Announcements, Events & Reminders!

Fundraising:
Our recent Valentine’s Day fundraiser raised $65 for McNair Program projects.

Cultural Events:
Ann Arbor Symphony’s performance of Rimsky-Korsakov’s Scheherazade on March 15th, from 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Michigan Theater. SIGN UP!

Registration for Summer and Fall Begins on March 19th
Honors Students with 60 or more credits begin registering at 8am; those with 59 credits or fewer can register from noon.
Non-Honors students:
Seniors — March 22nd
Juniors — March 25th
Sophomores — March 26th
Freshman — March 27th
See an Advisor in your Major!

Attendance Required!!
Graduate Research Fair:
Monday, March 18th in the SC
Undergraduate Symposium:
Friday, March 22nd in the SC
McNair presenters T.B.A.

Apply to Graduate School!!
EMU Graduate Fair!
Saturday, April 6th 10am-Noon - SC ballroom- register online

McNair Scholars Society:
Meetings on Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Future meetings: March 13th & March 27th

Scholars at the Detroit Opera House for “The Lion King” on February 23rd
Pictured left to right: Mayra Rivas, Caprisha Curry, Yasmeen Prince, Mimi Bass, Cherese Colston, Naelah Burks, Nate Winston, Tan McKay, Marcia Molett, Jazmin Rodgers. THANK YOU TO GREGG COSTANZO AND CAMPUS LIFE!

Don’t Miss Out! Apply for Scholarships:

First things first: FILL OUT YOUR FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov! Select the Work-Study option to be eligible for jobs on campus!

EMU also has a scholarship database on the financial aid website. On this database you can search for specific scholarships based on individual criteria or browse through all of the scholarships in alphabetical order. You may qualify for multiple scholarships. Read carefully: this could mean additional money for your education!

There are also scholarships available in your major or through the College of Education, College of Arts and Sciences, etc. This database is very user-friendly and offers many options for finding scholarships, as well as other tips from Financial Aid.

Clink on the link below for “Undergraduate Students” and apply for the Emerald Scholarship for $1,500 - $4,500, which is renewable until you graduate, or the Leadership Award, for $1,000. Both scholarship applications are due March 15th and may require recommendations and a personal statement. Be sure to ask the McNair staff for application assistance.

To access the Scholarship Database, go to: http://www.emich.edu/finaid/scholarships.php
APPLY TODAY!
Sylvia Torres, Future Forensic Chemist

Cadet Scholar from Cleveland, Ohio
Mentor: Dr. Ruth Anne Armitage

Why did you choose to major in Chemistry?
My love for science started my freshman year of high school. I had an amazing science teacher who loved what he taught and engaged his kids in it. My senior year of high school I took honors chemistry with another amazing teacher and I fell in love.

What’s your professional goal?
I would like to be a Forensic Chemist. Being a part of a team, solving a mystery, and working in a lab just fascinates me!

Tell us about your research. My current research is looking at residue from prehistoric smoking pipes, and how it changes over time. My mentor and I are comparing samples that have been contaminated, cleaned, or untouched to see if the levels of nicotine and its oxidation products differ.

What’s the most difficult part about conducting research? Being able to read the academic journal articles! They are extremely difficult to understand and you get stuck on every other word. Now that I’ve been reading them more often I’ve been able to speed through some and expand my vocabulary.

What’s the best part of doing research?
Working in the lab and actually producing results!

How is the McNair Program helping you accomplish your goals? The question is how is McNair not helping me accomplish my goals! If it weren’t for McNair, I wouldn’t have met the great faculty in my department! I might never have done research or learned about graduate schools. I am so grateful for this opportunity!!

If I’d Known Then What I Know Now...

Mr. Keith Jason, M.A., Educational Leadership Coordinator of Student Services
EMU College of Technology

Why did you come to EMU?
I came to EMU in 1999 with the goal of becoming the Barry Gordy of Gospel music. I completed my B.S. in Business and Marketing, and my M.A. in Educational Leadership.

Here are my words of advice to McNair students: If you have questions, ASK! So many students fall off the map because they don't ask questions. Get to know the people who are here to help you — Advisors, faculty, financial aid people, DPS officers, Residence Life staff. The bigger your network, the easier things can get. Celebrate responsibly! There's nothing wrong with rewarding yourself, but if it starts to interfere with your success you probably want to tone it down!

Try to avoid isolation. We all need time to ourselves, but shutting down and shutting everyone else out usually creates a bigger mess for you to deal with than the one that caused you to shut down. Develop a support system you can trust and depend upon and look to them at your lowest points.

The funniest, craziest, or most important experiences I've had in my academic career are...

(1) Funniest: I took a class with Dr. Neff once. She was talking about Black vernacular and she asked a White person in the class to raise their hand to explain what being “bling” meant. No one in the class did. So I raised my hand. She looked at me and said... "Yes? Oh, no, Keith you don't count as White!" The entire class erupted into laughter.

(2) Craziest: Have you ever seen the “Hangover 2”? Well... It was nothing like that, but it did involve a trip with one of my guys, a snowstorm, college girls, the police and waking up somewhere I didn't recognize. I'll spare the boring details though...

(3) Most important: The exploration of my own faith. I won't get too preachy, but exploring what I believed and what that meant played a HUGE role in my college success.