McNair Scholars Program Quarterly Newsletter
at the University of Northern Iowa
March 2015

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Happy Spring Break!

On behalf of the McNair Scholars Program, I want to give a shout-out to all McNair Scholars for their accomplishments this semester. Students have been busy attending workshops, applying for research programs, internships, and graduate school, while also being involved students here at UNI.

In this addition of Telemetry, you will find:

**McNair’s April Schedule**
- Eighth Annual Graduate Student Symposium
- Our Current Scholars
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As always, please reach out if there is anything McNair can assist you with. Don’t forget about registering for the GRE (or other examinations for this summer)!

Best,

*Janessa Hageman*

Student Engagement Assistant

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**McNair’s April Schedule**

1. UNI Graduate Symposium
2. LinkedIn and Professional Social Media Presence
3. Preparing for a Graduate School Visit
4. Library Resources
5. End of the Year Potluck
Want to make more graduate student connections?
Want to see example of graduate student work?

Attend the Eight Annual Graduate Student Symposium!

On April 1st, our McNair Workshop will instead include participating in the Graduate Student Symposium. This gives McNair Scholars in opportunity to see the type of research and work they could be doing as part of a research internship or in graduate school.

To learn more, visit http://www.grad.uni.edu/graduate-student-symposium.
Our Current Scholars

Walter Abrego (Junior)
Majors: Communication Studies and Spanish
Minor: International Affairs

Alonzo Z Beckham (Junior)
Major: Management

Caroline Cherizola (Junior)
Majors: Graphic Design, Graphic Technology

Donna Conn (Senior)
Major: Movement & Exercise Science

Michael Creech (Senior)
Major: Psychology

Brittnie Dotson (Senior)
Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry

Vanessa Espinoza (Senior)
Major: Spanish Teaching

Norma Garcia (Senior)
Major: Family Services

Mindy N Guajardo (Senior)
Major: Spanish

Tasha L Hancock (Senior)
Majors: Psychology, Biology

Brandon Hoskins (Senior)
Major: Biology

Tydel Jones (Junior)
Majors: Marketing Management & Business Economics

Dylan Keller
Graduate Student
History

Brittany N Maher (Senior)
Major: Psychology

Manuel Salinas
Graduate Student
Psychology

Stephanie Strong (Senior)
Major: Psychology
Minor: Anthropology
Certificate: Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Robin Wilson (Senior)
Major: Criminology
Minors: Politics, Law
Summer Research, Fellowship and Internship Opportunities

**NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program**
**University of North Texas**
Application Deadline: March 27, 2015

- The Department of Political Science at the University of North Texas has initiated a unique program to provide undergraduate students recruited from across the country the opportunity to engage in graduate-level research in conflict management and peace science in a senior faculty-mentored, in-residence, eight-week, Summer Research Experience (SRE) that integrates training in civil conflict management with training in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Participants develop theoretical propositions that are tested empirically. Participants collect and analyze empirical data and report their findings in a public forum. Activities include workshops on theory development, computer simulations, research methodology, and the graduate school application process. At the conclusion of the program, students present their research at UNT and at a national political science conference. The program is led by UNT faculty members Dr. John T. Ishiyama of the Department of Political Science and Dr. Joseph Oppong of the Department of Geography.

- **Apply at:** [https://untconflictmgmtreu.wordpress.com/](https://untconflictmgmtreu.wordpress.com/)

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**Fisk-Vanderbilt Masters to PhD Bridge Program**
**Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN**
Application Deadline: April 15, 2015

- The Fisk-Vanderbilt Masters-to-PhD Bridge Program is seeking undergraduate majors in chemistry, biology, physics or other science disciplines, who are motivated to pursue the PhD but require additional coursework, training, and/or research experience. Unlike a post-baccalaureate program, successful students earn a master’s degree upon completion of the program’s requirements. Under the guidance of our caring faculty mentors, students in the Bridge program develop the strong academic foundation, research skills, and one-on-one mentoring relationships that will foster a successful transition to the PhD. The program is flexible and is individualized to the goals and needs of each student. Courses are selected to address any gaps in academic preparation, and research experiences are provided that allow students to develop -- and to demonstrate -- their full scientific talent and potential.

- **Learn more at:** [http://www.vanderbilt.edu/gradschool/bridge/](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/gradschool/bridge/)

Still looking for other opportunities? Check out the [Pathways to Science Website](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/gradschool/bridge/) and select “Advanced Search” to narrow down application deadlines.
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