

Honoring Our Own:

Girls in STEM Conference

The purpose of the Educational Opportunity Association (EOA) National Girls in STEM Conference is to foster girl's enthusiasm for STEM careers. The EOA National Girls in STEM was hosted by Wichita State in May 2016. Nearly 225 high school and collegiate women, along with their chaperones, participated in lab tours and science-based workshops.

Top: *Students attending a session in Beggs Ballroom* **Bottom:** *McNair Scholar Martina Salerno leading a workshop regarding muscle fatigue*



First Generation Mixer



A First-Generation Welcome Mixer, sponsored by the McNair Scholars Program, Student Support Services, and Disability Student Support Services was held on Thursday, January 28, 2016. The mixer was an opportunity for faculty and staff to meet and welcome first-generation students back to campus for the spring semester.

Left: *Provost and Senior Vice President, Anthony Vizgini, PhD, introducing himself as a first-generation student* **Right:** *First-generation students networking*

Program Initiatives

Beating the Odds Summit



Myron Richard, educational development assistant, and two Talent Search students attended the Beating the Odds Summit hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House. The First Lady invited 130 college-bound students to the White House to motivate and inspire each student to reach for higher education.

FLOTUS with college bound students

Conference Presentations



McNair Scholars are encouraged to present their research at conferences both locally and nationally. Students conduct research with WSU faculty and participate in at least 200 hours of research.

Students presented at Oklahoma State University's Research Symposium

Men of Excellence



The Men of Excellence Conference, held at Bowling Green State University in Ohio in July 2015, was designed to inspire young men of color. Be R.E.A.L.(Responsible, Educated, Authentic and Leadership) was the theme for the conference. Pre-college students, college students and young professionals participated in the conference.

Conference presentors include Riccardo Harris and V. Kaye Monk-Morgan