Director’s Message

Fall semester has begun and another school year is upon us. We are eager to start working with a new group of scholars, Cohort VI. It is a pleasure to work with such talented and hard-working students. This is one of the largest groups of students we have ever worked with; thus, working with them is even more gratifying.

We recently updated our website to include the current endeavors of many of our previous students. A sizeable number of our scholars are currently enrolled in Ph.D. and master’s programs all over the country—we can’t wait until they obtain their degrees! We are extremely proud of all our scholars.

It is my pleasure to welcome our newest staff member—Laura Buccafurni, our staff assistant. Laura is a welcome addition to our McNair family. Laura is energetic, friendly, and extremely helpful. Welcome, Laura.

~Dr. Lydia Fox

Welcome Cohort VI

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Cohort VI Scholars

Left to Right:
Portia Adams
Bethany Moore

Nicole Gonzalez
Maverick Wagner

Antoinette King
Amica Onyemeh-Sea

Brittany Lee
Lauren Bottoms
Cohort VI Scholars cont.

Kirsten Willis

Daniel Dooley

Alyssa Cantu

Mario Diaz
If you have considered pursuing a graduate degree, I’m sure you know it’s a daunting and stressful task. At the McNair Scholars Program, we understand the anxiety and have designed workshops in order to help with the process. Here are a few tips to get you started in your search for programs...

Things to Consider When Choosing a Graduate School:

- Which degree do you want/need...Masters or Doctorate
- Size of the program & university
- Location
- Quality of the program
- Fit of the program to your interests
- Facilities at the university (i.e., library, computer labs, etc.)
- Breadth & depth of class offerings
- Projected cost of attendance, living expenses, etc.
- Available funding (i.e., scholarships, assistantships, etc.)
- Opportunities available for practicum, research, etc.
- Research of faculty members
- Reputation of the faculty
- Selection criteria of the program
- Entrance requirements
- Success rate of the graduates (i.e., employment, publications, time required for degree completion)
- Accreditation by the relevant organizations (e.g., state, professional organizations)

Laptops

The McNair Scholars program has laptops available for check out. If you would like to check one out please stop by the office and let me know.

If there is something wrong with your laptop and it needs to be looked at please bring it in so we can resolve the problem and we can get you a replacement.

Travel

If you would like to visit a graduate school or attend a research conference, please turn in your travel application 45 days in advance. Please note that if you do plan on traveling to visit a graduate school you must have an appointment to meet with an advisor in the graduate school.

Stipends

At the end of each semester, after the requirements have been successfully fulfilled of the McNair program for that semester a disbursement will be applied to your student account. Sam Houston Statue stands 65 feet tall. Please allow 2-4 weeks after the end of the semester for this stipend to reflect in your student account.

Notes from the desk of: Laura

How tall is the Sam Houston statue??
*Find the answer in my note!*