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1. WELCOME MCNAIR INTERIM DIRECTOR, Ms KATIE BUTWIN

Thank you all for such a warm welcome! I am looking forward to getting to know all of you over the next several weeks, so if you have not yet scheduled your individual meeting with me, please do so as soon as possible. Best of luck as you head into the heart of your semester, and remember that the McNair Resource Center is available for your use.

2. JANUARY INDIVIDUAL MEETING W/ MS BUTWIN

All McNair Scholars must meet with Ms Butwin this month. If you have not scheduled your individual appointment, please do so ASAP. All meetings must take place by Friday, January 20th.

3. MCNAIR HONORS BANQUET INFORMATION

This year's banquet will take place on Wednesday, April 11th 5:30 PM to 7 PM HMSU 9th Floor Presidential Suite.

4. ACADEMIC YEAR 11-12 "SPRING" SEMESTER UPDATE

See the updated academic year McNair calendar:
<http://www.indstate.edu/mcnairsch/pdf/2011-2012.pdf>

5. SELECTION OF FACULTY MENTOR FOR SUMMER RESEARCH DUE

DUE: Friday, January 20th.
ALL Summer research participants must submit the name of their faculty mentor to Ms Butwin by this date.

6. 2nd PRE-SUMMER WORKSHOP: “THE SUMMER RESEARCH PROPOSAL”

ALL FIRST YEAR SUMMER RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS are required to attend this workshop. It will take place on Wednesday, January 25th 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in HMSU# 407 with Dr. Kathy Ginter. **REMINDER:** Please bring your laptop to all upcoming workshops.

7. INDIVIDUAL MEETING w/ DR. GINTER RE: SUMMER RESEARCH

ALL FIRST YEAR SUMMER RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS must set-up a 30 minute meeting with Dr. Ginter to discuss your research proposal. **COMPLETION DATE:** By March 16, 2012.

8. ATTENTION SECOND YEAR SUMMER RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

If you are a second year Summer research participant, **PLEASE READ!**

The University of Arizona Summer Research Opportunities—ALL Disciplines Welcome!

McNair scholars in the social sciences, fine arts, and humanities are encouraged to apply to the UA Summer Research Institute which is a part of UROC (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Consortium). The remaining 5 UROC programs are for STEM students in a wide variety of disciplines. Be sure to check out the NSF REU that is sponsored by the Biosphere – it’s for students in the environmental sciences, hydrology, geology, geochemistry, ecology, biology, physics, engineering, and atmospheric sciences. UROC Scholars participate in a very rigorous 10-week summer research experience that includes:

- * Faculty supervised research
- * Graduate prep workshops/seminars
- * 3-6 units of academic credit
- * Field trips and networking opportunities
- * Publication of the student’s abstract in the UROC Research Abstract Review
- * Opportunities to present their research orally and via poster at the end of summer research colloquia and summer research conference
- * Four-week GRE prep class

Check out this link: <http://grad.arizona.edu/uroc>