Announcements, Events & Reminders!

Commencement
Sunday, April 28th at the Convocation Center. Congratulations to our wonderful Graduating Scholars!

GRE Prep Course
The Princeton Review GRE course will run from May 6th thru June 10, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. The course, which usually costs $1,500, is free to McNair Interns, and $350 to the public. All are welcome! Email kbrown4@emich.edu or call 734/487-8240 to sign up

SROP Participants –
Marcia Molett has been selected to participate in the Future Public Health Leaders program at the University of Michigan.
Mayra Rivas will also conduct research at the University of Michigan. Congratulations!

Snack & Study
Get ready for exams! Come to the Student Center Ballroom, April 18th and 19th from 9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m. and enjoy snacks while you study!!

Cultural Events
Subverting Modernism – Cass Corridor Revisited 1966 – 1980. The exhibit will run until April 28th in the University Gallery, Student Center.

McNair Scholars Society:
Last Meeting of the Year Wednesday, April 10th 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Wise Hall.

Congratulations to our 2012-2013 Graduates!
Kerrie Boles, Shanilinin Calderon, Cherese Colston, Isra Daraiseh, Kristal Davis (combined Bachelor’s and Master’s), Brittany Galloy, Carmen Grange, Kimaya Hudgins, Yasmeen Prince, Lanita Sledge and Sadé Wilson

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!!

Caprisha Curry & her mentor, Dr. Dennis Patrick, after Caprisha’s research presentation at the 2013 Undergraduate Symposium

Celebration of Excellence
April 15th 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Carillon Room of Halle Library

Another incredibly busy school year is coming to an end and we look forward to celebrating your many accomplishments at our annual Celebration of Excellence!

This year our keynote speaker will be Dr. Lynn Wooten, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Students at the Stephen M. Ross Business School, University of Michigan. Caprisha Curry, McNair class of 2014, will be our Mistress of Ceremonies.

We will be recognizing Scholar-Graduates, as well as Scholars who have participated in the McNair Scholars Society, Undergraduate Symposium, Summer Research Opportunity Programs and our Faculty Mentors. Dress up, Scholars!! No jeans allowed!
Lanita Sledge
EMU Ambassador!

What is your program of study and what made you choose this program?
My program is Secondary Education with a concentration in Mathematics & Health. I’ve always wanted to help urban youth academically, emotionally and to provide assistance to them in reaching their goals, starting with an education.

What has been the most challenging part of your undergraduate degree?
Student teaching. I’m no longer creating this dream classroom with perfect lessons. No matter how prepared I am before a lesson, I always revise and change each lesson dependent on my students' level of interest, motivation and understanding. As challenging as it is, it's just as much rewarding.

What made you decide to teach in Korea with the TaLK Program?
I've always wanted to travel overseas and Korea is a place I didn't know much about and knew that many people never have been. I love to teach and teaching English to elementary students was a challenge I was up for. The language barrier wasn't as bad as many people would think either. Koreans are so nice! We would play charades and use translation apps on phones to be able to communicate.

How has McNair helped you to accomplish your goals?
The McNair program has opened my future to greater heights in life such as going to graduate school and doing academic research. The relationships I’ve gained throughout the program have helped me grow into a mature, fearless, and driven woman - to know that all things are possible.

You got into Syracuse, Teacher College of Columbia, and University of Maryland - How does it feel to have had all your hard work pay off?
I never thought I would get accepted into the Teachers College of Columbia! This has been a very humbling experience and has shown me that being an honest, motivated individual does pay off. I just hope that my life can be an example and motivator for other students. We are capable of accomplishing whatever our dreams may be and no matter where you come from, all that matters is where you are going and how you treat others along the way.

Ask a Mentor
Dr. Sylvia Jones

Pictured with Carmen Grange, one of her mentees

Where are you from and where did you go to college?
I was an undergrad major in English Lit and a minor in French form the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Durham NC is my hometown. I came to the University of Michigan and received degrees in Speech and Language Pathology and Education. I also had a post-doctoral fellowship in the study of low birth-weight infants.

What made you choose the field you are in?
In reality, I began teaching my dolls when I was three, yet as an adolescent wanted to be ANYTHING but a teacher--even one of those guys who used to walk behind the horses in New Orleans, cleaning up their poop. My parents were both college professors, so I wanted to be anything but!

What is the most rewarding part about being a Professor and teaching others?
The best parts are getting paid for reading, learning and watching students grow as intellectuals.

What were the challenges of getting your degree(s) and what advice do you have for McNair students as they strive to reach their goals?
The challenges that were the most difficult in undergrad were related to race and gender: I was one of 25 undergrads (25,000 students in all) of color at Carolina back in the day. That was tough.

In addition, one of my French professors asked me out, I said no and never did quite as well in his classes after that. In fact, I switched my major to English Lit as a result. (I still use my French and always have a piece of fiction and a piece of non-fiction on my bedside table for nightly reading, so I haven't lost my passion for either.)

I was also a wife and a mother as a graduate student. That was VERY difficult — remember wanting to spend so much more time studying than I could. My advice would therefore be not to fall in love!

Mentors: Dr. Deborah Harmon & Regina George