

UPDATE – December 7, 2020: Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Continuity Guidance

Dear Colleagues,

Undergraduate research is transformative. The Fall 2020 McNair Scholars' Research Symposium confirmed that even a pandemic's disruption of many campus operations will not stop this high-impact practice from forging ahead safely and shaping bright futures. Some inspiring virtual presentations included:

- Cailen Andrews (*Athletic Training*), "Effects of Music on Athletic Performance."
- Delaney Collins (*Psychology & Social Work*), "University Counseling Center Staff's Capability and Comfortability in Working with Students Who Present with Serious Concerns/Issues."
- Sam Downing (*Integrated Strategic Communications*), "Picking Apart Parasite."
- Alejandra Serna (*Business Administration*), "A Walk in Her Shoes: How Women of Color Navigate Through a Predominantly White Institution."
- Hailee Sparks (*Biochemistry/Molecular Biology*), "Analysis of the Role of Gar-3 in Protein Localization to Primary Cilia in *Caenorhabditis Elegans* Relating to Polycystic Kidney Disease."

A continued commitment to wearing masks, watching distances, and washing hands will form the foundation for supporting undergraduate research during winterim and beyond. And, as the Chancellor has shared, working on campus also means using the Blugold app daily and testing twice each week.

Students will have an opportunity in spring to showcase their accomplishments and contributions to the academic community at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity. CERCA will have pre-recorded [AND] select live elements online during the week of April 19-23, 2021.

Stay safe and be well.

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