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McNair students gathered for a Welcome Back event as the McNair Program enters it's 18th year at UNH.



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McNair seniors meet for their Senior Retreat at the Hickory Pond Inn where they gained insight on preparing for graduate school (right/below/below right)



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MCNAIR SCHOLAR PROFILE: SARAH LEONARD



My name is Sarah Leonard and I am a senior psychology student. Having grown up in Boston I was exposed to a number of unique individuals that inspired my interest in psychology. I applied to the McNair program my sophomore year and have been in the program since then. During the summer between my junior and senior year I worked in the McNair office and got to visit a number of potential graduate schools in Chicago along with the other McNair fellows. The trip itself was amazing and the opportunity to visit graduate schools was even more rewarding. I began my research during my senior year. I am looking at resiliency, locus of control, self-efficacy, and substance use in college students. Resiliency, locus of control, and self-efficacy are psychological measures of personality that can be related to behavior. I am hoping to find associations between these measures and substance use in determining their predictability of substance use in college students. I collected surveys that measure each of these over the summer and fall terms. Preliminary results have shown that there is a relationship between them and substance use. However the findings were quite intriguing

in that often times the association was in the opposite direction I predicted. Such findings do not discourage me because they are very interesting in themselves. Further analysis of the data will enable me to formulate reasonable conclusions of my findings.

The McNair program has been a very rewarding experience for me. My participation has granted me the abilities and skills to be a competitive applicant for graduate school. The program has also enabled me to receive the TRIO Donovan scholarship two years in a row which has been a great help. I feel as though the McNair program is an essential for any student coming from a disadvantaged background if they are planning to go to graduate school. Even though my mother greatly emphasizes the need for me to do well in school and go to graduate school, she does not know about the process as a parent who attended college would know. Therefore as a first-generation college student I greatly appreciate the skills the McNair program teaches me. Overall, I feel as though the McNair program has been the most crucial aspect of my undergraduate college career.

*PLEASE JOIN US
FOR ONE OR BOTH OF THE
FOLLOWING
FREE & FUN EVENTS**

*THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
10PM
NOT TOO SHARP
Hubbard Hall*

*TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH
7PM
MARRIAGE OF FIGARO
PCAC/Johnson Theatre
(contact McNair for your ticket)*

**remember-one required event per year*

MCNAIR SCHOLAR PROFILE: JOSEPH CHESLOCK

. I am Senior in the Whittemore School of Business and Economics. I am majoring in Business Administration with concentrations in Management and Entrepreneurial Venture Creation and a minor in Spanish. My research is focused on the relationship between missionary organizations and corporate donors and how it can be improved for the betterment of both parties. I have been interviewing with various corporate leaders, missionary organization executives, and other subject matter experts to uncover the answers to a few key questions regarding my research topic.

Last summer, I embarked on a mission trip to Haiti with a small missionary organization by the name of *Partners in Development*. After observing what kind of operational costs the organization incurs and assessing how effectively it utilizes its resources, I was able to begin my data collection process through the interviewing method. By interviewing with corporate leaders, I am attempting to discover how corporations make the determination as to which organizations they donate to and

why, as well as what could be done to improve this corporate-nonprofit relationship. In my interviewing with missionary organization executives, I am inquiring about the additional measures that missionary organizations could take to attract more corporate support for their cause. Other research participants, such as experts in business philanthropy, have contributed to my understanding of the dynamics of the corporate-nonprofit partnership as a fundamental business relationship. I am currently working on my research article and I am very excited about seeing it come to fruition.

The McNair Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program has been instrumental in helping me realize my post-graduate goals. The graduate school advisory department has proven to be extremely helpful in my search for a graduate program that is right for me. I've learned a significant deal about the research process as well as the "complex inner workings" of the academic world and how to navigate and network in an institutional setting.



Whether you're a student that has your future all planned out, or an undecided scholar developing your track, McNair offers the guidance and coaching that will help you bring your academic and professional aspirations to actualization.

We are now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year.
If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

November 7, 2009 -	New Student Orientation
November 12, 2009 -	Free Fun Event (Cultural Event) Not to Sharp @ 10:00pm in Hubbard Hall
November 17, 2009 -	Research Seminar
December 10, 2009 -	Research Seminar
December 15, 2009 -	Conference Registration DUE
March 9, 2010 -	(7:00p-9:30p) Tuesday Cultural Event: Mozart Opera Marriage of Figaro Johnson Theater All Participants