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The 14th Annual McNair Symposium

This year's Annual Symposium was held at Scheman. 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:

Researcher of the Year was awarded to Kpandi Lumeh, Psychology, for her work with Dr. Carolyn Cutrona and in-class research project.

Scholar of the Year was awarded to Jocelyn Jackson, Mechanical Engineering.

Faculty Mentor of the Year to Dr. Ganesh Balasubramanian, Mechanical Engineering, and mentor to Mouhamad Diallo.

People's Choice Award for Best Research Poster was given to Kristina Nugent, Chemistry, and Susan Cruz-Rodriguez, Public Relations.
Graduate Student Mentor of the Year to Shannin Moody, Human Development & Family Studies, and mentor to Mouhamad Diallo and Therin Young, Mechanical Engineering, and mentor to Jocelyn Jackson.

Three Minute Research Pitch Award was given to Team Spiral (2016 Cohort): (l to r) Andy Hinojo, Thomata Doe, Mouhamad Diallo, Brittany Pernell and Enrique Rubio-Delgado.

The Thelma L. Harding Above & Beyond Award 2017
The Thelma L. Harding Above and Beyond Award 2017 was awarded to Dr. Tera Jordan (pictured right), assistant professor of Human Development and Family Studies, in appreciation for her leadership, support, and dedication to helping others achieve their goals.

Dr. Jordan is a McNair alum of Indiana University and has been a huge supporter of the ISU McNair Program. She sits on the McNair Advisory Council and has volunteered her skills and time for several aspects of the program. Her support and commitment has been unmatched and she is very deserving of this honor!
New McNair Staff.  
Welcome Arnold Woods.

This April, Arnold Woods began as a Program Assistant with the McNair Program. Arnold is an ISU alum who comes back to ISU from working in enrollment for the Waukee Community School District. He brings experience working with diverse populations in the Des Moines community.

In his position, Arnold will work as the first person of contact and handle the day-to-day management of the program. Helping underrepresented students in higher education is his passion, and he’s "grateful to work with such a great team of staff to help the McNair scholars reach their full educational potential here at Iowa State".

Our Graduating Scholars
We are excited for our graduating seniors and their graduate school plans for this upcoming fall!

Richard Ambert-Torres will work for one year and plans to enter graduate school in fall 2018.
Bishop Archer will seek employment in the Denver area and re-apply to biomedical engineering programs.
Stanley Barbel will attend Philadelphia University as a Master's student in Industrial Design this fall.
Marcos Cortes will enter the Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at the Ohio State University this fall.
Susan Cruz-Rodriguez will apply for graduate program entry fall 2018.
Icel Davila will begin the Master's in Psychology at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.
Markus Flynn has already begun his Master's in Kinesiology here at ISU this spring.
Andrew Guinnes will begin his Ph.D. in Biological Sciences at the University of Notre Dame.
Jocelyn Jackson will start the concurrent BS/MS in Mechanical Engineering at Iowa State.
Dhynasah James will begin the master's in Medical and Bioinformatics at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI this fall.
David Montealegre will enter the Ph.D. in Physics at the University of Iowa.
Kristina Nugent will enter the Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at University of Connecticut in Mansfield, CT.
David Ortiz will begin his Master's in the Department of Geography and Science at Villanova University in Pennsylvania.
Brittany Pernell will graduate in December 2017 and plans to apply for graduate school for fall 2018.
Berenice Real will start the Master's program in Higher Education/Student Affairs at Iowa State.
Chandler Wilkins will attend Texas A&M for the Master's in Urban Studies.

Senior Dinner
A Special Night with Graduating Seniors and Second-Year Students

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!

- **Kpandi Lumeh** will be studying abroad in Berlin, Germany as part of her International Studies curriculum.
- **Thomata Doe** will be interning with ISU Extension in Mt. Pleasant, IA with the Rising Star Program.
- **Mouhamad Diallo** will be researching with the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.
- **Alexis Slade, Ethan Owens, and Jonathon Cerna** will be working with their McNair Faculty Mentors on research here at ISU.
- Both **Shakurra Evans** and **Faleesia Williams** will be attending NCORE and...
preparing for their graduate school applications.

- **Joseph Giroux** will study abroad at the University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain.
- **Josua Gonzales-Neal** will travel to Boston, MA to intern as a software engineer with iRobot.
- **Adamarie Marquez-Acevedo** will intern as a Dairy and Nutrition Consultant with Cargill in Idaho.