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The 13th Annual McNair Symposium

This year’s Annual Symposium was held at the Memorial Union. Scholars from the first and second-year cohorts presented their faculty-mentored research during the poster session, in addition to the first-year cohort presenting their in-class research projects in a Three Minute Thesis Competition.

Another large part of the evening was the many awards given to Scholars and supporters of the McNair program.

The below awards were presented:

- **Faculty Mentor of the Year** (top image) to Dr. Ryan Smith, Entomology, and mentor to Andrew Guinness.
- **Graduate Student Mentor of the Year** (middle image) to Michael Martinez, Political Science, and mentor to Chandler Wilkins.
- **The Christopher Hinojo Top Recruiter Award** to Markus Flynn, Kinesiology, for spreading the word to potential applicants of the 2017 Cohort.
- **People’s Choice Award for Best Research Poster** was given to Kristina Nugent, Chemistry.
- **Three Minute Research Pitch Award** was given to Team TRD from the 2015 Cohort: Icel Davila, David Ortiz, and Berenice Real.

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The Thelma L. Harding Above & Beyond Award 2016

This year, the first-ever Thelma L. Harding Above and Beyond Award 2016 inaugurated the honor to Thelma herself (bottom image), in appreciation for her leadership, support, and dedication to helping others achieve their goals.
Thelma has been an instrumental part of the McNair Program for over 10 years and has went "above and beyond" for scholars, as well as students, throughout the university community. Her support and commitment has been unmatched and she is very deserving of this honor!

Our Graduating Scholars
We are excited for the six graduating seniors and their graduate school plans!

Celize Christy is a graduating senior in Animal Science and will begin the master's in Rural Sociology and International Agricultural Development at Penn State in the fall.
Ruben Garcia, graduating senior in Microbiology, will be seeking employment in his field for one year with a plan to reapply for fall 2017.
Cierra Hagans is a graduating senior in Psychology and will begin at the University of Illinois Chicago master's program in criminology.
Christian Miller, graduating senior in Biological Systems Engineering, will begin the master's program at the Godman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley.
Angel Raymundo, graduating senior in Psychology, has accepted an offer from Miami University of Ohio for the master's in Student Affairs.
Ronnie Shelly, graduating senior in Community and Regional Planning, has accepted an offer from Florida State University for the master's in Urban and Regional Planning.

Senior Dinner
Saluting our second-year group

At the end of each school year, we conclude the second-year Scholar's experience with a fun night out! This year's dinner was full of laughs, camaraderie, and great food. The scholars received many tokens for their membership in the program, including their commemorative McNair jacket to keep them warm in graduate school!

Scholar's Summer Plans
Each summer the McNair Scholars are spread throughout the country doing various things from research experiences to internships or taking classes.

Here are some of the amazing things they are up to!

Bishop Archer will be working here on campus at the Language Studies Resource Center.
Stanley Barbel will complete an internship with the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA) in Arizona.
Marcos Cortes will intern with Emerson Climate Technologies in Sydney, OH. 
Susan Cruz-Rodriguez will be working for the College of Human Sciences Student Services and taking summer classes. 
David Montalegre will attend an REU at Brigham Young University in the Department of Physics. 
Markus Flynn will continue research in his department and take summer classes. 
Andrew Guinness was accepted to attend the 2016 Summer Program in Biological Sciences in Public Health at the T.H. Chan Harvard School of Public Health. 
Icel Davila will be a research assistant for the Research Institute for Studies in Education (RISE) and take summer classes. 
Jocelyn Jackson will intern with John Deere Manufacturing and serve as the Membership Chair for NSBE Regional Chapter. 
Dhynasah James will be taking summer courses. 
David Ortiz will attend the Lake Erie Center REU at the University of Toledo. 
Berenice Real will participate in the Dungy Leadership Institute as a member of the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program. 
Chandler Wilkins has received a summer fellowship with the Texas A&M Sociology and Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning Research Experience for Undergraduates.

Program Assessment through Practicum

School of Education Master's student Morgan Bartlett has completed her assessment of the McNair Program by interviewing alums who are now graduate students at ISU. Her results of the project were informative and will impact future programming.

Thank you Morgan for your help throughout the semester!

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