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**University of Northern Iowa  
McNair Scholars Program  
Fall 2017 Newsletter**



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***A message from the Director....***

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Dear Friends of McNair,

The UNI McNair Scholars Program staff has been busy reformatting and growing our program. A special thanks to those who have supported us and sent students our way during the 2016-2017 academic year. We are looking for 10 more outstanding scholars to add to our 2017-2018 cohort. The program has served 161 students since 2000, with a 91% bachelor degree completion rate. Of those students, 45% also completed an advanced degree, and 20% were doctoral degrees. TRiO Works!





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## ***Congratulations!***



May 2017 Graduate Scholars:

Andrew Heppard

Margarita Meza

Maribel Guevara-Myers

Quang Nguyen

Anthony Perez

Sandra Piñedo

Hilary Rawlings

Laquetta Sayles





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## *Future Plans*

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Graduating Scholars:

**Sandra Piñedo** will begin studies toward a Master of Public Health at UT Health in San Antonio, Texas

**Anthony Perez** joins the Educational Leadership: Higher Education and Student Affairs Program at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan

**Maribel Guevara-Myers** is heading off to Lewis & Clark University in Portland, Oregon for a Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling

**Quang Nguyen** is moving to the San Francisco Bay area to begin employment in a high tech start-up

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## *Welcome!*

The McNair Scholars Program is happy to announce that Juana Hollingsworth has been hired as our Academic Advisor. Juana is from Waterloo, IA and received her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and Masters of Social Work at the University of Northern Iowa.





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## ***McNair Scholars Student Highlights....***

Jason Fly is a senior undergraduate student studying psychology from Brooklyn, NY.

Jason participated in a Summer Research Internship (SRI) at the University of Northern Iowa in which he studied emotional regulation, stress disorders, and resilience in diverse populations.



Sarah Hofmeyer is a senior undergraduate student studying Political Science and



Politics from Alton, IA. Sarah participated in a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) at the University of Northern Texas.

Sarah studied civil conflict management and peace science.



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Dianna Huisman is a senior undergraduate student studying



Biology and  
Biochemistry from  
Osage, IA.

Dianna participated  
in an Summer  
Undergraduate  
Research

Opportunity (SURE) at the Hormel  
Institute through the University of  
Minnesota, studying cancer and genetics.

Taylor Olson is a senior undergraduate student studying

Computer Science and  
Mathematics from  
Cedar Rapids, IA .

Taylor participated in a  
Research Experience  
for Undergraduates  
(REU) at Harvard  
University in which he  
studied artificial  
intelligence.



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Linda (Lyn) Tackett is a senior



undergraduate student studying Anthropology and Biology from Glendora, CA. Lyn participated in a Summer Research Internship (SRI) at

the University of Northern Iowa in which she studied the origins of the Hibiscus in ancient plant based medicines.

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Aarika Forney is a senior undergraduate student studying Political Science from Waterloo, IA. Aarika

participated in a Summer Research Internship (SRI) at the University of Northern Iowa in which she analyzed practices used to survey refugee, immigrant, and other hard to reach populations.



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## ***McNair Scholars Student Highlights....***

Niria White is a junior undergraduate student studying History from Waterloo, IA.



Niria participated in a Summer Research Internship (SRI) at the University of Northern Iowa in which she studied the labor history of African Americans in

Waterloo, IA. An exhibit at the Grout Museum will be opening soon.

University of Northern Iowa McNair Scholars Program held its Summer Research Symposium 2017 on Friday, August 4, 2017 in the Center for Multicultural Education. Thank you to our faculty mentors and all who attended and helped make this event a huge success.







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## *Welcome New McNair Scholars....*

Welcome to our new McNair Scholars:

**Andrew Jessip**, Global Studies

**Dante Miller**, Sociology and Gender Studies

**Joshua Prybill**, Analytical Chemistry

**Jewels Howard**, Criminology

**Santiago Villafana**, Sociology

**Symone Robinson**, Biology

**Vanessa Jordan**, Criminology

**Yakira Sanders**, Social Work



## *Thank You!*

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