Greetings and welcome to the new academic year! We are excited to share with you updates from our program.

We finished the McNair website remodel. There are a lot of cool features, as well as important information for both scholars and mentors.

**New features include**

- Program Details, program structure, funding details, success criteria, About Dr. Ronald McNair
- Photo elements and unique front page banner
- Detailed FAQ page
- Breakdown of the program and its requirements
- Scholar profiles & Spotlight Scholars
- A whole page of resources and forms for scholars
- An alumni list
- A media gallery
- PDF’s of all available copies of the McNair Scholars Journal
- Current McNair Scholars’ profiles
- Mentor page: Interesting statistics and McNair Mentor Hall of Fame!

**What are the current scholars doing?**

- GRE testing
- Graduate School Applications
- Traveling: See first paragraph
- Spotlight Scholars: See page here.

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**University Recognition in 2016**

Click here to read about the new director of the program, Dr. Sanjukta Chaudhuri

Click here to read about our Alumni Luncheon in The Spectator

Click here to see our announcement of our recently graduated scholars and our 2016 Summer Research Institute

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**Read all about our recently concluded Summer Research Institute for Cohort 17**

Workshops: See second paragraph

Field trip: See last paragraph with images

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**Read past and present volumes of Astra, the McNair Scholars’ Journal here**

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**Attention Students:** Are you interested in becoming a McNair Scholar? Find out more information on our website including the eligibility page, application process, funding page, and FAQ page.
Attention faculty: Are you interested in becoming a mentor? See this [link](#). Do you know a student you want to nominate for the program? Please contact [Dr. Sanjukta Chaudhuri](#).

**Acknowledgement of Student Office Assistants for the Summer**

**Rachel Esselman** – Rachel works as the content editor for the McNair office. This summer, she has been working on scholars with their resumes and personal statements. She has also been creating resources for them. She also edited the newest McNair Journal and proofreads website content. Rachel will continue her work with the McNair Office this academic year while she finishes her undergraduate studies in English and psychology.

**Lily Anderson** – Lily is an office assistant and the graphic designer for the McNair Office. She began working in January and took a short break in the summer months before starting up again in August. She has been working on the design of the newest McNair Journal. Now that the journal is complete, she will continue working as an office assistant during the academic year while studying photography.

**Madigan Knuth** – Madigan is an office assistant as well as the web designer and social media specialist for the McNair Office. Since joining us in June, she has been working on her big project: recreating the entire website. Now that website construction is complete, Madigan will continue her work as an office assistant during the fall semester while studying French. She will be leaving the McNair Office temporarily in the spring to study abroad in Lyon, France.

**We hope you have a terrific semester! Best of luck to everyone for a successful academic year.**

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**Save the Date**

McNair Scholars will be presenting the results of their research at the [National McNair Conference](#) in October.

The **McNair Program Symposium** at UWEC is scheduled for **December 12th, 13th, and 14th of 2016** (each day from 3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.) at the Davies Center. Invitations will be sent out to the entire campus closer to the date. We hope that you will have the opportunity to participate and learn all about the terrific research projects pursued by the McNair Scholars. Please see our [scholar profile page](#) to find the projects our scholars will be presenting on.

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**Whether or not you reach your goals in life depends entirely on how well you prepare for them and how badly you want them. You’re eagles! Stretch your wings and fly to the sky.**

Ronald E. McNair