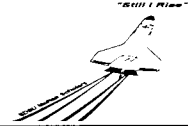


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## McNair Memo



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### Please Mark Your Calendar

May 4, 2000	Seminar featuring Radmilla Prislín. "Creating your Curriculum Vitae"
May 19-26, 2000	Finals Week
May 27-28, 2000	Commencement
June 1, 2000	McNair Seminar

Please reserve the first Thursday of every month for McNair seminars.



Veronica Bejar, SDSU McNair Scholars Program's new director.

### A Letter from the New McNair Scholars Director

Dear Colleagues and Scholars,

It is with great pleasure that I accept the position as Director of the SDSU McNair Scholars Program. It was not difficult for me to identify with the ambitious goals of the program in nurturing and assisting first-generation, low-income and under-represented students to achieve higher education careers in this society. I have spent most of my career preparing and working with varied populations to achieve their goals. My background has given me the understanding of personal and social difficulties that need to be overcome in order to obtain a graduate degree.

I have the privilege to be bicultural and bilingual. My education and my professional experience were obtained in the United States and in Mexico. My professional experience started in Mexico, working in the private sector and continuing in the United States in higher education.

Throughout my professional career, it has been especially rewarding to work in higher education institutions. I worked at private universities as a career counselor and in student employment doing extensive administrative work learning the complexity of these institutions. The most gratifying experience is to use the opportunity of this position to provide my expertise to the service of students hoping to make a difference in their lives. It is my goal

to work with my new colleagues and to help the McNair Scholars succeed through advising, the summer research experience, tutoring, seminars, and just being there for them. I look forward to meeting with every one of you and assisting you in achieving your dreams!

### Kudos Korner

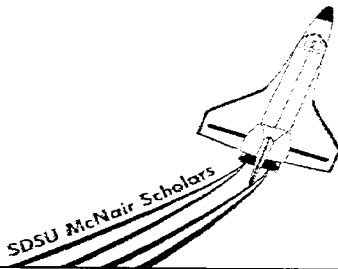
SDSU McNair Scholars have been busy making their presence known. **Valita Jones** has received the SDSU Women's Association Scholarship, is the President of the African Psychological Society and Co-Director of the Leadership Excellence. **Ulla Anderson** has been inducted into Golden Key Honor Society and Psi Chi. She also tutors research methods, is a TA, and a mentor for an 11 year old girl. **Keyondria Bunch** received the F.L. Frankel Scholarship. **Andrea Dalve-Endres** was published in the Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology, entitled "Increased Mast Cell Degranulation within Thalamus in Early Pre-lesion Stages of an Experimental Model of Wernicke's Encephalopathy." **Virginia Chaidez** is participating in the dietetic internship at SDSU Extended Studies/Certificate Program. **Cynthia Lehman** received the national P.E.O. Sisterhood Scholarship. **Michelle Kinzel** is in Hawaii to conduct some humpback and spinner dolphin research. **Alejandra Ramirez** was awarded Quest for the Best.

**Linda Jazo** was accepted to Harvard for a master's program in Psychology. **Josh Garcia** has been accepted into the SDSU Masters of Social Work program. **Sandra Salzedo** is enrolled in the Nutrition Masters Program at SDSU. **Sinead Younge** will be attending MSU's Psychology Ph.D. program in the fall. **Sergio Romero, Daniel DeBry, and Lupe Mejorado** were each accepted into several Ph.D. programs and must make some hard decisions. **Kelly Silva** was accepted to the dual degree Ph.D. program at CSPP. **Kisani Ogwaro** was accepted to Baylor College of Medicine and to University of Alabama at Birmingham MD/PhD programs. **Robert Rubalcaba** is attending Auburn University's Mathematics Ph.D. program.

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### The SDSU McNair Scholars Present...

SDSU McNair Scholars have been attending conferences and presenting their research findings. A few of the recent presentation have been the 1st Annual National McNair Scholars Conference at USC and the College of Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium. At the Symposium the presentations were judged and prizes were awarded. McNair Scholars won first and second place in the Biological Sciences division. **Jessica Hernandez** and **Antoinette Linton** respectively. In the Physics/Robotics division **Juan Martinez** won second place. Congratulations to the participants and winners!

#### 1st Annual National McNair Scholars Conference at USC

**Yolanda Cisneros**                      **Jessica Hernandez**  
**Valita Jones**                         **Linda Jazo**

#### College of Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium

##### Participants

**Yolanda Cisneros**                      Mentor: Rick Bizzoco, Ph.D.  
*The Function and Mechanism of the Contractile Vacuole*  
**Gil Pangilinan**                         Mentor: Robert Pozos, Ph.D.  
*High Frequency (17HZ-33HZ) of Tibialis Anterior EMG During Two-Footed Landing*  
**Ulla Anderson**                         Mentor: Roberto Velasquez, Ph.D.  
*Validation of the MMPI-2 Masculinity-Femininity Scale with Latino Men and Women: Preliminary Findings*  
**Keyondria Bunch**                      Mentor: Vanessa Malcarne, Ph.D.  
*The Role of Ethnicity in Children's Attitudes Toward People with Mental Illness*

**Valita Jones**                              Mentor: Roberto Velasquez, Ph.D.  
*Cross-Validation of the MMPI-2 Masculinity Femininity Scale (Mf) with African American Male and Female College Students: An Exploratory Study*  
**Alejandra Ramirez**                      Mentor: Audrey Hokoda, Ph.D.  
*Psychometric Properties of Questionnaires Assessing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Spanish-Speaking Mexican and Mexican Immigrant Children Exposed to Domestic Violence*  
**Kelly Silva**                                Mentor: Claire Murphy, Ph.D.  
*Olfaction Functioning in Alzheimer's Disease*  
**Jessica Hernandez**                      Mentor: Christopher Glembofski, Ph.D.  
*Localization of pEGFP- $\alpha$ B-Crystallin in Neonatal Ventricular Myocytes*  
**Antoinette Linton**                        Mentor: Paul Paolini, Ph.D.  
*Lipid A Analog E5531 is a Potent Antagonist of LPS-Induced Cardiac Depression*  
**Juan Martinez**                            Mentor: Saul Oseroff, Ph.D.  
*Intrinsic and Extrinsic Effects in Bilayer Manganites Above Their Magnetic Ordering Temperature*  
**Patricia Celaya**                         Mentor: Fernando Soriano, Ph.D.  
*Violence and Acculturation Among Hispanic American Youth*

### GRE Word of the Month

Recondite (REK un dyte) *adj* hard to understand; over one's head  
 The philosopher's thesis was so *recondite* that I couldn't get past the first two sentences.

Every now and then the professor would lift his head from his desk and deliver some *recondite* pronouncement that left us scratching our heads and trying to figure out what he meant.

The scholarly journal was so *recondite* as to be utterly incomprehensible. (*Note carefully the pronunciation of this word.*)

At this time of the year Scholars are faced with many changes and adjustments. This quote seems to say it best.

*For young people today things move so fast there is no problem of adjustment. Before you can adjust to A, B has appeared leading C by the hand, and with D in the distance.*

Louis Kronenberger