

Congratulations to our 2013-14 Graduate Degree Recipients!

Brenda Ascencio - M.A. Management, University of Redlands
Zach Hylton - M.A. International Development, UMN
Eric Khuong - M.D. Caribbean School of Medicine
Anne LaRoche - M.A. Library/Information Science, UW Milwaukee
Pa Ku Lee - MSW Augsburg College
Dorjee Norbu - M.S. Biomedical Sciences, Tufts
Tendor Norbu - M.A. Initial Licensure in 2nd Languages and Culture Education: English as a Second Language at UMN
Chue Vue - M.A. Counseling/Student Personnel Psychology, UMN
Phoua Xiong - M.A. Family Social Science, UMN
Betty Yang - M.A. Non-profit Management, St. Mary's University

St. Olaf McNair Results

St. Olaf McNair Scholars enrolled in or have earned their M.A. degree **48%**

Scholars who are enrolled in or have completed a Ph.D. program **10%**



Congratulations Scholars!



Recent graduate degree recipients (pictured left to right): Phoua Xiong, Eric Khuong, Anne La-Roche, and Pa Ku Lee.



McNair Summer Research 2014

Name	Major	Faculty Mentor
Sheridan Blanford	Individual Major	Cindy Book
Hawera Butta	Biology	Off-campus research
Mariah Dubose	Econ/Math	Sharon Lane-Getaz
Randie Engstrom-Neadeau	Math	Charles Umbanhowar
Lacey Etzkorn	Math/Env. St.	Off-campus research
Paoge Moua	Asian Studies	Ka Wong
Abdi Musse	Biology	Off-campus internship
Allena Penn	Biology	Lisa Bowers
Carlos Rivera	Chemistry	Jeff Schweinfuss
Michele Severson	Biology	Gary Muir
Alex Thompson	Psychology	Gary Muir
Pader Vue	Psychology	Shelly Dickinson
Chad Wagner	Biology	Kevin Crisp



McNair Scholars attend a graduate school visit to the UMN. **Front row:** Paoge Moua, Mariah Dubose, Michele Severson, Allena Penn. **Second row:** Carlos Rivera, Director Janis Johnson, Ast. Director Melissa Hinderscheit, Pader Vue. **Third row:** Chad Wagner, Sheridan Blanford, Alex Thompson.

TRIO McNair Alumni Spotlight

JUAN-ITA EFFIOM

I am currently working on my M.A. in Occupational Therapy at UW Madison.

Highlights of Grad School: The people in my cohort are wonderful. We all get along, support each other, and work as a team. The course material is fun; last semester, I learned about baby milestones (typical development in children) and about engaging interventions for children.

Challenges of Grad School: The amount of work assigned can often feel like a lot, but if one is focused, one can complete it all and do well in the program.

Other Personal Updates:

I am thrilled to have many of my family members from Nigeria residing closer to me. I'm always eager to go home and see them during my breaks.



Juan-Ita enjoys the hands-on learning in the UW OT program.

ANNE LAROCHE

I am taking my proficiency exams for my M.A. in Library and Information Science. I also accepted a position as Library Director at the Frances L. Simek Memorial Library in Medford, Wisconsin and started in January 2014.

CHRISTINA HODGE

Highlights of Grad School: Great education with amazing professors.

Challenges of Grad School: Financial Cost

Occupation: Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness

Title: Master Resilience Trainer - Performance Expert

Teach performance enhancement & resilience to soldiers.

TENZIN CHOERAP

I started a new position with Project Footsteps as a project facilitator. Project Footsteps is a non-profit which empowers youth to become change agents in the community. I am looking into MBA and Public Administration graduate programs. I am also actively involved with the Tibetan mentoring and tutoring program LAMTON, which I had helped co-found during my years at St. Olaf.



BRITT LETCHER

As a senior, Britt studied French and Moroccan culture in Fes during January. She applied to schools while abroad and returned to discover that she was accepted!

We wish Britt the best as she begins her M.A. in American Studies at the University of New Mexico!

This summer, **Zachary Hylton** and **Daniel Plunkett** participated on a grad school panel at the UMN to share their experiences and provide advice to Scholars from St. Olaf College, Augsburg College, and the University of MN.



New Alumni Updates?

Email hindersc@stolaf.edu with graduate school or personal updates that you would like to share with your McNair alum, students, faculty and TRIO friends, and we will try to include in the next issue of the McNair Chronicle!

Stay posted of St. Olaf TRIO McNair happenings, check us out at wp.stolaf.edu/mcnair/ OR www.facebook.com/stolaftrio.mcnair

Meet the McNair Class of 2016

Student Name	Major	Summer Internship/Research Experience
Spencer Castillo	Chemistry	World Missions in Pasadena, CA
Mariah Dubose	Econ/Math	CURI research with Dr. Lane-Getaz
Randie Engstrom-Neadeau	Math	CURI research with Dr. Umbanhowar
Nathalie Kenny	Environmental and Asian Studies	Social Entrepreneurship Scholars Program
Kou Lee	Exercise Science	Center for Sports Medicine & SSS Bio TA
Alex Manos	Exercise Science	Center for Sports Medicine & SSS Bio TA
Tomaz Manzoni	Biology/Math	UMN LSSURP program
Breanna Olson	French	Concordia Language Village; D.C. Public Policy (fall)
Issa Prosper	Math/Biology	Research Opportunities in Science for Sophomores (ROSS)
Jeff Riley	Psychology	Rice County Chemical Health Coalition
Mya Saracho	Psychology	ASL course in Arizona; Hope Center
Elisabeth Sepulveda	Neuro/Psych/Ed	Coastal Enterprises Marketing & Communication



St. Olaf TRIO McNair and SSS students accompany Mr. King, Dr. Walczak, and Dr. Lane-Getaz to the Creating Connections Consortium at Connecticut College.