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A Message from the McNair Scholars Program

With great pleasure, we present the 2017 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.

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 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.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we announce this will be the last GVSU McNair Scholars Journal for the foreseeable future. Grand Valley was not awarded funding from the United States Department of Education to support our long standing program. In the meantime, we will continually strive to provide equitable support for our students and prepare them for success in graduate school in the tradition of the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program.

Sincerely,



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