McNair Junior Scholars: Summer Summary

As Spring Quarter winds down, Junior McNair Scholars are getting ready for a summer full of challenge, study, and maybe a bit of fun. Here are some of the highlights of the junior summer schedule:

- **June 17-21: Community Building Workshop.** Juniors will start the quarter working with other summer scholarship programs, like UC LEADS, to hone some of the skills that will let the continue building an academic community together.
- **June 24-July 19: Project Research and Seminars.** Through late June and July, scholars will continue their research projects while also attending weekly seminars on GRE preparation, grad school applications, and research.
- **July 22-31: Presentation Rehearsals.** As scholars prepare for the national McNair conference at UC Berkeley, they will have over a week to work on their PowerPoint presentations, including a formal presentation with scholars and mentors present.
- **August 1-5: National McNair Symposium at UC Berkeley.** As a culmination to their yearlong research projects, scholars will take a trip to Berkeley and present on what they have achieved to an audience of fellow McNair scholars from across the nation.
- **August 12-25: GRE Boot Camp.** As the final McNair program of the summer, scholars will attend a two-week long, all-day boot camp to rigorously prepare for the Graduate Record Exams which they will be taking by September.

Get ready for an exciting and busy summer, juniors!

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**UC Davis McNair Scholars Program**

The McNair Scholars Program is housed within Graduate Studies at the University of California at Davis. We are located in Student Community Center Suite 2300 and provide year-round staff support and mentorship to our distinguished scholars. Please share the news of this unique program with others in the UCD community. We begin accepting applications in the fall.

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**McNair Junior Prepare for Berkeley**

The junior McNair Scholars at UC Davis have spent the entire academic year forging relationships with faculty mentors and setting the groundwork for their summer research projects. Now, they are finally gearing up for the summer, where they will receive a stipend so that they can dedicate themselves full-time to research. The payoff? In addition to the skills they are polishing and the relationships they are developing, the scholars have the opportunity to visit UC Berkeley to look forward to.

Every year, the UC Davis McNair Program brings along all of its scholars to present their research at UC Berkeley's annual McNair Research Symposium. Each scholar is placed on a panel alongside scholars from across the nation with similar interests. They will have a chance to present their research, ask and answer questions, and continue making the connections and learning the experience that will follow with them throughout their graduate school careers and beyond.

The five-day trip to Berkeley will require a lot of preparation, but it also provides an opportunity for Davis's McNair Scholars to bond together even more closely than they already have over a year of shared courses and collaboration. Will these years' scholars stick to the traditions of previous Berkeley trips, such as dinner at Henry's and after-hours karaoke, or will they forge their own new legacies? Whatever they choose, they may well come to appreciate the declarations from past students that the Berkeley trip was the culmination of all their work with McNair, and sometimes even of their academic experience at UC Davis.

Enjoy the trip, juniors, try the mac and cheese at Henry's, and don't forget to make some memories!
2013 McNair Seniors Blast Off

As the year draws to a close, our graduating McNair Scholars prepare for their next steps as college graduates. McNair staff and fellow scholars alike are proud of the impressive achievements of this class, and we look forward to seeing more of them in the future!

Alfonso Aranda will be staying here at UC Davis to attend the Master’s Program in Geography.

Steve Juarez will attend the PhD program in Sociology at UC San Diego.

Araceli Dugio will be applying to graduate programs starting in 2014.

Caprice Lee will be applying to graduate programs starting in 2014.

Jennifer Fabian will be headed down to Texas to earn her Masters degree in Psychology from Sam Houston University.

Gregory Loh will be studying in the University of Pennsylvania’s PhD program in History.

Rebeca Figueroa will be staying here at UC Davis to pursue her PhD in Native American Studies.

Cindie Robles will be attending the PhD program in Psychology at Michigan State University.

Michael Ford will be attending the PhD program in Material Sciences at UC Santa Barbara.

Faiya Sellu will be headed to UC Berkeley to pursue a PhD in Film Studies.

Ryan Green will be applying to graduate programs starting in 2014.

Carolina Tavarez will be staying here at UC Davis to earn her PhD in Spanish.