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Monthly McNair Newsletter
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McNair Scholars Reach Great Heights!



McNair Scholars at the 2022 Western Michigan University Graduate Fair

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- First-Generation Celebration November 8th-10th
- November McNair Scholar Highlight: Alexia Elizardo
- Call for Recommendations!

FIRST GENERATION CELEBRATION

NOV. 8TH-10TH



EVENTS

National First-Gen Day

Tuesday, 11/8 at 1:15-2:00pm in Sci 131

"The Silent Challenges that First-Generation College Students Overcome & How to Help "

First Generation Celebration

Wednesday, 11/9 at 11:30-1:30 in the UC

Coffee and Conversation

Thursday, 11/10 at 12:00-1:00 PM in the UC Hub

Join us in celebrating the success of first-generation college students, faculty, staff, and alumni!

First-Generation Celebration November 8th-10th

Join us in celebrating the success of first-generation college students, faculty, staff, and alumni as well as acknowledging the obstacles that first-generation college students face.

National First-Gen Day – Common Dialogue Day

"The Silent Challenges that First-Generation College Students Overcome & How to Help" Presentation

Tuesday, November 8th at 1:15-2:00pm in Sci 131 SHU

First-Generation Celebration

Wednesday, November 9th at 11:30-1:30pm in the University Center SHU

Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, November 10th 12:00-1:00pm in the University Center Hub SHU



2022 Graduate Fair with Professional Headshots booth courtesy of SHU Marketing

Graduate School Fair and Career Expo Concluded

Thank you to those who attended the 2022 Graduate School Fair last week!



November Scholar Highlight: Alexia Elizardo

Name: Alexia Elizardo

Hometown: Adrian, Michigan

Undergraduate Institution: Siena Heights University

Major: Biology with a Chemistry minor

Mentor: Dr. Milson Luce of Siena Heights University

How did you hear about the McNair Scholars Program?

I heard about the McNair Scholars Program when some McNair representatives came to one of my classes my first year.

What is the title and subject of your research project?

Preservation of Sea Urchin Sperm by Refrigeration

What is one of your favorite event experiences in the McNair Scholars Program so far?

Going to the University Of Michigan Art Museum during summer internship.

What is one thing you learned while in the McNair Scholars Program that you would like to share?

How to be successful in managing my time.

What piece of advice would you give to someone interested in the McNair Scholars Program?

Understand that the McNair Scholars Program can be difficult sometimes, however it's very beneficial and a lot of fun.

What is an accomplishment you're proud of?

Performing marine research at a school that is nowhere near the ocean.

What is a goal you have for the future?

To present at as many conferences as possible.

What are some of your future plans?

To attend graduate school for my masters and PhD degree.



A sea urchin, the subject of Alexia Elizardo's research project.
This one happens to be very stylish with a cowboy hat on.



Reminder: It Is Never Too Early or Late to Refer A Student to the Program!

Do you know a motivated student who may be interested in graduate school?

The McNair Scholars Program accepts and appreciates faculty-recommended students all year long!

The goal of the program is to support college students as they enroll in graduate studies.

With the addition of our Pre-McNair Program, now referred to as the **McNair Academy**, we are willing to consider applicants who may not have been considered before, based on their academic major or academic class status. 1st year and 2nd year student referrals are greatly appreciated to introduce students to the program.

If you know anyone who you think might be a good fit in the McNair Scholars Program, we would be more than willing to reach out to them and further discuss the McNair Scholars Program and program eligibility.

The McNair Scholars Program seeks students who are:

- **Motivated, high achievers with a strong aptitude for research and critical thinking**
- **Interested in pursuing graduate school**
- **Wanting professional development opportunities such as personal statement workshops, resume/CV crafting, research presentation experience, travel to conferences and graduate schools, etc.**

[Refer A Student](#)



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