



# “The Doctor”

## McNair Scholars Program

### Ronald E. McNair 22nd Annual Closing Symposium

On July 28, 2017, McNair Scholars will showcase their research findings before family, friends, faculty, and administration. The Closing Symposium will be held at the Rhatigan Student Center from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 will present their research:

Christine Fuston  
*Dr. Gregory Meissen*

Valerie Noseng  
*Dr. Natalie Grant*

Vera Gantt  
*Dr. Eveline Kolomo*

Elizabeth Ramirez  
*Dr. Brendan Clark*

Logan Gisick  
*Dr. Barbara Chaparro*

Veronica Ramirez  
*Dr. Rachel Showstack*

Tony Hula  
*Dr. Alex Chaparro*

Martina Salerno  
*Dr. Anil Mahapatro*

Amanda Johnson  
*Dr. Jodi Pelkowski*

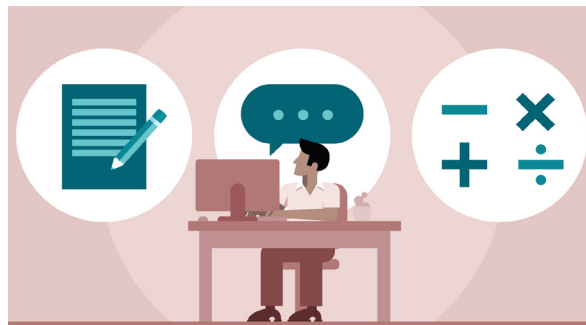
Elvin Salerno  
*Dr. David Eichhorn*

Jasmine Mayorga  
*Dr. James Bann*

Carrie Van Dusen  
*Dr. Kyoung Lee*

Aja Molinar  
*Dr. Gregory Meissen*

Carol Viluethpad  
*Dr. Kim Cluff*



### GRE Prep Workshops

**Dates:** Wednesdays, June 14th through July 12th

**Time:** 1 - 3 p.m. (*June 14 only 1 - 5 p.m.*)

**Location:** Devlin Hall 106

**Presenters:** Mark Arrasmith, *Mathematics Instructor*  
Matthew Garner, *Research Coordinator*

The GRE is a required component of the application process for many graduate programs. While some institutions use the test results as a formality, others use these scores as an important selection factor. It is important for students to perform their best to ensure a competitive graduate school application.

The Program is offering a GRE preparation workshop that will begin with a practice test on June 14th to help identify weak areas. The following four weeks will cover tips and strategies for preparing for the quantitative, verbal, and analytical sections of the exam.

Once completed, students will schedule time with the office for a post-test. Before taking the actual exam, students can request a fee reduction waiver from the McNair Office that is provided from ETS.



*Happy Birthday to those celebrating during the months of June, July, and August:*

Carol Viluethpad • 6/6

LaWanda Holt-Fields • 7/2 Vera Gantt • 8/8

Eric Kromidas • 6/10

Timothy Rollings • 7/9

Amanda Johnson • 6/22

Carrie Van Dusen • 7/12

# Celebrating McNair Graduates: 2016 - 2017



**Cooper  
Colglazier**

Georgia  
Institute of  
Technology



**Jasmine  
Mayorga**



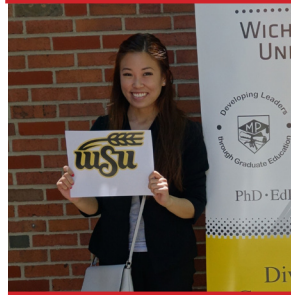
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Gonzalez**

