# The Scholar Voyageur

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### Welcome IUP-McNair Scholars Program

It is with great pride that IUP joins the ranks of University of Pennsylvania, Penn State and Temple in Pennsylvania to host a Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program. program is fully funded by the United States Department of Education in recognition of the need to address the lack of sufficient numbers of doctoral students who come from low-income, firstgeneration backgrounds, and underrepresented groups. The program is designed to improve these students' preparation and motivation for graduate study so that they eventually earn doctoral

The program is one of seven federal TRIO programs and was instituted in 1989 in honor of Ronald McNair, a distinguished astronaut and physicist who demonstrated perseverance, dedication, and the ability to overcome

obstacles through his life's work and who became an exemplary role model for young people. His spirit and value for educational opportunity is carried on through the IUP-McNair Scholars Program.

Since receiving this grant, we have successfully recruited and enrolled the 20 students we are funded to support each year. These students are truly talented and gifted in such varied disciplines as international studies, history, journalism, physical education and sport, Though and criminology. getting here has not been easy for them, they share a common trait of dedication and a reservoir of intellectual curiosity. The program staff is devoted to advancing the educational aspirations of our McNair Scholars and looking to continue recruiting enrolling

outstanding students. If you are a faculty or staff member interested in learning more about the IUP-McNair Scholars program and/or would like to nominate a student for the program, please contact us at 724-357-3033 or by email at cmasilel@iup.edu. If you are a student and you are interested in applying to participate next year, please drop by Gordon 117 or call the program office a t 724-357-3033. We look greeting forward to and serving you.



Dr. Calvin Masilela, Program Director

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#### Scholar Spotlight

Stanavich, straight 4.0 junior majoring in political science from the 9th congressional district is on military training. On the eve of the Opening Banquet, Mr. Stanavich answered this mandated call to service. However, Charles simultaneously is participating in McNair Program. Requirements of the program include preparing a research proposal and presenting completed research at local, regional, and/or national confer-The IUP-McNair ences. Scholars Program acknowledges Mr. Charles Stanavich in his service to his country and his commitment to achieving his academic goals.

### **Program Inaugurated at IUP**

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program was inaugurated at IUP in a ceremony honoring the 2004 class of McNair Scholars April 30, 2004. Many IUP administrators, staff, and faculty members attended the Opening Banquet to show their support for the 2004 Scholars and the McNair Program.

In attendance was IUP Provost Dr. Mark Staszkiewicz, Dr. Ruth Riesenman standing in for IUP President Dr. Diane Reinhard, as well as Deans from the College of Education

Education Technology, the College of Fine Arts, the Eberly College of Business, and the IUP Libraries. Faculty mentors as well as members of the IUP-McNair Advisory Board (see page 4) also attended. powerful keynote address was delivered by Dr. Sam Heastie who challenged scholars to make excellence their goal "because if you make excellence your goal, you become an excellent target like Dr. Ronald McNair, who became an excellent target for NASA". Dr. Heastie's profile

highlighted on page 4.
Profiles of consenting scholars are expected to be published in their hometown newspapers.

The IUP-McNair Scholars Program gives special thanks to the Department of Geography & Regional Planning, the Office of Grants & Sponsored Research, the Office of the Provost, and the Office of University Planning & Analysis.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Scholars to visit D.C. area graduate schools
- Presentation of scholar's research proposals at Summer Research Symposium
- Scholars participate in regional and national McNair Conferences

### **Introducing the 2004 Class of IUP-McNair Scholars**

#### **Matthew Bashore**

Major: Social Studies
Education (Geography)
Class Standing:
Junior
9th Congressional District
Research Topic: Contemporary Issues of PA Forest
Management
Faculty Mentor:
Dr. Ruth Shirey



### Emmanuel Bibangamba

Major: Computer Science Class Standing: Senior 9th Congressional District Research Topic: Network Security: Controlling Insider

Attacks Faculty Mentor: Dr. William Oblitey



#### Edward Brown

Major: Sociology Class Standing: Junior 16th Congressional District Research Topic: Retention of African-American Males Attending College Faculty Mentor: Dr. Beth Mabry



#### Teresa Eury

Major: Nutrition Class Standing: Junior 3rd Congressional District Research Topic: Appetite Disorders and their Effects on Metabolism & Allergies Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mary Sadler



#### Opal Gayle

Major: Spanish & English Class Standing: Senior 2nd Congressional District Research Topic: Can we get along? The Perceptions of African-Americans and the Africans in the Diaspora Faculty Mentor: Dr. Veronica Watson



#### Michael Berkheimer

Major: Social Studies
Education (History)
Class Standing:
Senior
9th Congressional District
Research Topic: Origins of
the Paper Industry in
Central Pennsylvania
Faculty Mentor:
Dr. Charles Cashdollar



#### Ida Bormentar

Major: International
Business & Human
Resources
Class Standing:
Senior
1st Congressional District
Research Topic:
Examining Debt Relief in
Africa
Faculty Mentor:
Dr. Calvin Masilela



