
McNair Association of Professionals

MAP Newsletter

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Welcome, MAP!

Welcome, McNair Association of Professionals (MAP) members! The MAP Communications and Media Committee is proud to introduce our inaugural newsletter. With each newsletter, we will spotlight pertinent information from MAP Committees and other news of interest and relevance to MAP professionals. In this issue, you will learn more about upcoming events, committee news, meet MAP Executive Committee Members and more.

As we work to increase our presence across several social media platforms, we hope this newsletter will be yet another way for us to connect with you. Feedback and suggestions for future topics are always welcomed by our editors. Contact information is provided on the last page. We plan to publish quarterly, so look for our next issue in September!

Lastly, we're in search of a name for our newsletter and we'd love to hear your suggestions. If you have an idea for a catchy name that fits our community, please use the QR Code on page 6 to submit your suggestion by August 1st. We'll announce the winning name in the next issue.



News from Committees

National McNair Journal

Our MAP Journal is an annual, online, and peer-reviewed (all submissions are read by two independent reviewers including faculty and other experts in the discipline) research journal.

- Current McNair scholars and alumni who have graduated with their baccalaureate degree within the past 4 years are invited to work with their McNair faculty advisor and McNair Program Office to submit research papers, research reflections, and certain multimedia projects.
- Membership to the McNair Association of Professionals (MAP) is required in order for your students' work to be considered for publication. To become a member, please click on the following link to learn more and join MAP <https://tinyurl.com/joinMAP2>.
- Only McNair student-authored submissions are accepted; no faculty publications, no literature reviews, posters, or PowerPoint presentations will be accepted.
- Work from all disciplines is welcomed and should follow discipline-specific formatting and citation protocols.
- All submissions must receive faculty mentor approval prior to being submitted.
- Only the McNair Program Director or designated McNair staff member is authorized to submit student submissions to the portal.
- Scholars/Recent Alumni have three (3) submission options:

1. Research paper, limited to 4000-5000 words / approx. 8-10 pages, not including citations: Times New Roman, 12-point font

2. **Research "reflection" piece**, limited to 500 words / approx. 1 page, addressing topics as the a) research process, b) lessons learned, c) best practices, and d) "words of wisdom"; Times New Roman, 12-point font

3. Multimedia project, to be formatted based on discipline-specific protocols; submissions that cannot be uploaded via the submission link can be sent directly to Susan Ott at sjott@buffalo.edu

- MAP members can view the Inaugural 2022 National McNair Research Journal as a PDF on the MAP Journal website:

<https://maop14.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/MAP%20McNair%20National%20Journal%20Oct.2022%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

Our committee is currently working with 35 active scholar submissions for the 2023 edition which is scheduled to be published late this summer. We have received 25 outside reader feedbacks (most of which will require the submitter to edit/revise their work). That said, we are currently notifying the student submitters of their manuscript status.

The next round of scholar submissions will be due in late November 2023, so please encourage your scholars to consider their summer 2023 faculty-supervised research for possible submission in next year's publication!

If you are interested in joining this amazing group of McNair Professionals, please contact Susan Ott at sjott@buffalo.edu. All are welcome and encouraged to join us!

Conferences

Hello MAP members! The MAP Conference Committee is investigating purchasing Sched as a shared event app/platform for use by MAP members who host large events open to McNair Scholars nationally, such as McNair research conferences or grad school boot camps.

Discussions will be taking place over the summer as we fully consider what a shared MAP event platform would look like and the parameters of its use.

If you host a large event and wish to have input on this topic, please e-mail trang3@uw.edu to join the MAP Conference Committee so that your voice can be heard!

News from Committees

Governance, Nominations, and Elections

We are currently accepting any suggestions on updating the MAP constitution & bylaws. Soon we will be moving toward separating the Constitution from the Bylaws. But for now, we are asking for suggested updates/amendments to the constitution & bylaws that we may bring to the full body as part of the 2024 election process.

Please contact the Governance, Nominations, and Elections committee if you wish to add comments on the current draft of the constitution and bylaws. You will need to make sure that you leave your name beside your comment(s) so that we can follow up if we have questions.

Communications and Media

We are working on establishing the newsletter for MAP and we welcome your feedback. Please be sure to respond to the reader/MAP member survey that you will find on the last page of this first newsletter.

In addition, our committee is working hard on collaborating with COE to build an alumni network for our McNair participants and professionals. For example, COE established a National TRIO Alumni LinkedIn account and we encourage McNair alumni to connect with other McNair and TRIO alumni through this social media platform.

To further grow our professional network, MAP anticipates creating its own LinkedIn page and we will let you know when it's ready!

Pedagogy

Summer Events: State of Graduate Education

- June 15th, 2-3 pm CT – Cross Pollination Conversation about those two events

Previous Cross Pollination events are available for viewing on the MAP website. Click the link below and log in to view the recordings.

- <https://maop14.wildapricot.org/Pedagogy-Event-Recordings>

Finance

The Financial Committee has been hard at work submitting our tax filings for the past couple of years. We have also established a formal check request/reimbursement protocol to ensure a stronger checks-and-balances policy, and the IRS has approved our request for a 501(c)3 organization re-classification status. We are now legally considered a Public Charity.

We are super grateful to Susan Ott, our new treasurer, for organizing everything and for submitting the necessary paperwork. Everything has been submitted, and we are all good. It has been a learning process and the following years' filings will be much easier.

We are also in the process of writing our Financial Policy and Procedures Manual and updating the financial committee entries in the MAP constitution. In summary, MAP is in excellent financial health and we will be meeting later this summer to begin creating the 2024 operating budget.

If you are interested in serving on the Finance Committee, please contact Jon Crider at jon.crider@ttu.edu.

Legislative

As stated in the May 10th Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) weekly update, the [Educational Opportunity Success Act](#) as introduced by a bipartisan collection of Senators includes a few items of note for McNair. Namely, adding being a Pell recipient as an indicator of "low-income" status and increasing the McNair stipends to \$5,000.

These actions and a re-focus on issues that are facing McNair Programs would not be possible without the larger voice within COE that MAP is providing.

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What's in a Name?

Help us come up with a name for the newsletter by using the QR code below. We look forward to seeing all of the clever names the MAP community can generate. Submit suggestions by July 20th



<https://forms.gle/oi91d9XxiU1sse9s8>

Reader Survey

Provide your input on topics, resources, engagement, and interests most important to you and your participants by completing this anonymous reader survey.



<https://forms.gle/u3GaWjXnzEPqYbB27>

Social Media



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