Message from the Director

We just began another productive in the McNair Scholars Program at Sam Houston State University. Our scholars (Cohort VIII) have been busy completing their research projects and presenting at research conferences. We are extremely proud of their numerous accomplishments.

In October, we selected a new cohort of scholars, Cohort IX, and they too have been busy with seminars and workshops this fall. They are currently forging relationships with their faculty mentors and developing topics for their McNair research projects. It is so exciting to see new faces and to establish relationships with them. Personally, it is especially rewarding to be a part of this magnificent program and to share with our scholars as they begin their journey to graduate education. I look forward to being a part of their successful lives.

~Dr. Lydia Fox

Congratulations Cohort VIII!!

Nine scholars from Cohort VIII successfully presented and completed their McNair Research at our Fall 2011 Conference
Meet Cohort IX

Justen Adams
Biology

Cristhian Cadena
Biology

Jennifer Cooks
Psychology

Asheley Coriz
Forensic Chemistry

Veronica Cuervo
Psychology

Ely Dorantes
Philosophy
When she is not working or in class, Lauren enjoys playing soccer which she has played since the age of five. In fact, she just recently joined the HWSA Angels and will be starting the new soccer season with them this fall. Additionally, Lauren also enjoys spending time with her large and amazing family, especially her two adorable nieces.
Where are the Now?
A look at what former McNair Scholars are up to now!!

Kathryn Liptrap:
Received her J.D. from South Texas College of Law in May 2011

Sara Spikes:
Received her Ph.D. from Texas A&M in August 2011

Donna Henley-Jackson:
Received her D.D.S. from Howard University in 2009

Angie Cartwright:
Defending her doctoral dissertation soon, here at Sam Houston State University

Lauren’s Corner:
Here is the full list of grad school interview questions I recently posed to Cohort IX at our interview workshop. Try practicing some of these with your friends and family!

1. How would your friends describe you on a bad day? A good day?
2. What do you plan on bringing to our graduate program?
3. Why have you chosen an education in (your field of choice)?
4. Tell me about yourself.
5. Tell me what you know about our program here at (insert school name).
6. Why are you interested in our program?
7. How do you plan on managing all of the demands of a grad school program?
8. Why should we accept you to our program over other applicants?
9. Explain a situation in which you had a conflict? How did you resolve it?
10. What are some of your strengths and weaknesses?
11. How many/which other schools have you applied to?
12. Tell me about your career goals after you have completed your degree.
13. What are you looking to gain while you are here?
14. Describe your greatest accomplishment.
15. Describe your greatest failure.
16. Tell me about a time in your life when you had to overcome adversity.
17. Tell me about the previous research you have been a part of.
18. How would your professors describe you?
19. What do you like to do for fun?
20. In what ways have your previous experiences prepared you for graduate study in our program?
21. If you are not accepted into grad school, what are your plans?