Director’s Greetings

As the University of Delaware’s McNair Scholars Program Director, I am delighted to introduce you to the inaugural issue of the McNair Scholars Program Newsletter. A paraphrased quote I live by is, “To whom much is given, much is required.” As a UD alumna, much was given to prepare me for the position I hold today. I intend to “pay it forward” by selecting 25 talented rising juniors and seniors annually to receive McNair research awards and investing into them, skills of success.

In an effort to increase the participation of underrepresented students in undergraduate research, five additional students will continue to be awarded research awards and participate in the McNair Scholars Program as University Undergraduate Scholars (UUS). The McNair and UUS programs purposes to prepare, empower, and expose talented low-income, first generation and underrepresented students toward the pursuit of post-baccalaureate education to doctoral degree attainment. Through a collaborative mentoring environment and simulated graduate school experience, students will gain the competencies needed to graduate as distinguished scholars with enhanced critical thinking, leadership, research methodology, intercultural and communication skills.

Our program theme, “In the Spirit of Excellence” will be reflected by highlighting the research and experiential learning experiences of our distinguished scholars in each issue of our newsletter. This issue will introduce you to our dynamic 2011–2012 McNair/UUS Scholar cohort and staff and highlight accomplishments and events of 2011. Enjoy reading the scholar profiles, featured highlights from summer and fall McNair seminars, research conference reflections, alumni spotlights, graduate school preparation tips, resources and announcements. Stay connected by viewing the next issue online at mcnair.udel.edu.
Scholars Spotlight

ANGELICA’S STORY
Over this past summer I had the amazing opportunity to be a McNair Scholar and participate in undergraduate research. I was also very fortunate to be able to work with Dr. Barret Michalec, a professor in the Sociology Department and McNair faculty mentor. Dr. Michalec’s research interests include Health and Wellness, Doctor-Patient Relations, Medical Education, and Disparities in Health and Healthcare, all of which piqued my interests as a pre-medical student. While I believe that lab-based research would have also been an exciting and interesting experience, I really wanted my research this summer to involve one-on-one interactions with people. Additionally, I wanted my research to focus on a subject that was relatable and personal to me. For those reasons, my research focused on the role of medical interpreters, specifically those that interpret for the Latino patient population.

As a Latina who has family members that have needed to use medical interpreters on various occasions, I knew how important medical interpreters are to the health of Latino patients. Dr. Michalec’s experience with interviewing subjects for his research, as well as his interest in Doctor-Patient Relations and Disparities in Health, enabled him to help me formulate my research and interview questions in order to understand how medical interpreters and their work are perceived by patients and doctors. Through my research I have learned about the different opinions towards the role and importance of medical interpreters. I also learned of the emotional hardships that interpreters experience as a result of their profession.

My experience this summer has opened my eyes to the world of research. The information I gained will help me become a better doctor that understands the importance and role of medical interpreters. I wholeheartedly recommend the McNair Scholars Program to undergraduates interested in research and graduate school.

Angelica Montes is not only a Ronald McNair Scholar, but she is also a University Honors Student and two year recipient of the of the Latina Student of Distinction Award.

SHIRLEEAH’S STORY
As a current junior, McNair Scholar Shirleeah Fayson has truly made concerted efforts to be a well-rounded student and most importantly, a scholar. After transferring to the University of Delaware, Leeah by no means had any interest in slowing down. As an Athletic Training major, she has taken a front role seat in her education by partnering with mentor Dr. Thomas W. Kaminski on several projects.

One of their projects, “The Effects of Kinesio(R) Taping on Ankle Stiffness and Dynamic Balance” was presented at the National Athletic Trainers’ Association 62nd Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia in New Orleans, Louisiana from June 19–22, 2011.

Then on August 10, she presented “The Effect of Ankle Kinesio® Tape on Muscle activation during a Drop Landing Maneuver” at the University of Delaware Undergraduate Research Symposium and later amazed visiting scholars at the University of Delaware 9th Annual National McNair Research Conference by presenting again.

