

McNair Scholars Program

# "The Doctor"

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## Spring 2024 Graduates

Congratulations to the spring 2024 graduates! This semester seven Scholars graduated from Wichita State University. Five of these Scholars participated in research and will present at the Annual Research Symposium on July 26th, 2024.

#### We wish all the best to our graduates!



**Alayna Boykin** Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology



Jacquelyn Martinez Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences



**Siubhan Mora-Bruce** Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology



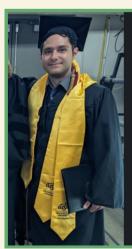
**Andrez Saenz** Bachelor of Arts in Music



**Bayle Sandy** Bachelor of Arts in Economics



**Jennifer Segovia** Bachelor of Arts in Social Work



**Colton West** Bachelor of Business Administration in Information Technology and Management Information Systems



### **Meet the Staff**



We are happy to introduce Jasmine Sosa, our new administrative assistant. Originally from Southern California, she moved to Wichita in late 2023. Jasmine has a strong desire to assist others and aims to study Psychology in the future. Her interests involve reading, embroidery, and playing various musical instruments such as the harmonica, kalimba, tambourine, ukulele, and she is currently mastering the guitar.



Lauren Woodall is a second-year graduate student in the Elliott School of Communication, where she serves as a graduate teaching assistant for Public Speaking and an assistant coach to the debate team. Prior to Wichita State University, she received her Bachelors of Science in Sociopolitical Communication at Missouri State University. In her last year of competing in collegiate debate, Lauren was among the top 16 Lincoln-Douglas debaters in the nation. Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with her cat, Annabelle.



# Someone Like Me

# Lindsey Muñoz, EdD, LMSW

Lindsey Muñoz is a licensed social worker in Kansas, specializing in social work education and higher education administration. She helps college professors enhance their teaching and assists social work programs in innovating while adhering to accreditation standards. Lindsey holds a Doctor of Education in Leadership from the University of Saint Mary (2023) and a Master and Bachelor of Social Work from Wichita State University (2015, 2016). In 2023, she received the Newman University Faculty Teaching Excellence Award.

With over 10 years of experience in public safety and 8 years in social work and higher education, Lindsey excels in individual and organizational problemsolving. Her notable work includes helping Kansas



comply with federal healthcare regulations and aiding Newman University in starting a new social work program.

Driven by a passion for supporting educators, Lindsey ensures that students receive the best learning experiences. She is married to Brian, has three children, and enjoys video games, metal concerts, and MLB baseball.





### **McNair Events & Student Spotlights**



Staff and students gathered to celebrate the end of the spring semester.



Valeria Paunetto represents the program at summer orientation on campus.



Kylie, Rodrigo, Valeria, and Colton attended the 2024 McNair Graduate School Preparation Camp in Kentucky.



Lauren Woodall leads the Summer Grad Prep meetings.

## Summer Birthdays

Russell Spurlin 6/25 Jasmine Sosa 6/25 Jose Miranda 7/11 Sara Gallo 7/18 Kylie Flax 8/1





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#### McNair Facts: Did You Know?



While aboard the Earthorbiting Space Shuttle Challenger in 1984, Ronald E. McNair doubled as a "director" on set of a movie being "produced" with two other astronauts aboard.

Source: https://www.nasa.gov/imagedetail/amf-s84-27219/



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#### **McNair Fee Waivers/ Fellowships**

The Council for Opportunity in Education (COE), in conjunction with the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS), has compiled a list of McNair incentives to help Scholars find graduate schools that offer application fee waivers and/or fellowships and other opportunities that are available to McNair Scholars.

This list can be found at: <u>https://coenet.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2023/05/2023-McNair-Scholars-Fee-</u> <u>Waiver-List-523.xlsx</u>

#### Highlighted Fellowship:

The University of Maryland's McNair Doctoral Fellowship program enhances opportunities for our campus doctoral programs to recruit and retain outstanding McNair alumni from institutions across the country. The AY 24-25 McNair Graduate Fellowship is an enhancement package that may total \$50,000 per student over the duration of the award. Since the inauguration of the McNair Doctoral Fellowship program, 63 exceptional students have been recruited to the University of Maryland Graduate School.

More information can be found at: https://gradschool.umd.edu/funding/student-fellowshipsawards/ronald-e-mcnair-graduate-fellowship

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