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A Message from the McNair Scholars Program

With great pleasure, we present the 2015 Grand Valley State University McNair Scholars Journal. This journal is the culmination of the collaborative scholarship undertaken by our student scholars and their faculty mentors through our Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program. Their contributions to this journal represent the persistence and creativity of the students and the faculty mentors who exemplify GVSU's dedication to undergraduate scholarship and transformative learning.

The Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, now in its 21st year at GVSU, is a federally-funded program providing research opportunities for low-income/first-generation, and underrepresented college undergraduates to prepare them for Ph.D. programs. At GVSU, our goals and values align with the McNair Scholars Program as we continually strive to provide equitable support for our students and prepare them for success in graduate school.

We congratulate each of the McNair Scholars whose research and scholarship is presented in this journal. This work represents your intellectual efforts, your persistence, and your limitless potential as future scholars. We are grateful for the faculty mentors who have worked so closely with our McNair Scholars to encourage their intellectual curiosity and foster their goals and dreams. This work also represents your dedication to your student's success.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to our colleagues who support and embrace the McNair Scholars Program; it is their dedication and hard work that makes this program possible.

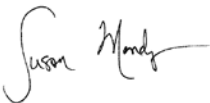
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