Welcome to Fall Semester, 2012!

This edition of the McNair Newsletter brings a time of year that is both joyful and sad for me. Scholars I have worked with for two years graduated in May and as I said good-bye to them it was a sad day. They were such a special group and I wish them all good things as they move on to the next phase of their lives! The day after graduation I was excited to meet the next cohort of scholars to begin our summer class. This newest group of recruits not only survived our summer Research Boot Camp but gave excellent presentations of their research projects! Congratulations and a warm welcome to Siena students: Amber Beauchamp, Jasmine Caldwell, Chas Frey, Lynn Hendricks & Kyle Timmis and to students from Adrian College including Chelsey Cline, Danyelle Greene, Kat Labick and Mariah Wright. We know you will uphold the McNair Motto: McNair Scholars Reach Great Heights!

There are changes in the McNair office as well and we said good-bye to Kelly Castleberry as she moves on to a full-time position. Dion McCrary has decided to go back to graduate school for a second master’s degree and will now be with us on a part-time basis. Good luck with your classes, Dion!

Have a great semester!

Patricia Wallace, Ph.D.  
Program Director.
Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. ~ Nelson Mandela
Graduates moving on......

The following McNair Scholars will be attending graduate school in the fall:

Nicholas Hullibarger  
B.F.A. Art

Timothy Peoples  
B.A. Religion

Jared Pirkle  
B.S. Biology

Jason Ransom  
B.A. Music

Mary Selden  
B.A. Psychology

Aisha Ellis-Gordon  
B.B.A. Business Administration

Tiffany Ruddy  
B.A. Psychology

The McNair staff, Mentors and the Siena Heights Community would like to congratulate the McNair Scholars on all their accomplishments.
On February 22, 2012 the junior and senior McNair Scholars presented their research findings to family, peers, mentors and the Siena Heights Community.
The National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) promotes undergraduate research and gives undergraduate scholars a forum to share the results of their work.

In March, seven McNair Scholars were selected to present their research at NCUR which was held at Weber State University Ogden, Utah.
New Scholar Cohort - Fall 2012

Amber Beauchamp
Psychology
Siena Heights University

Chelsey Cline
Criminal Justice
Adrian College

Jasmine Caldwell
Criminal Justice
Siena Heights University

Chas Frey
Biology
Siena Heights University

Lynn Hendricks
Psychology
Siena Heights University

Danyelle Green
Communication- Media Arts
Adrian College

Kat Labick
Interior Design
Adrian College

Mariah Wright
Biology
Adrian College

Kyle Timmis
Religious Studies
Siena Heights University
The New McNair Scholars participate in a two week summer course entitled “Methods of Inquiry” AKA Summer Boot Camp.
Mentors Spotlight

Mentors are a very important component of the McNair Program. The mentors go above and beyond to guide students toward the path of academic and personal success.

"A mentor is someone who sees more talent and ability within you, than you see in yourself, and helps bring it out of you." ~ Bob Proctor

Sr. Pat Schnapp, RSM

Dr. Carl Kaster

Prof. Ali Cipra

Dr. Jeff Lindstrom

Dr. Mark Schersten

Dr. Steve Sheehan

Dr. Ken Kelso

Dr. Marilyn Whitney

Dr. Thomas Wassmer

Prof. Heather Moody

Dr. Deb Field

Dr. Jun Tsuji

Dr. Tony Scioly

Dr. Jim Leslie
2011 McNair Scholar graduate from Siena Heights University

Garrett Marks-Wilt

Awarded

$196,000

Ronald E. McNair Fellowship

At

University of Missouri
SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY
MCNAIR PROGRAM
RECEIVES FIVE-YEAR GRANT

The McNair Program is proud to announce that the Department of Education has approved the new grant and the program has received funding for five more years.

Thank you to everyone for their support and assistance during this process! We are very excited to continue the work of helping students go on to graduate school!
Welcome Back– McNair Scholars
August 29th (12:00pm)
August 30th (4:00pm)

Siena Heights University - Graduate School Fair
November 7th (10:30am-1pm)

End of Fall Semester
December 14th (SHU and AC)

You can find out more details about each event on Facebook

Fall Birthdays

September:
15-Joseph Lemanski

October:
12 - Mariah Wright
15-Danyelle Greene

November:
24–Abraham Battjes

December:
18-Kyle Timmis

Dean’s List

Winter 2012
Jasmine Caldwell
Felicia Dechert
Chas Frey
Danyelle Greene
Lynn Hendricks
Kat Labick
Joseph Lemanski
Kristy Link
Margaret Morrison
Olivia Smith

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Interested in becoming a McNair Scholar?

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be a member of a group underrepresented in graduate education.
- First generation (meaning neither parent can have a 4-year college degree) or low income student must meet the eligibility requirements mandated by the Department of Education.

To apply:

- Be a United States Citizen

If you are interested in discovering more about the opportunities and services provided through the McNair Scholars Program, please contact the Program Director, Dr. Patricia Wallace at 517.264.7157.