Congratulations to our 2012-2013 Graduates!

Danielle Clemons received a BS in Sociology and will begin graduate study in Sociology at Northern Illinois University this fall, where she received an assistantship with tuition remission.

C. Cayce Duda received a BS in Mathematics and graduated magna cum laude. He is weighing his options carefully before likely pursuing graduate study in the western United States.

Erin Foster received a BS in Health Science and will attend the University of Iowa this fall to pursue graduate study in Community and Behavioral Health. She was awarded a research assistantship, tuition remission, and a diversity scholarship.

Ashley Shields received a BS in Health Science. She will attend Southern Illinois University - Carbondale to pursue graduate study in Community Health Education and was awarded a teaching assistantship and tuition remission.

Bobby Williamson received a BA in English and graduated cum laude. He will attend the University of Missouri - Kansas City this fall to begin graduate study in Creative Writing.

Kassi Crocker earned a BS in Biology and graduated magna cum laude. She will pursue a PhD in genetics, with a stipend and tuition remission, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jamie Duran earned a BS in Communication Disorders. She will begin graduate study in Deaf Education at Washington University in St. Louis this fall, where she was awarded tuition remission for the duration of her program.

Fallyn Lee earned a BS in Psychology and graduated cum laude. She will pursue graduate study in Counseling with an emphasis in Clinical Mental Health at Ball State University with a McNair research assistantship with tuition remission.

Shanequa Tolliver earned a BS in Exercise Science and will begin graduate study in Sport and Exercise Behavior and Exercise Physiology at Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville this fall.

To learn more about the scholarship or to make a donation, visit giving.truman.edu/FundsList.asp.

2013 McNair Scholarly Review

Eight Scholars who completed the 2012 Summer Research Internship had their manuscripts published in volume 19 of Truman State University’s McNair Scholarly Review, a refereed journal. Manuscripts encompassed research from the fields of Communication Disorders, English Literature, Health Science, Mathematics, Psychology, and Sociology. The journal can be accessed online at mcnair.truman.edu via the link on the right side of the page.
Scholars accepted for external summer research

Alexis Morris, Chemistry Major
Alexis is a fellow in the CRISP REU Fellowship Program at Yale University, a NSF grant supported Materials Research Science and Engineering Center program. As part of the 8-week REU, Alexis received room, board, travel to and within New Haven, Connecticut, as well as a stipend.

Kate Angulski, Justice Systems Major
Kate is one of only four students selected nationwide to participate in the criminal justice track of Using the Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Mathematics to Study Crime. This 8-week Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program at The University of Alabama at Birmingham is supported by a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant. As part of the REU, Kate received room, board, travel to Birmingham, and a $3,600 stipend.

Josephine Foley, Agricultural Science Major
Josephine is one of 26 students selected to participate in TruScholars Undergraduate Research Program at Truman. She is conducting research to create an equine temperament scoring system that can be used in horse adoptions. She is working under the guidance of Dr. Kelly Winsco.

David Hutchinson, History Major
David is conducting research at Washington University in St. Louis through a Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program (SR-EIP). As part of the 10-week program, David received room, board, and a $3,000 stipend.

Truman’s Student Research Conference
Scholars Kassi Crocker, Fallyn Lee, and Ashley Shields presented at the 2013 Student Research Conference on April 16. Kassi co-presented a poster on alcohol’s impact on embryonic development in Caenorhabditis elegans. Fallyn gave an oral presentation discussing modern adaptations of Antigone and their focal shift from female characters to war. Fallyn also presented a poster on research that explored women’s mood improvement through the use of humorous dialogues. Ashley gave an oral presentation examining the relationship of academic pressure and sleep deprivation on consumption of highly caffeinated beverages by students at a highly selective university.

Summer 2013 Research
Six scholars completed Truman’s McNair Research Internship I from May 13 - 31. They attended seminars on research design and professional writing, as well as a seminar on advanced library research at Washington University’s Olin Library in St. Louis, where they also met with graduate school admissions personnel. At the conclusion of the internship, scholars submitted and presented an original research proposal.

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National Conference on Undergraduate Research
Bobby Williamson represented both McNair and Truman at the 2013 NCUR in La Crosse, WI, April 11-13. He presented his research on a reader-response analysis of The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss.
Alumni Degrees

Since 1992, 36 Truman McNair alumni have earned doctoral degrees and 166 have earned master’s degrees. Congratulations to the following alumni with graduate degrees conferred since June 2012!