Shirleeah’s experience has motivated her to have future goals of presenting at two more National Athletic Training Association Symposia before she graduates. She also aspires to obtain her DPT in Physical Therapy and work for the Department of Veteran Affairs with the rehabilitation of injured military veterans.
Starting Off on the Right Foot…
Pre-Conference Sets Conference Tone

Thursday, October 13, 2011, set the tone for the 9th Annual McNair Research Conference by initiating a two part pre-conference programmatic element. The night was hosted by McNair Alumni from the University of Delaware and programs across the country. Panel topics included, “Conference Networking Skills,” “How to Brand Yourself as a McNair Scholar” and “Getting the Most out of the Conference.”

Teresita Mariano, Senior McNair Scholar reflected on the experience by saying: “I enjoyed the pre-conference activities because it allowed us to meet McNair Scholars from the other universities. It gave us the opportunity to learn about networking skills and different topics, so that we would be prepared for the conference.”

Passion, Truth and Motivation…
Dr. Freeman Hrabowski Stood and Delivered

Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III, President of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County topped off the second day of the conference with a dynamic conference keynote speech.

Taria Pritchett, Senior Elementary Education Major and UD McNair Scholar reflected on the conference and keynote speech by saying: “It was great to be surrounded by other scholars who believed in being excellent researchers just as much as I did. I was also truly inspired by our speaker Dr. Hrabowski from UMBC!”

The overall sentiments felt by those in attendance can truly be summed up by UD McNair Scholar Cody Prang who said “Dr. Hrabowski’s talk was incredibly inspiring, motivational and unforgettable.”

Carving Pathways to Scholastic Advancement…
Graduate School Fair Showcases Options for Graduate Studies

Navigating the graduate school process can be intimidating and overwhelming to the aspiring undergraduate scholar. However, as conference hosts, the University of Delaware McNair Program insured these feelings were put to rest by providing an extensive Graduate School Fair. With over 81 graduate school programs in attendance, conference attendees, in addition to University of Delaware students, took part and were truly appreciative to meet some of their choice schools face-to-face and ask some of those critical graduate school questions.
“At this year’s McNair Conference I not only shared my research and received valuable feedback, I also gained networking skills and experience, spent time with fellow scholars, and had my academic devotion revitalized by the inspirational words of the keynote speaker. Collectively, these experiences strengthened my dedication to achieving my goals and striving for excellence.”

—Sarah Ackerman
Senior Environmental Science Management Major/UD McNair Scholar

“I had a great time networking with students from other universities. We had the opportunity to share our experiences and I was truly inspired by everyone’s research presentations.”

—Stacey Chambers
Senior Human Services Major/UD McNair Scholar

Brennan Robinson presents his research on “The Color Line: How Skin Color Affects Latino’s Perceptions of Commonality” while receiving questions from Dr. Jacqueline Aldridge, Director of NUCLEUS.

“The McNair Scholars Conference gave the opportunity for scholars across the country to build connections, share each other’s passion in research, and receive recognition. Personally, I was able to gain new insights from presentations, seminars, and conversations with other talented, diverse minds.”

—Kenneth Chen
Senior Neuroscience Major/UD McNair Scholar

The National McNair Research Conference at the University of Delaware was phenomenal. To have organized such a high concentration of first-rate scholars in the making (at the undergraduate level) is special, but to have done so across multiple disciplines is unparalleled. Both poster and oral presentations set a standard of excellence that has positioned the UD McNair Conference to be one of the most competitive research conferences in the region. I am more than confident that Dr. McNair would be proud.”

—Glenn Love
Coppin State University/McNair Scholar

Kenneth Chen entertains questions from attendees as he shares his research findings regarding “Assessment of bdnf DNA Methylation in the Developing Amygdala Associated with Caregiving.”
Words of Reflection from University of Delaware Faculty/Staff Judges and Moderators

A diverse group of University of Delaware faculty, administrators and students served as moderators and judges at the 9th Annual National McNair Research Conference that took place October 13–15, 2011.

“I thoroughly enjoyed serving as a moderator,” says Dr. Jacqueline N. Aldridge, Assistant Dean for Access and Academic Development Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Delaware. “I think students from all over did an outstanding job presenting their projects. More specifically, students really showcased their professional development and etiquette during the oral presentations by asking engaging questions and providing insightful feedback to their peers after each presentation. I thought that was most impressive.”

Moderators and judges were busy throughout the two-day conference as they observed presentations from McNair scholars representing colleges and universities from as far away as Texas and Michigan.

