

# TRIO

## RONALD E. MCNAIR POST-BACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Newsletter

November 29th, 2022

All information for important events can be found on [Trello](#) and Canvas.

### Weekly Announcements for Scholars

#### Today's Topic of Conversation



The Arctic fox, also known as the white fox, polar fox, or snow fox, is a small fox native to the Arctic regions of the Northern Hemisphere and common throughout the Arctic tundra biome

#### CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Finals Week is on the way. Setting reminders and making checklists is a good way to make the most of your study time.**
- **Check out the Mcnair for newsletters and announcements!**

- **Scholar News and Updates! Shanterra Holmes, Alexis Cordle, and Lillian Walker**
- **November McNair Scholar Spotlight: Alexia Elizardo**
- **Fill in the blank! What does McNair mean to you? McNair is \_\_\_\_\_. Email Anna with your response to be featured in our marketing campaigns! Click Here to Submit!**
- **Submit your Scholar news to be included in weekly spotlights! Now on Canvas!**
- **Check Trello for more news such as graduate school info, fee waivers, event details and opportunities**

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## **Scholar News!**

### **Shanterra Holmes**

"I have some personal scholar updates. DSHREP recently put out their 2022-23 brochure and included me in it [DSHREP 2022 Updated MCW Horizontal Brochure IA](#) and I recently presented about my summer internship on Common Dialogue Day during the "STEM Summer Experiences" Breakout session."

### **Lillian Walker**

"I have been accepted to Bowling Green State University's DPT program and am waiting to hear back from the following schools who I have interviewed with: University of Toledo, Western Michigan University & Concordia University Ann Arbor."

### **Alexis Cordle**

"I have interviewed and been accepted at the University of Dayton and Bellarmine University. My upcoming interviews include the University of Toledo and Western Michigan University. "

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Check out our Facebook page and other social media for upcoming events across each campus! Feel free to forward events you would like to be shown in the newsletters as well.

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## 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.

## Call For Scholar Highlights!

Every month a scholar will be highlighted on the Siena Heights McNair Scholars Program social media pages. This is open to Academy Scholars, Current Scholars, and Alumni Scholars.

Include a picture of yourself that you would like to be posted, otherwise professional headshots will be used.

If you'd like to contribute some information about yourself to be posted on the McNair Scholars Program social media pages, please email Anna Short, Program Assistant, at [ashort@sienaheights.edu](mailto:ashort@sienaheights.edu).

Submissions accepted all year long!

Send in Your  
News!

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

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

The McNair Scholars Program accepts and appreciates peer-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. 1<sup>st</sup> year and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**
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It is well adapted to living in cold environments, and is best known for its thick, warm fur that is also used as camouflage.

Have news you want included in the Weekly Newsletter?  
Please email [mcnair@sienaheights.edu](mailto:mcnair@sienaheights.edu) with details  
or submit to the  
"Scholar News and Achievements Form"  
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