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McNair
Research
Scholars



**2014 Graduating Senior
Recognition and
Faculty Mentor
Appreciation**



April 28, 2014

5:30 p.m.

LSU Student Union



PROGRAM



Hosted by Joseph Givens, Director

Reception

Opening Remarks and Welcome

2014 Graduating Seniors Recognition

★ McNair Research Scholars

★ Faculty Mentors

Adjournment



2014 GRADUATING SENIORS





DE ANDRE' BEADLE

Research mentor: Belinda Davis, Ph.D.

Educational Outcomes of Immigrant Students Influenced by Their Ability to Access the Social Capital within Their Community; African Americans and Trust in Government

De Andre' was recognized as one of the LSU Tiger Twelve. He will attend graduate school at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville in the Department of Sociology-Criminal Justice Systems where he was awarded a graduate assistantship.



ARIELLE BROWN

Research mentors: Cassandra Chaney, Ph.D., Stephen Finley, Ph.D., Joyce Jackson, Ph.D.





"Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome" and its Application to African American Undergraduates; Is Black Motherhood A Marker of Oppression or Empowerment? Hip-Hop and R&B Lessons about "Mama."

Arielle was recognized with the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Academic Excellence Award, and was named one of the LSU Tiger Twelve. She will pursue a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign where she was awarded fellowships and assistantships totaling over \$55,800 per year.

HAYATO DESOUZA

Research mentor: Michael J. Martin, Ph.D.

Hayato will present research at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Conference. Before continuing to graduate school, he will strengthen his command of the Japanese language by teaching English in Japan.



LE'KENDRA FUSILIER

Research mentor: Mileva Radonjic, Ph.D.

The Experimental Study of the Effects of Shear Stress and Drilling Fluid Contamination on the Integrity of the Cement-Formation Interface



CASEY DUVALL

Research mentor: Arthur Penn, Ph.D.

The Effects of Early-life Second-hand Smoke Exposure on Adult Susceptibility to Bacterial Infection of the Lungs

Casey was a member of the LSU Gymnastics team that ranked third in the NCAA Super Six Finals, earning the highest team finish in LSU history. She is applying to medical school for fall 2015.



FRANSHETTA HIBBLER

Research mentor: Chris Branton, Ph.D., Ciara Foster

Application for Basic Learning and Education (ABLE)

Franshetta has applied to a number of Louisiana institutions and is eagerly waiting their responses.

DERRICK LATHAN

Research mentor: Stephen Finley, Ph.D.

Stereotypes and Representations of Black Males in the Media



Derrick is a talented artist who is devoted to community service. He co-founded the LSU Black Student Artist Collective and is a mentor to the LSU Upward Bound, an outreach program for precollege students who would be the first in their family to attend college. He will pursue a Ph.D. in sociology at LSU and has been awarded a tuition fellowship from the graduate school.



CHARLES LEWIS

Research mentor: Craig Hart, Ph.D.

FRAP Analysis of BEAF-32A and BEAF-32B

Charles will pursue a Doctor of Dental Medicine at Boston University. He was awarded the U.S. Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program and is a recipient of the U.S. Armed Forces HPSP Scholarship, which will cover the tuition and fees of dental school.

MARKITA LEWIS

Research mentors: Carol J. Lammi-Keefe, PhD, RD and Holiday A. Durham, PhD, RD

Cross-Sectional Analysis of Obesity and Serum Analytes in Males Identifies sRAGE as a Novel Biomarker Inversely Associated with Diverticulosis; Increased Dietary Docosahexaenoic Acid Consumption and Its Effect on Macular Pigment Optical Density: The Eye Health in College-Age Students III Pilot Study

Markita has garnered many honors during her undergraduate career, most recently the Louisiana Dietetic Association Irene Toliver Pyburn Merit Award, Huel D. Perkins Leadership Award, a publication in a national research journal, and she was a member of the LSU Discover Student Advisory Board. She will pursue a M.S. in nutrition and dietetics at the University of Georgia where she was awarded full tuition and fees and a \$22,000 per-year stipend.

YVONNE THOMPSON

Research mentor: Anna Long, Ph.D.

Implementation Intention's Effect on Treatment Integrity to a Classroom Management System

Yvonne is a community service leader in her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. She was recognized as the Iota Thea Volunteer of the Year and Mentor of the Year. She will pursue a graduate degree in social work and is currently considering offers from a variety of graduate schools.



MCNAIR RESEARCH SCHOLARS FACULTY MENTORS



We thank this year's faculty research mentors for their time, effort, and commitment to ensuring the success of our students.

Anna Long, Ph.D.

Belinda Davis, Ph.D.

Carol Lammi-Keefe, Ph.D.

Cassandra Chaney, Ph.D.

Craig Hart, Ph.D.

Daniel Hayes, Ph.D.

Frederick Weil, Ph.D.

Holiday Durham, Ph.D.

Joyce Jackson, Ph.D.

Kermit Murray, Ph.D.

Michael J. Martin, Ph.D.

Mileva Radonjic, Ph.D.

Rachel Champagne, M.S.

Sherif Ishak, Ph.D.

Stephen Finley, Ph.D.

Susan Weinstein, Ph.D.

Theda Daniels-Race, Ph.D.

Tyler Renshaw, Ph.D.



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