McNair Scholars SmartNews

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Announcements, Events & Reminders!

Cultural Event:
*Merchant of Venice:*
October 19th & October 27th
Students will meet at 6:45pm at EMU Quirk Theater

Graduate School Visit:
University of Toledo- November 2nd
Leave at 9am- return by 5pm
Also go to Toledo Art Museum!
MANDATORY EVENT
RSVP soon with Kimberly!

Community Service:
SafeHouse Center Donation Drive: partnered with the Women’s Resource Center to collect donations for those in shelter at SafeHouse Center. Boxes in the Student Center and Wise Hall- Drive ends on October 29th

EMU Graduate School Fair:
November 10th at EMU 10am-Noon.
Fee waivers for applications- Reserve a spot today!

McNair Fundraising:
Look out for upcoming Dine and Donate events!

McNair Scholars Society:
Meetings on Wednesday’s 3:30-4:30pm Upcoming meetings are October 17th, 24th, Nov. 7th, & Nov. 14th

Upcoming Deadlines:
Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program: Due 10/31/12
Honors Study Abroad Scholarship: Due 12/3/12

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Dr. Heather Neff, McNair Director
A team of grant writers and McNair supporters from across the University came together to write a proposal for a Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program during the 2011-2012 academic year. The EMU McNair Scholars Program received notice of funding from the Department of Education for a new, 5-year grant cycle in late August. Under the provisions of our new grant, 35 students from McNair’s target population will receive advising support, opportunities for mentored research and graduate admissions assistance. Our Scholars will be encouraged to participate in the new “McNair in London” study abroad experience for eight days in late April, 2013. While in London we’ll visit university campuses, historical sites and enjoy great international cuisine. Scholars may also take advantage of the computers in our new “tech center,” located in the McNair office suite in Wise Hall. The McNair staff is looking forward to a great five years with our wonderful, talented students!

McNair Scholars Research Journal Volume 5
Congratulations to the newly published Scholars:
Kerrie Boles, Shanilinin Calderon, Cherese Colston, Brittany Galloway, Kimaya Hudgins, Carmen Grange, Julie Krupa, Briana McKoy, LaPorsche Smith and Courtney Raymond

Research also published on the Digital Commons @ EMU
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1. What is your Major/Minor?
Major: Physics Research Minor: Astronomy

2. What do you want to be when you grow up?
When I grow up I would like to be an Astronaut!

3. What kind of research are you interested in doing/currently working on?
I am most interested in researching Astronomical events. I am currently developing research regarding Energetic Charged Particle Collisions (Which basically means I am studying which particle collisions cause specific light emissions of the Aurora Borealis- the cause of the colors of the aurora.)

4. What do you want to get your Ph.D. in?
I would like to get my Ph.D. in Astrophysics. I am currently undecided as to which school I would like to attend but I am interested in Harvard, Alaska or University of Michigan.

5. What do you like to do in your spare time?
In my spare time I like to read and play volleyball.

6. Why you love McNair?
I LOVE McNair because it has not only granted me the opportunity to tackle individual undergraduate research and prepare for graduate studies, but it has also stood behind me as a motive for success in all of my endeavors.

Meet the new Graduate Assistant!
-Kelli Dowd (and Josie the kitten!)

Kelli is super excited to be working with McNair! She is originally from Milford, MI where she grew up with her parents, brother and sister. She came to EMU in 2003 to start her undergraduate degree in Women & Gender Studies & Nonprofit Administration. Kelli was an RA in the Towers for two years and coordinated the Alternative Breaks program with the VISION volunteer center. In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast and by the following spring Kelli was helping to coordinate students to travel there and volunteer with the relief efforts. Throughout 2006 and into 2007 she took multiple trips down to New Orleans to volunteer. By 2007, she left EMU and joined AmeriCorps at Tulane University and City Park of New Orleans, to continue to do work down there. After living in New Orleans for 2 ½ years (and meeting the love of her life) Kelli moved to Brooklyn, New York for 6 months and joined another AmeriCorps program with the New York Restoration Project, a program creating urban gardens and planting trees throughout the city. The competitive spirit of New York led Kelli back to EMU to finish her undergraduate degree and continue into her master’s. She is currently studying Higher Education- Student Affairs and hopes to run a volunteer center, women’s center or another program committed to student success (like McNair!) at a university.

Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)

The Summer Research Opportunity Program is a great opportunity for McNair students to spend their summer doing research at a major university. As many of you may already know two of our McNair students did an SROP this past summer, Mayra Rivers and Briana McKoy. Mayra spent her summer doing research at the University of Michigan in their Future Public Health Leaders program. Briana went to southern California this summer to the Academic Research Consortium at the University of California- Santa Barbara. Both students had an incredible summer and because they participated in SROP’s they both are at an advantage over other students as they apply to schools.

Apply to an SROP this year!
Applications for SROP’s will be accepted beginning November 1st- February 10th 2013

There are 7 sections in the application: Personal Info, Academic Info, Research Statement of 250 words, Personal Statement of 250 words, Institution Selection, Letters of Recommendation, & Undergraduate Transcripts. There is plenty of time to start gathering the necessary materials for the application, and locations will be available beginning November 1st. This is paid research. SROP’s include a stipend of up to $5,000 for an 8-10 week project, as well as travel expenses, a place to live and in many cases, even all of your meals are covered. What a great opportunity to get out there and show the world what you’ve got! To find out more information about SROP’s, Please go to the following website: www.cic.net/Home/Students/SROP/Home.aspx