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Student Research & Creative Works Symposium

2024 EWU Student Research and Creative Works Symposium

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Symposium Committee

The mission of the EWU Student Research and Creative Works Symposium is to promote student research, scholarship, and creative activity done in partnership with faculty and staff as a vital component of higher education. Students, faculty, administrators, dignitaries and the community-at-large are invited to attend, hear and discuss undergraduate and graduate creative and scholarly work.

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EWU's Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

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interns work closely with a faculty mentor to produce a scholarly research project and present their findings at a conference.

This research expectation has created an ongoing partnership between McNair and EWU's Symposium, which was first organized in 1997 by EWU chemistry professor Dr. Jeanne Small. The 1997 Undergraduate Research and Creative Works Symposium consisted of 16 total oral presentations (9 were McNair scholars); 12 poster presentations (4 were McNair Scholars) and two musical performances. In 2001, McNair Director Dr. Karen McKinney (now retired) took over coordination with the support of Dr. Ron Dalla (now retired) and the help of a graduate assistant. Dr. McKinney coordinated the event through 2005 in Monroe Hall, by which time the Symposium had grown to 145 presenters. The Symposium was moved to Senior Hall in 2006, and since then the event has grown to become a marquee event on campus.

Since the first EWU McNair grant was funded in 1995, McNair has worked closely with Eastern faculty to build a research center community where students thrive. Our quest is to continue this partnership with EWU McNair Faculty Mentors, staff, and administrators and continue the transformation of our students.

Since its inception, over 50 EWU McNair Scholars have earned doctorates, over 200 have earned master's degrees, and 62 are currently enrolled in graduate school. Of those enrolled, 38 are in PhD programs.