Ph.D. Conferrals

Manuel Chávez Jr. [1993-1994 cohort]
Philosophy Interpretation and Culture, State University of New York at Binghamton, May 2013

James Harrington [2002-2003 cohort]
Public Affairs, University of Missouri-Columbia, May 2013
Dissertation Title: Managing in an Era of Accountability
Dr. Harrington will begin teaching at the University of Texas at Dallas this fall.

Karyn Stewart [2003-2004 cohort]
Sociology, Syracuse University, May 2013
Dissertation Title: Weighing In on Heavy Issues: Exploring Race, Nativity, and Pre-Pregnancy Body Mass Index in Relationship to Preterm Birth and Low Birth Weight
Dr. Stewart has accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis.

Master’s Degree Conferrals

Chaneé Anderson - MA in Educational Policy Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, August 2012

Vianey Beltran - Master of Public Affairs, University of Missouri-Columbia, May 2013

Emmanuel Camarillo - Master of Education in Environmental Education, Western Washington University, March 2013

Jorge Camarillo - MS in Criminology & Criminal Justice, Indiana State University, May 2013

Liza Castillo - MA in Communication Disorders, Truman State University, December 2012

Hailey Feldhaus - MA in Communication Disorders, Truman State University, December 2012

Jade Hicks - Master of Education in Communication Sciences and Disorders, Georgia State University, May 2013

Dominique Johnson - Master of Public Health in Health Promotion and Policy, University of Missouri-Columbia, May 2013

Katherine Tolle - MA in Secondary Education, The University of Alabama, May 2013

Faculty Mentors are a vital part of the McNair Program, working closely with their mentees to ensure each develops the skills necessary to become a competitive graduate school applicant, as well as persevere to PhD attainment.

Thank you to our 2012-2013 McNair Mentors

Dr. Jon Beck, Computer Science
Dr. Marc Becker, History
Dr. Joseph Benevento, English and Linguistics
Dr. Michael Bird, Health and Exercise Sciences
Dr. Curtis Blakely, Justice Systems
Dr. Michele Breault, Psychology
Dr. Elizabeth Clark, Communication
Dr. Janice Clark, Health and Exercise Sciences
Dr. Paula Cochran, Communication Disorders
Dr. James D’Agostino, English and Linguistics
Dr. Roberta Donahue, Health and Exercise Sciences
Dr. Kevin Easley, Mathematics
Dr. Janet Gooch, Communication Disorders
Dr. Teresa Heckert, Psychology
Dr. Brian Lamp, Chemistry
Dr. Julie Lochbaum, Education
Dr. Jerry Mayhew, Health and Exercise Sciences
Dr. Elaine McDuff, Society and Environment
Dr. Terry Olson, Economics
Dr. Brent Orton, English and Linguistics
Dr. Sherron Palmer, Psychology
Dr. Terry Palmer, Psychology
Dr. Eric Patterson, Chemistry
Dr. Mark Smith, Communication
Dr. Timothy Walston, Biology
Dr. Joseph Visker, Health and Exercise Sciences
Dr. Jeffrey Vittengl, Psychology
Dr. Torbjorn Wandel, History
Dr. Kelly Winsco, Agricultural Science
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2012 - 2017 McNair Program Performance Objectives

**Objective 1:** Participants served during the project year will complete appropriate research or scholarly activities during the McNair Program academic year.

**Objective 2:** Bachelor’s degree recipients will be accepted and enrolled in a postbaccalaureate program of study by the fall term of the academic year immediately following the completion of the bachelor’s degree.

**Objective 3:** First year graduate students will continue to be enrolled in graduate school at the beginning of the fall term of the next academic year.

**Objective 4:** Participants will attain a doctoral degree within 10 years of the attainment of the bachelor's degree.

**Give us an update!**

The U.S. Department of Education requires all McNair Programs to track alumni until the attainment of a doctoral degree and to submit yearly updates on them in the Annual Performance Report. Alumni can help the McNair Program meet this requirement by going to the McNair website and clicking on “alumni update” to update their information. It takes less than two minutes to complete the form!