“I was blown away by how prepared the students were,” says Jamal Eric Watson, a professor of English at the University of Delaware who served as a judge during one of the weekend panel sessions. “They really knew their research and came ready to defend their work.”

Spirit of Excellence Research Presentation Award Winners

Business:
- Sam Liu – Temple University (oral)

Education:
- Amber Williams – University of Mississippi / Tougaloo College (oral)

Humanities:
- Christopher Davis – CUNY-Hunter College (oral)
- Keisha Gonzalez – Cleveland State University (poster)

Sciences:
- Brandi Cannon – Sam Houston State University (oral)
- Kenneth Chen – University of Delaware (poster)

Social Sciences:
- Thomas (Cody) Prang – University of Delaware (poster)

Social & Public Policy:
- Brenna James – University of Delaware (oral)
Current McNair/UUS Scholars

SENIORS

Name: Sarah Ackerman
Hometown: Wilmington, DE
Academic Status: Senior
Academic Program: Agricultural and Natural Resource Management
Research: Shad Restoration in the White Clay Creek
Mentor: Dr. Gerald Kauffman

Name: Joanna Adadevoh
Hometown: Lagos, Nigeria
Academic Status: Senior
Academic Program: Chemical Engineering
Research Project: The Effect of Ammonia on the Glycosylation Pattern of Monoclonal Antibodies
Mentor: Dr. B. A. Ogunnaike

Name: James Campbell
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Academic Status: Senior
Academic Program: Sociology & Criminal Justice
Research Project: Race and Politics: The 2008 Obama Campaign and Presidency
Mentor: Dr. Gerald Turkel

Name: Stacey Chambers
Hometown: Wilmington, DE
Academic Status: Senior
Academic Program: Human Services
Research Project: African American Single Motherhood: The Strength of Kinship Networks
Mentor: Dr. Bahira Trask

Name: Kenneth Chen
Hometown: Madison, NJ
Academic Status: Senior
Academic Program: Neuroscience
Research Project: Assessment of bdnf DNA methylation in the developing amygdala associated with caregiving.
Mentor: Dr. Tania Roth

Name: Sharline Derosier
Hometown: Seaford, DE
Academic Status: Senior
Academic Program: Elementary Teacher Education
Research Project: Student Teachers’ Challenges Throughout Student Teaching Experience and Efficacy
Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Soslau

Name: Deon Knights
Hometown: Marabella, Trinidad and Tobago
Academic Status: Senior
Academic Program: Geology
Research Project: Analysis of Pore Water Chemistry along Indian River, Delaware
Mentor: Dr. Holly Michael

Name: Juliette Fombi
Hometown: Bamenda, Cameroon
Academic Status: Senior
Academic Program: Biological Sciences
Research Project: Parental Language and Gesture production in response to Electronic and Non-electronic Toys
Mentor: Dr. Roberta Golinkoff
**Current McNair/UUS Scholars**

**SENIORS (CONTINUED)**

Name: Brenna James  
Hometown: Seaford, DE  
Academic Status: Senior  
Academic Program: Political Science and History  
Research Project: Analyzing Obama's Role in the Arab-Israeli Conflict  
Mentor: Dr. Mark Miller and Dr. Dan Green

Name: Teresita Mariano  
Hometown: Dallas, TX  
Academic Status: Senior  
Academic Program: English Education  
Research Project: What Hispanic High School Students Are Expected to Read  
Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Higginbotham

Name: Gabe Mendez  
Hometown: Monroe, NY  
Academic Status: Senior  
Academic Program: Political Science and Communication  
Research Project: Framing Immigration: Media's Influence on Immigration in the 21st Century  
Mentor: Dr. Juliet Dee

Name: Alejandro Morales  
Hometown: Madison, NJ  
Academic Status: Senior  
Academic Program: Neuroscience  
Research Project: Role of ΔFosB Expression in the Developing Hippocampus of Alcohol Exposed Animals  
Mentor: Dr. Anna Klintsova

Name: Taria Pritchett  
Hometown: Wilmington, DE  
Academic Status: Senior  
Academic Program: English Education/Urban Education  
Research Project: Essence Magazine: Tracking the Vision of Black Women  
Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Higginbotham