University of  
Kansas



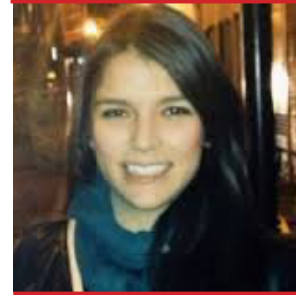
**Christine  
Fuston**

Oklahoma  
State  
University



**Valerie  
Noseng**

Wichita State  
University



**Maria  
"Gaby"  
Valverde**



**Vera  
Gantt**

Wichita State  
University

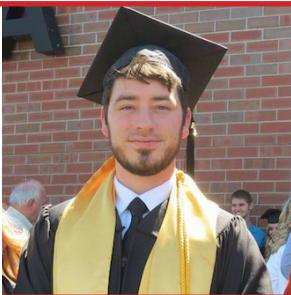


**Timothy  
Rollings**



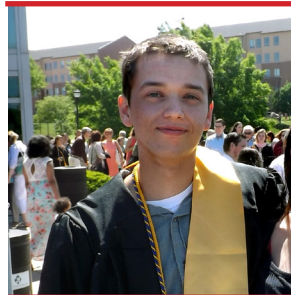
**Brandon  
Moore**

Oklahoma  
State  
University



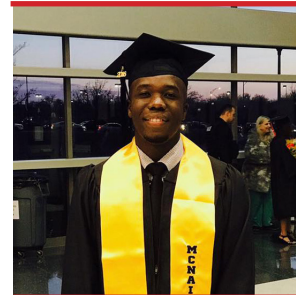
**Logan  
Gisick**

Embry  
Riddle  
Aeronautical  
University



**Elvin  
Salerno**

University  
of Michigan,  
Ann Arbor



**Alvine  
Wetiba**



**Amanda  
Johnson**

DePaul  
University



**Martina  
Salerno**

University of  
California,  
Riverside

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**CONGRATULATIONS,  
GRADUATES!**

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## Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum



Elizabeth Ramirez and Aja Molinar

The Wichita State Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum (URCAF) provides an opportunity for undergraduate students at Wichita State University to present their scholarly and creative activity to a faculty, student, and community audience, while competing for cash awards. Each student's work at the forum is presented under the mentorship of a WSU faculty member.

Elizabeth Ramirez and Aja Molinar presented their research at URCAF on April 2, 2017. Elizabeth took first place for her oral presentation in the Social Sciences/Humanities category.

## Summer Research Assembly Meetings



**Friday, June 2:**  
*"Writing and Editing"*  
 Matthew Garner  
 2 to 3 p.m.  
 Devlin Hall 106



**Friday, July 8:**  
*"Presentation Skills"*  
 LaWanda Holt-Fields  
 2 to 3 p.m.  
 Devlin Hall 106

## Events to Come

JUNE

2 Devlin Hall, Rm 106 (2 - 3 p.m.)  
 Matthew Garner, *"Writing and Editing"*

**Abstract Due**

5 - 7 Hubbard Hall 228 (1 - 3 p.m.)  
**Research Seminar Series**  
 Dr. Schommer-Aikins, CESP

8 - 9 Ablah Library, Rm. 217 (1 - 3 p.m.)  
**Library Database Tour/Endnote**  
 Angela Paul/Aaron Bowen

9 **Final Abstract Due**

14 Devlin Hall, Rm 106 (1 - 5 p.m.)  
*"GRE Pretest"*

21 Devlin Hall, Rm 106 (1 - 3 p.m.)  
*"GRE Review"*

23 **Manuscript Due**

28 Devlin Hall, Rm 106 (1 - 3 p.m.)  
*"GRE Review"*

30 **Final Manuscript Due**

JULY

5 Devlin Hall, Rm 106 (1 - 3 p.m.)  
*GRE Review"*

7 Devlin Hall, Rm 106 (2 - 3 p.m.)  
 LaWanda Holt-Fields, *"Presentation Skills"*

**Summary Due**

10 - 21 **Mock Presentations**

12 Devlin Hall, Rm 106 (1 - 3 p.m.)  
*GRE Review"*

12 **Final Summary Due**

17 **Posters Due**

24 **PowerPoint Due**

26 **All Materials Due**

28 **Closing Symposium** (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

AUG

18 Devlin Hall, TBD  
**Student Orientation** (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)  
 LaWanda Holt-Fields

## *Someone Like Me: Meladee Garst, PhD*



**Meladee Garst, Ph.D., Psychology**

**M**eladee Garst, psychologist in the WSU Counseling and Testing Center (CTC), was recently awarded the TRIO Achiever award for the tristate (Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska) chapter of the Educational Opportunity Association (EOA) regional organization of college access and success professionals.

Garst participated in the McNair Scholars Program as an undergraduate student from 2005-07 at Wichita State before earning her doctorate from Oklahoma State University in Counseling Psychology.

In addition to her clinical duties of helping students, Garst coordinates efforts of the CTC to reach out to underserved and marginalized students on the WSU campus. She is recognized as an outstanding TRIO alumna who has made significant civic, community and professional contributions through her career in the same state in which she was a participant in the program.

Garst was chosen as an honoree because she exemplifies what the McNair Scholars Program is all about. During her two years in the program she took full advantage of opportunities given to her. She conducted scholarly research with James Snyder, PhD and Robert Zettle, PhD.

Garst completed all of her tasks in a timely manner as well as attended research conferences and presented her findings

from these projects. The staff sees her as a true role model. She has served many times on the alumnae panel for the program and is currently serving on the McNair Alumnae Advisory Board. She willingly sees scholars and provides advice to them regarding graduate education.

