Message from the Dean

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The third cycle of the Grand Valley State University Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program has been both exhilarating and challenging. It has been exhilarating, because we have had the privilege to personally experience the excitement of the students, many of whom had not previously considered the possibility of graduate education. It has been challenging, because we have had to make every effort to ensure that the program lives up to the institution as well as the program goals: to prepare first generation, low income students to pursue graduate studies, specifically the doctoral degree.

For their support I offer my sincere gratitude to the Grand Valley State University faculty mentors who have provided exceptional guidance to the McNair scholars in the research phase of the program.

Finally, I want to thank the McNair program staff for their commitment to the program as well as the students. When one reads the abstracts from the research, it will become evident that the students as well as the staff have done a fine job.

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