evans Strand Diversity Award at the EMU Martin Luther King Luncheon on January 16th 2012.

Congratulations Dr. Betty Brown-Chappell, former McNair Director and Social Work Professor, who was awarded the University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award.

COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

The MSS Canned Food Drive officially ended December 15, 2011. MSS collaborated with P.R.S.S.A. (Personal Relations Student Society of America) and V.A.C. and together were successful.



Courtney Williams

Cherese Colston

For many people the holidays would seem incomplete without a meal to share with family and friends. Students from Eastern Michigan University (EMU) recognized this need and hosted a food drive so that those without could have something to make their season brighter.

"I think around the holidays you want to make sure that everyone has something to eat," says Courtney Williams, a member of the McNair Scholar Society at EMU. "You become more aware that people don't; especially around the holidays you want to make sure everyone's ok."

Williams, the fundraising chair of the McNair Scholar Society, helped deliver the food donations with Cherese Colston, the community relations chair of the McNair Scholar Society and president of Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

The two EMU student organizations—the McNair Scholar Society (comprised of students from the McNair Scholars Program) and the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) embarked on a collaborative effort to host a food drive on campus.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

Dr. Heather Neff, the McNair Program Director, proposed two panels for the Martin Luther King Academic Sessions, “Breaking Down Barriers: You CAN Go to Graduate School” and “Inequalities in Education: New Research by EMU McNair Scholars.”

“Inequalities in Education: New Research by EMU McNair Scholars” presented research about unequal treatment of minorities in American education. Jennifer Alexander, Lanita Sledge, Victor Torres and Sade Wilson discussed the outcomes of their research. Their projects included the biases against mixed-race students, the impact of family support, the gap in rates of disciplinary suspensions and the problems of speech therapist misdiagnosis.

“Breaking Down Barriers: You CAN Go to Graduate School” was a session that examined the barriers that keep many students from considering graduate education, and offered suggestions on graduate success. This panel included Dr. Deb de-Laski Smith, Dean of EMU’s School of Graduate Research, Edward Davis, Assistant Director of Development at the EMU Foundation, Dr Stephen Jefferson, Professor of Psychology and current EMU graduate students Kristal Davis, Justin Ford and Shayna Rodriguez.

Several Scholars volunteered with the M.L.K. committee to moderate, usher and present their work during the M.L.K. Celebrations on campus. First year Scholars Caprisha Curry, Mayra Rivas and Brunette Robinson were moderators and ushers. Second year Scholars Chereese Colston and Courtney Raymond were moderators and ushers. Senior Scholar Courtney Williams was a moderator and an usher.

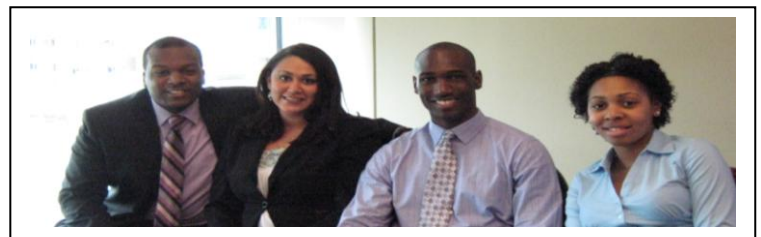
Jennifer Alexander, Lanita Sledge, Victor Torres and Sade Wilson were speakers for the “Inequalities in Education” panel. McNair Graduate Assistants Justin Ford and Shayna Rodriguez were speakers on the “Breaking Down Barriers” panel.



Brunette Robinson, Courtney Raymond, Isra Daraisch, Chereese Colston



Courtney Williams, Caprisha Curry, Kerri Boles, Brunette Robinson, Brittany Galloway, Chereese Colston, Courtney Raymond, Mayra Rivas.



Edward Davis, Shayna Rodriguez, Justin Ford, Kristal Davis



Lanita Sledge, Victor Torres, Jennifer Alexander, Sade Wilson

MINORITY STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR

The McNair Scholars Program participated in Eastern Michigan's Minority Student Organization Fair on January 14, 2012. Carmen Grange, second year Scholar, and Courtney Williams, senior McNair Scholar, ran the McNair Scholars' table, informing students and other guests about the program, and also sold tee-shirts. The Minority Student Organization Fair was a part of EMU's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

Brittany Galloway, a second year Scholar was awarded the Evans Strand Diversity Award on January 16th, 2012. Brittany was presented this award for promoting diversity and inclusion throughout the campus of EMU.

Brittany was also named "AKA of the Year" by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Brittany is majoring in Public Relations and Sports Management and minoring in Marketing. She works for EMU's Residential Life and Diversity and Community Involvement Department.

Brittany is from Lansing Michigan. She aspires to attend Northwestern University in Illinois to pursue her masters and PH.D.

Brittany explains, "McNair is a blessing to me; it is giving me the opportunity to achieve my dreams. As the first person in my family to attend college, McNair is allowing me to go above and beyond what I thought I could I achieve."

Brittany hopes to gain research experience, GRE preparation, mentorship, friends, and learning about her field of interest and she is well on her way!

Brittany's advice to new Scholars is, "Embrace the experience, actually listen to advice given to you, and above all, be free and happy!"