Name: Cody Prang  
Hometown: Wilmington, DE  
Academic Status: Senior  
Academic Program: Anthropology  
Research Project: The Evolution of the Human Foot  
Mentor: Dr. Karen Rosenberg

Name: Sharonne Temple  
Hometown: Smyrna, DE  
Academic Status: Senior  
Academic Program: Biological Sciences and Chemistry  
Research Project: Zinc Inhibits the Fibrillization of the Amyloidogenic SEVI Precursor, PAP  
Mentor: Dr. Ayyalusamy Ramamoorthy

Name: Ricardo Nieves  
Hometown: Newark, DE  
Academic Status: Senior  
Academic Program: Neuroscience and Spanish  
Research Project: Glutamate Transporter Replacement via Stem Cell Transportation as a Therapeutic Measure for Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury  
Mentor: Dr. Angela Lepore
Current Scholars

SENIORS (CONTINUED)

Name: Brennan Robinson  
Hometown: Wilmington, Delaware  
Academic Status: Senior  
Academic Program: Black American Studies and Political Science  
Mentor: Dr. David Wilson

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

“If we recognize our talents and use them appropriately, and choose a field that uses those talents, we will rise to the top of our field.”

— Dr. Benjamin Carson  
Innovative Surgeon

Congratulations McNair Graduating Scholars

Senior Sendoff Luncheon  
Friday, May 16, 2012  
11am – 1pm  
Café Gelato

Current Scholars

JUNIORS

Name: Maria F. Marquez  
Hometown: Venezuela  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: English: Ethnic and Literature Studies & Spanish  
Research Project: Second Language Acquisition Barriers: Considering Lexicalization Biases  
Mentor: Dr. Roberta M. Golinkoff

Name: Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro  
Hometown: Rockaway, NJ  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: Choral Music Education Major  
Research Project: An Examination of Choral Conductors’ Personalities and Rehearsal Practices  
Mentor: Dr. Duane Cottrell

Name: Amber Beaman  
Hometown: Wilmington, DE  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: Elementary Education, Math Concentration  
Research Project: Teaching Fractions and their Algorithms: A Comparison of Models  
Mentor: Dr. Lynette Overby

Name: Shantel Campbell  
Hometown: Bear, DE  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: Communication; Business Administration and Interactive Media Minor  
Research Project: Deja Vu: The Effects of Shared Service Agreements on Local TV News Content  
Mentor: Dr. Daniel Yanich
Name: Deangie Davis  
Hometown: Newark, DE  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: Psychology and Spanish Language & Culture Double Major  
Research Project: The Role of Education in Street Life Oriented Black Youth and Young Adults  
Mentor: Dr. Yasser Payne

Name: Shirleeah Fayson  
Hometown: Wilmington, DE  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: Athletic Training  
Research Project: The Effect of Ankle Kinesio® Tape on Muscle Activation During a Drop Landing Maneuver  
Mentor: Dr. Thomas W. Kaminski

Name: Karoline Guerrero  
Hometown: New Castle, Delaware  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: Marketing and Management Information Systems  
Research Project: Co-Shopping with Luxury Brands  
Mentor: Dr. Dan Freeman

Name: Quindara Lazenbury  
Hometown: Wilmington, DE  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: Psychology Education  
Research Project: Self-Efficacy and Cultural Differences among Toddlers  
Mentor: Dr. Carroll Izard and Aundrea Wilkins

Name: Angelica Montes  
Hometown: Bear, DE  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: Medical Technology  
Research Project: The Role of Medical Interpreters in Health Care Delivery  
Mentor: Dr. Barret Michalec

Name: Kendall Poole  
Hometown: Newark, DE  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: Exercise Science  
Research Project: Physical and Cognitive Quickness Training in Elderly and Special Populations  
Mentor: Dr. Christopher A. Knight

Name: Min (Sharon) Song  
Hometown: Newark, DE  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: Chemistry and Biochemistry, Biology minor  
Research Project: Covalent Modification of the Coactivator Site of the Human Androgen Receptor  
Mentor: Dr. John T. Koh

Name: Michele Wallace  
Hometown: Mount Vernon, NY  
Academic Status: Junior  
Academic Program: Exercise Science  
Research Project: Performance in Functional Noncopers and Unstable Noncopers With Anterior Cruciate Ligament Deficiency  
Mentor: Dr. Lynn Snyder Mackler and Andrew Lynch, PT
More than a Cohort by a Family of Scholars