#### Charlene Dube

Major: Finance & Accounting
Class Standing:
Junior
9th Congressional District
Research Topic:
The Impact of MultiNational Corporations on
Developing Countries
Faculty Mentor:
Dr. Willam Ames



#### Matthew Fedinick

Major: International
Studies
Class Standing:
Junior
9th Congressional District
Research Topic:
Themes of Religion in
Comparison to the
Collective Unconscious
Faculty Mentor:
Dr. James Gibson



### Aaron Hooks

Major: Social Studies
Education (History)
Class Standing:
Senior
12th Congressional District
Research Topic:
Pittsburgh Railroad Strikes
of 1877
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sharon
Franklin-Rahkonen

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#### Regina Hutson

Major: Social Studies
Education (History)
Class Standing:
Senior
14th Congressional District
Research Topic: Examining
Recruitment Strategies
targeting African-American
students in Post Baccalaureate programs at IUP
Faculty Mentor:
Dr. Eugene Thibadeau



#### Lauren Kwiecien

Major: Social Studies
Education (History)
Class Standing:
Junior
12th Congressional District
Research Topic: Library
Science Information
Technology
Faculty Mentor:



#### Luz Rodriguez

Dr. Scott Moore

Major: Spanish Class Standing: Senior 9th Congressional District Research Topic: Issues of "Race": Sickle Cell Among Latinos

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marveta Ryan-Sams



#### Dana Stringe

Major: Physical Education & Sport Class Standing: Senior 14th Congressional District Research Topic: An Examination of Motivations Surrounding Elderly Participation in Exercise Programs Faculty Mentor: Dr. Madeleine Bayles



#### Donald Warren

Major: Accounting
Class Standing:
Junior
9th Congressional District
Research Interests:
Corporate Tax Shelters &
Work Related Stress in the
Accounting Field
Faculty Mentor:
Dr. Stan Yerep



Myra Johnson
Major: Journalism
Class Standing:
Senior
14th Congressional District
Research Topic: Assessing
Bias Regarding Minorities
in Mainstream News Media
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Caroll
Young/Dr. Mel Jenkins

#### Candice Love

Major: International
Studies
Class Standing:
Senior
1st Congressional District
Research Topic:
Gender Discrimination: An
Examination of Large
Corporation Use of
Subliminal Messaging
Faculty Mentor:
Dr. Carolyn Thompson/Dr.
Caroll Young



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#### **Charles Stanavich**

Major: Political Science
Class Standing:
Junior
9th Congressional District
Research Interests:
Foreign Policy & Public
Affairs
Faculty Mentor:
Dr. Susan Martin



#### Franklin Tinsley

Major: Criminology
Class Standing:
Senior
2nd Congressional District
Research Interests:
Computer Security with
Use of Biometrics
Faculty Mentor:
Dr. Dennis Giever



#### Erica Zong

Major: Criminology
Class Standing:
Senior
9th Congressional District
Research Topic:
Gang Drug Marketing &
Distribution in Rural Areas
Faculty Mentor:
Dr. Paul McCauley

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"Before you can make a dream come true, you must first have one" Ronald E. McNair, 1950-1986



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### **Meet Sam Heastie**

As a teacher he subscribed to, and espoused, a philosophy that every student can learn, and given the tools for effective learning, every student can perform well. Consequently, he worked with students individually and collectively to empower them with scientific tools to improve memory, and trained them how to become more organized and better managers of their time. Concurrently, Dr. Heastie worked with students' families, teaching them how to build and increase students' confidence in their ability to perform at their maximum

academic potential. prove his skills as an educator motivated him to move to the United States in 1989. In the spring of 1993 Dr. Heastie graduated f r o m LaSalle University in Philadelphia Pennsylvania with a m a s t e r 's degree.

After receiving his

master's degree he worked as a Behavior S p e c i a l i s t w i t h at-risk students in the Philadelphia School District. His innovative work of modifying students' behavior by showing them how to improve academic achievement was the genesis of "Successful Start, Successful Finish." Because of this work, Dr. Heastie was again motivated to pursue a higher level of training. Accordingly, he enrolled in the Educational Psychology doctorate degree program at West Virginia University. As one who has experienced the lows and

highs of academic setbacks and success, and as one who has successfully traversed the terrain of academe, Dr. Heastie i s committed t o providing opportunities and avenues for students to increase their academic aptitude, improve their scholastic proficiencies, and

realize their educational goals. The poem printed below was delivered by Dr. Heastie in the keynote address at the Opening Banquet as motivational fuel for McNair Scholars to embrace the challenges they will face in their intellectual journey that will eventually lead them to graduate school. Excerpts of Dr. Heastie's speech are available on C D - R o m i n the McNair program office 117 Gordon.

Drive the nail the right boy,

Hit it on the head;

Strike with all your might boy.

While the iron is red;

When you have work to do boy,

Do it with a will;

He who reaches the top,

First must climb the hill.

Though you stumble off boy,

Never be downcast;

Try and try again boy,

You'll succeed at last.

-Traditional



Dr. Sam Heastie, Asst. Professor of Psychology Fayetteville State University