Garst is grateful to the program. She says, “Without the McNair Scholars Program I don’t think I would be where I am today! TRIO, in particular McNair Scholars Program, helped me reach my dreams. I am forever in debt to the assistance that was given to me, the experiences and relationships I made through the program, and ultimately how the McNair Scholars Program helped me get to my dream of being a psychologist.”

She advises students to, “take advantage of these programs and give them your all. I truly believe that it takes a village to raise a child, and it takes a village to become the adult you are supposed to be. Find your village and use that village to help you get to where you want to go, so that one day you can be in someone else’s village!”

Garst was honored at the annual MO-KAN-NE TRIO Banquet on April 6, in Kansas City, Missouri, during their three-day professional conference. We congratulate her for being one of two recipients for this prestigious award.



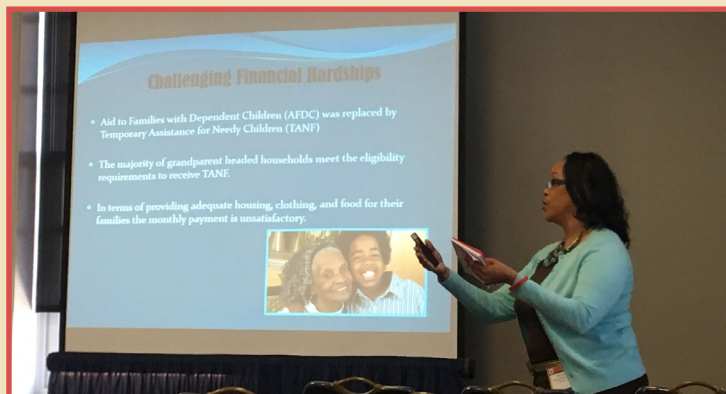
Meladee Garst poses with the 2005 McNair staff (Sheri, LaWanda, Shukura) during the 2017 Wichita State National TRIO Day Celebration.

## Email Etiquette: *Tips for Writing to a Professor*

1. Use your college or university email. This marks the message as legitimate and not spam and gives the professor an idea of who's sending the message.
2. Always use subject lines. Use the subject line to indicate what the email is for or in regards to.
3. Address your professor directly; don't just launch straight into a request. Examples: 'Dear Dr. Smith', 'Hi, Dr. Jones', 'Dr. Zimmerman, I hope all's well with you...'
4. If your class is large, or taught in multiple sections, you may want to include your class and meeting time as well.
5. Be polite: Don't make demands, don't accuse, remember to write please and thank you.
6. Be specific: Make sure you are as clear as possible about what it is you need to ask without writing a novel.
7. Be succinct: Keep your message short and to the point. Your professor is going to have several email messages to wade through each day.
8. Do not use your email to argue and never send an email when angry. You want to be sure that you maintain a professional demeanor.
9. Grammar and spell check: Prior to sending your email, be sure to proofread your message. You shouldn't write your email as though you are texting your friend. Use complete sentences, proper grammar, and **no texting abbreviations**.
10. Close your email with something polite like "Thanks", "Thanks for your time", "See you in class Wednesday", "Regards", etc.

Sources: <http://udel.edu/~jsoares/How%20to%20Use%20Proper%20Email%20Etiquette%20When%20Writing%20to%20a%20Professor.pdf>

## McNair Events



Vera Gantt presented their research at the University of Maryland McNair Conference March 16 - 19, 2017.



Students and staff had time to network and share their graduate school plans during the McNair Cookout on May 12, 2017.



McNair Scholars Christine Fuston and Aja Molinar spoke at the WSU sponsored TEDx event on April 27, 2017.



McNair Scholars attended the 2nd Annual Lead Conference featuring keynote speaker James Robilotta May 31, 2017.



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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:

Howard University waives applicaiton fees for McNair Scholars and offers the following funding opportunities:

The Ronald E. McNair Graduate Assistantship Program is designed to support new and continuing students who are seeking a Ph.D. and were McNair scholars as undergraduates. The McNair Assistantship is merit-based and offered on a competitive basis to students pursuing doctoral studies from all disciplines upon recommendation by the Financial Aid Advisory Committee.

Recipients of the Assistantship will receive full remission of tuition and a stipend of \$20,000 for each year of eligibility.

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## McNair Facts: Did You Know?

Exceptionally skilled in science and math, McNair was named valedictorian of his 1967 high school class, and won a scholarship to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro.



Source: <http://blackhistorynow.com/ronald-mcnair/>

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