In McNair our goals are to develop and build intellectuals that become leaders within their given field. To support such an initiative the McNair Scholars Program works off a cohort model which is similar to the style of learning they will embark on as graduate scholars. In an effort to strengthen the 2011–2012 cohort, an all-day adventure was held at the Roundtop Mountain Resort in the Poconos. Activities included low and high ropes teambuilding courses followed by staff debriefing. The students reflect on the experience with these sentiments:

“The ropes course was fantastic; it was a great way to learn more about everyone in the McNair program.”

—Kendall Poole

“It was a good bonding experience and a good opportunity for us to challenge ourselves.”

—Deon Knights

Goals Achievement…Defining Your Path

How do you find your way throughout life and how do you know if you are on the right path? Well, McNair helped with those concerns by hosting a Goal Achievement Seminar that was led by Program Coordinator, Tiffany Scott, during the summer. Here is how the students were impacted:

“It’s great actually writing your goals so that you keep your focus.”

—Teresita Mariano

“It was a good reminder to stay healthy. This is especially beneficial because of the stressful stage in our lives that many scholars are going through.”

—Deon Knights

“We need to take care of ourselves to be functional and workshops like these helps us to do so through these ten weeks.”

—Taria Pritchett

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Its A State of Mind…How to De-escalate the Stress in Your Life

Psychologist and Counselor Nicole Boyd-Douglas, from the University of Delaware Center for Counseling and Student Development honored us with informative and life-changing information on how we should view stress as scholars.

She allowed the scholars to participate in hands-on activities encouraging scholars to share stories about stressful situations and participating in a meditation exercise to show us just how impactful managing one’s stress can feel, in just a 5-minute exercise. The students reflected on the workshop with the following sentiments:

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Cohort Memories…Through Service, Scholarship & Peer Support

UD Career Services…A One-Stop Shop for Professional Development

Have you ever thought about a special place where they could provide you with the inside scoop on job skill development, interview preparation for employment and graduate school, or even how to present yourself in a 30-second elevator pitch? Well, this is what Steve Sciscione, Senior Associate Director, Career Counseling and Programming, and a Career Consultant for the College of Health Science and Biology majors provided the students during the Career Development Workshop. Here is what the students took away from this seminar:

“Mr. Sciscione was really informative. I liked that he gave us a resume sample and potential interview questions for graduate school.”
—Taria Pritchett

“It was awesome. The Career Services Center is a great resource and I will use it as an alumnus.”
—Sarah Ackerman

“I liked how the speaker was really enthusiastic and passionate about his career. He made me want to utilize the services that they provide more often.”
—Amber Beaman

For more information about the UD Career Services Center please visit www.udel.edu/CSC

Service and Scholarship go Hand-in-Hand!

After receiving an introductory lesson on service learning by Sue Serra, Coordinator of the Office of Service Learning, the McNair Scholars were enlightened on how scholarship and service can overlap in many ways in addition to being an experiential opportunity for in-depth reflection.

The students were soon prompted to take action and contribute to the community through a service-learning activity. Over their summer, the scholars participated in their own reflective experience by volunteering at the Food Bank of Delaware on July 19. The McNair scholars found out firsthand how important and helpful a 17-pound box of groceries can be for an elderly Delawarean. They assisted in preparing 200+ boxes for retired citizens in need. Such an experience gave many scholars a better appreciation for their opportunities in life. Through service they not only came together as a team, but the experience added another dimension to their scholarship and self awareness.

McNair Scholars Excel…Undergraduate Research & Service Scholar Celebratory Symposium 2011

On August 10, 2011, the Spirit of Excellence was alive and well as the University of Delaware Ronald E. McNair Program proved that they were truly evolving experts in their various disciplines. The McNair

Scholars represented 23 out of 200+ undergraduate research scholars that presented at this exhibition of scholarship. The disciplines represented were education, social and hard sciences, public policy, business and communication. For a review of symposium highlights please visit Office of Undergraduate Research & Experiential Learning at urel.udel.edu/symposium/list.
Graduate Tips & McNair Alumni Corner

Alumni Opportunity Announcement

We encourage all alumni to visit the TRIO Alumni Website: www.trioalumni.us and register to take advantage of the network and benefits of being TRIO/McNair Alum.

