We just began another exciting year in the McNair Scholars Program at Sam Houston State University. Our scholars (Cohort XII) have been busy completing their research projects and presenting at research conferences. They presented their research at the 11th Annual McNair Research Conference at SHSU.

In October 2015 we selected a new cohort of scholars, Cohort XIII, and they too have been busy with seminars and workshops. 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 studies. I look forward to being a part of their future professional lives.

~Dr. Lydia C. Fox

Congratulations Cohort XII!
Meet Cohort XIII

Ashley Kendall  
Major: Psychology  
Mentor: Dr. Adam Schmidt

Brittany Rogers  
Major: Psychology  
Mentor: Dr. Brandy Blasko

Briauna Augustus  
Major: Forensic Chemistry  
Mentor: Dr. David Thompson

Cheyenne Moore  
Major: English  
Mentor: Dr. Kandi Tayebi

Christina Ramos  
Major: General Studies  
Mentor: Dr. Marsha Harman
Georgi McNease  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Mentor: Dr. Brittany Hayes

Jasmine Robinson  
Major: Psychology  
Mentor: Dr. Donna Desforges

Samuel Coleman  
Major: Sociology  
Mentor: Dr. Alessandro Bonanno

Lucy Mendez  
Major: Chemistry  
Mentor: Dr. Benny Arney

Manuela Jimenez  
Major: English  
Mentor: Dr. Audrey Murfin
Niesha Birdine
Major: Mass Communications
Mentor: Dr. Pamela Gray

Veronica Rodriguez
Major: Biomedical Sciences
Mentor: Dr. Madhusudan Choudary

Wendy Mejia
Major: Psychology

Nieesha Birdine
Major: Mass Communications
Mentor: Dr. Pamela Gray

Summy Sultana
Major: Political Science
Mentor: Dr. Mitzi Mahoney

Stephany Pinales
Major: Psychology
Mentor: Dr. Marsha Harman
& Dr. Jerry Bruce

William Perez
Major: Biology
Mentor: Dr. Anne Gaillard
& Dr. Aaron Lynne
Kyleen Elwick is the new McNair Scholars Program Graduate Mentor. She is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, but her current home is in Nashville, Tennessee. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology with minors in Justice Systems and Forensic Science from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. Currently, she is a graduate student at SHSU pursuing her Master of Science degree in Forensic Science. Kyleen has also been accepted to the Ph.D. program in Forensic Science at SHSU. This past summer, she participated in an internship with the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory in Dover, Delaware. Her hobbies include playing soccer, exercising, rock climbing, Netflix marathons, and reading! In February 2016, Kyleen presented a poster at the American Academy of Forensic Science’s annual conference in Las Vegas, Nevada over her summer research at AFDIL. She is very excited to be working with the McNair Scholars Program!
Recent Achievements

Travis Franks was recently awarded the Fulbright Award to study in Australia in 2017.

Katherine Hernandez is currently pursuing an M.A. in Medical Nutrition Therapy at Texas Woman's University-Houston.

Alfredo Loera is currently pursuing a master's degree in Special Education at the University of Texas.

Paige Martinez is currently pursuing an M.A. in Counseling at Sam Houston State University.

Gwendolyn Mitchell is currently pursuing an M.A. in Counseling at Sam Houston State University.

Everett Moore has been awarded a scholarship to attend the Diversifying Clinical Psychology (DCP) Weekend at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Luis Morales completed a summer internship at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

Jose Olivares will attain an M.S. in Accounting from Sam Houston State University in May 2016.

Genevieve Osborn is currently pursuing an M.A. in History at the University of Alberta.

Nohemi Rodriguez is currently pursuing a master's degree in Art History at the University of Texas.

Gloria Sanchez is currently pursuing an M.A. in Counseling at Oklahoma State University.