On July 26, 2019, McNair Scholars showcased their research findings before family, friends, faculty, and administration. This event provides skill development in preparation for graduate study in the pursuit of a doctoral degree. Scholars representing various disciplines commit to 200+ hours of research and work with Wichita State faculty to learn research methodology, test design, literature analysis, and writing techniques. The following students presented their research:

**Ana Astoquilca**
Mentor/Department: Dr. Karissa Marble-Flint
Communication, Sciences & Disorders
Project Title: *Stickwriting Approach for Children with Autism and Social Communication Disorders*

**Whitney Cravens**
Mentor/Department: Dr. Rhonda Lewis
Psychology
Project Title: *Assessing the Mental Health Needs and Perceptions of Black Male University Students*

**Alondra Del Real**
Mentor/Department: Dr. Karissa Marble-Flint
Communication, Sciences & Disorders
Project Title: *Children’s Opinions of Books and iPad Activities*

**McKenna Douglass**
Mentor/Department: Dr. Jens Kreinath
Anthropology
Project Title: *Is God a Woman?: Veneration of Ancient Near Eastern Goddesses*

**Rex Hafenstine**
Mentor/Department: Dr. Yongkuk Lee
Biomedical Engineering
Project Title: *Fabrication of Lightweight Wearable pH Sensor for Monitoring Human Health*

**Raven Hodges**
Mentor/Department: Dr. Amber Dean
Community Engagement Institute
Project Title: *Assessing the Functionality of the Support Groups in Kansas Website through an Analysis of its Improvements*
Christian Saldana  
Mentor/Department: Dr. William Miles  
Economics  
Project Title: Impact of Foreign Aid on Governance, Quality of Life, and the Economy

Courtney Minor  
Mentor/Department: Dr. Susan Castro  
Philosophy  
Project Title: Hate Speech and Authority Figures: Harms and the Need for Regulation

Esmeralda Paez  
Mentor/Department: Dr. Patricia Self  
Communication, Sciences &  
Project Title: Caregivers’ Perceptions of WSU’s iSLP

Eugene Potts  
Mentor/Department: Dr. Michael Hall  
Political Science  
Project Title: White Nationalism in American Legislation

Lily Jackson  
Mentor/Department: Dr. Bret Jones  
Media Arts  
Project Title: Church Sisters or Sorority Sisters?: Black Women in Film from the 1940s to the 1980s

Zane Storlie  
Mentor/Department: Dr. Glyn Rimmington  
Geology  
Project Title: K-12 Computer Science Education via Scratch Software

Inneke Vargas  
Mentor/Department: Dr. Amy Chesser  
Public Health Sciences  
Project Title: Health Equity in Female Adolescence and Womanhood

Abel Velasquez  
Mentor/Department: Dr. Thomas Boynton  
English  
Project Title: Effects of Violent Literature on Aggression

McNair Scholars Program: Hit the Mark
Two McNair students had the opportunity to participate in summer research activities through other institutions and organizations.

**Graduate School Bootcamp**

Donald Asher earned a PhD in human development from Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, and a master’s degree in human and organizational systems from the University of San Francisco and his bachelor’s degree in philosophy-religion from Reed College.

The McNair Scholars Program will host a 2-day intensive workshop that will focus on strategies to help students gain admission to highly competitive graduate programs, which will be facilitated by Mr. Donald Asher. He has authored 12 books, including Graduate Admissions Essays, the best-selling guide to the graduate admissions process and The Best Scholarships for the Best Students.

### Topics include:
- Identifying graduate programs in your discipline
- Writing an effective personal statement
- Approaching the GRE
- Finding Funding (not loans)
- Selecting a faculty mentor

### Days:
- Wednesday, August 14 from 10am to 4pm
- Thursday, August 15 from 9am to 3 pm.

### Location:
- Hubbard Hall 231
Congratulations 2018-2019 Graduates

Doctorate Degrees Conferred
Janelle Petrisor  Spring 19  Doctorate, Physical Therapy

Master’s Degrees Conferred
Nicholas Cox  Fall 18  MS, Electrical Engineering
Logan Gisick  Spring 19  MS, Human Factors Psych
Brandon Moore  Spring 19  MS, Prof. Science and Environmental Mgt.
Samantha Reyes  Spring 19  Master’s Social Work
Anna Wray  Spring 19  MS, Clinical Psychology

Bachelor Degrees Conferred
Judy Chavira  Spring 19  Comm. Sci & Disorders
Alondra Del Real  Spring 19  Comm. Sci & Disorders
McKenna Douglass  Spring 19  Anthropology
Rex Hafenstine  Spring 19  Biomedical Engineering
Raven Hodges  Spring 19  Social Work
Lily Jackson  Spring 19  Creative Writing
Eric Kromidas  Spring 19  Psychology
Christian Saldana  Spring 19  Economics
Marliz Valles  Spring 19  Comm. Sci & Disorders
Hydiyah Woods  Spring 19  Communication

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**McNair Fee Waivers/Fellowships**

The Council for Opportunity in Education (COE), in conjunction with the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS), has compiled a list of McNair incentives to help Scholars find graduate schools that offer application fee waivers and/or fellowships and other opportunities that are available to McNair Scholars.

This list can be found at [http://www.coenet.us/coe_prod_imis/COE/TRIO/McNair_Fee_Waiver_List/COE/NAV_TRIO/McNair_Scholars_Fee_Waiver_List.aspx?hkey=d459a62a-5577-4103-b125-8c3bb8aa5029](http://www.coenet.us/coe_prod_imis/COE/TRIO/McNair_Fee_Waiver_List/COE/NAV_TRIO/McNair_Scholars_Fee_Waiver_List.aspx?hkey=d459a62a-5577-4103-b125-8c3bb8aa5029)

**Highlighted Fellowship:**
The University of Central Florida offers Graduate McNair Fellowships to provide financial support to the most outstanding undergraduate McNair scholars who enroll in UCF graduate programs. In addition to tuition and health insurance coverage, this fellowship pays a yearly stipend of $10,000 for master’s students and $17,000 for doctoral students. Award recipients are selected in spring by the UCF Diversity Fellowship Committee for awards beginning the following fall term.


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