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With great pleasure, we present the 2014 Grand Valley State University McNair Scholars Journal. This year our cover has been redesigned to help represent the new national emphasis on the value of undergraduate research.

The Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, now in its 20th year at GVSU, is a federally funded program providing research opportunities for low-income/first-generation, and underrepresented college undergraduates to better 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.

This journal is a culmination of the collaborative research conducted by our student scholars and their faculty mentors. We congratulate each of the McNair Scholars whose research is presented in this journal. This research represents your persistence and growth as future scholars. We thank 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 represents your dedication to the 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 these successes possible.

Sincerely,

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