Alumni Ambassador Network is HERE!

The McNair Scholars Program has created an Alumni Ambassador Network, which will consist of past McNair Scholars who are current graduate students or McNair Alum who completed graduate degrees. The goal of the ambassadorial initiative is to provide the McNair Scholars Program with a resource of past McNair Scholars who will serve as an ongoing advisory and outreach group. McNair Alumni Ambassadors will assist the program staff with creating and facilitating outreach events, mentoring and seminars that will both enhance current McNair Scholar recruitment and progress towards attaining graduate school education.

Alumni can join the Alumni Ambassador Network or send the McNair Office updates about your achievements and any announcements that may benefit current McNair Scholars to publish in our next newsletter by writing mcnairscholars@udel.edu

UD Graduate School Application Fee Waiver
(covers the full application fee of $75)

Waivers are available if you have participated in the following programs:
- Educational Advancement Alliance (EAA)
- Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP)
- NIH-INBRE Internship Program
- McNair Scholars Program
- National Name Exchange
- NUCLEUS
- NSF-EPScOR Internship Program
- NSF-Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)
- Project 1000 Scholars
- UD Arts and Humanities Institute
- UD CANR Summer Institute

Applicants will be able to indicate and provide documentation for their eligibility for an application fee waiver via the on-line application. Questions should be directed to Louise Bank, Director of Graduate Admissions (lbank@udel.edu).

Alumni Spotlight & Reflections

Jesse Rodriquez is from the UD McNair class of 2010 and recently had his first authored publication in a peer-reviewed journal from the research he started while in the McNair program.

Name of Journal: Frontiers of Microbiology

Article Title: Sulfite Oxidation in Chlorobaculum Tepidum

Link to the Publication: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3119408

Additional Authors: Jennifer Hiras and Thomas E. Hanson

Name of UD Research Faculty Mentor: Thomas E. Hanson

Yael Hernandez (pictured) is a 2011 University of Delaware Graduate and recent McNair Scholar Alumni. Her Bachelors degree is in Music Education with a concentration in Jazz Studies and she is currently pursuing a Masters of Education in Choral Music. As a graduate student this year, Yael is serving in two capacities; one with the ArtsBridge Program run by UREL Faculty Director, Dr. Lynnette Overby, and she also works with the Music Education Program.

Jasmine Wynn, 2011 UD McNair Alum sends special greetings from graduate school with the following sentiments to encourage fellow McNair Alums and current scholars:

“I am loving graduate school, Columbia, and the City. I’ve been in school for about three weeks and while it is a lot of work it is completely worth it. I just started my field placement this week and I am an intern social worker for a program called TurnAround for Children. Based on my experiences thus far I am excited for my upcoming years of graduate school!”

Spring 2012 Calendar of Events

January 2012
- GRE Preparation Course (Juniors)

February 2012
- February 14–20: McNair applicant interviews and final selection
- February 14: Senior Thesis Workshop 4:00–5:00pm, 130 Smith Hall (juniors)
- February 15: Senior Thesis Workshop 4:00–5:00pm, 130 Smith Hall (juniors)
- February 25: National Trio Day of Service 10am–3pm, Gore Hall Rotunda (all Trio scholars)
- February 28: Junior Scholar Meeting 4:00–5:30pm, 180 South College

March 2012
- March 20: Workshop: “I’ve Been Accepted into Graduate School, Now What?” (McNair seniors only) 4:00-5:30pm, 180 South College Ave

April 2012
- April 4: Financial Seminar (all Trio scholars) 3:30–4:30pm, 180 South College Ave
- April 10 & 11: Mentor Meeting 12:00–1:30pm, 180 South College Ave
- April 23: Pre-Orientation (New Scholars) 4:00–6:00pm, 049 Memorial Hall
- April 13–15, 2012 CAA Conference – Old Dominion University

May 2012
- May 15: Senior Thesis Application Due
- May 16: Senior Sendoff Luncheon 11:00am–1:00pm, Café Gelato

June 4 - August 12
- McNair Summer Research Institute

Save the Date:
- October 11–13, 2012
- 10th Annual McNair Research Conference & Graduate School Fair