

24 McNair researchers will present projects

by Randy Weiler

Twenty-four of MTSU's brightest undergraduate researchers and their faculty mentors will participate in the Aug. 1-2 McNair Scholars Program symposium.

The two-day event will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day in the Alumni Center.

Each McNair Scholar will be doing an oral presentation and posters will be on display both days, said Cindy Howell, secretary, McNair program, who added that all faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend any of the presentations.

"The scholars will be presenting the research they have done this summer," Howell said.

The scholars and their faculty mentors will include:

Bethany Adams/Dr. Allison Smith, English; LeAnette Artis, mass communication/Dr. Richard Mpoyi, management and marketing; Kristen Bailey,

marketing/Dr. Donald Roy, management and marketing; Jeffrey Blackman/Dr. Charles Apigian, computer information systems; Sarafina Croft, journalism/Dr. Roger Heinrich, electronic media communications, and Dr. John Vile, political science; Deidre Cullom/Dr. Sekou Franklin, political science; Collin Davey, English/Dr. Monica Wright, foreign languages;

Roberta Edge, anthropology/Dr. Kevin Smith, sociology and anthropology; Rachel Edmonds, anthropology/Dr. Vicky MacLean, sociology and anthropology; James Edmondson/Dr. Judy Hankins, computer science; Anna Fitzgerald/Dr. Debrah Sickler-Voigt, art education; Ken Garrett/Dr. Charles Perry, engineering technology; Lanora Gray/Dr. Suzanne Prevost, nursing; Karin Hooks/Dr. Kathleen Therrien, English; Ashley Kite, anthropology/Dr. Ida Fadzillah, sociology and anthropology; Barbie Murray, mathematics-English/Dr. Carolyn Hooper, developmental stud-

ies;

Megan Musick/Dr. Anthony Farone, biology; Russell Parman, international relations/Dr. Andrei Korobkov, political science; Terri Proctor/Dr. William Langston and Michelle Boyer-Pennington, psychology; Erica Roe-Fehrman, foreign languages/Drs. Oscar Diaz, foreign languages and Richard Pace, sociology and anthropology; Bonnie Saari/Dr. Stephen Schmidt, psychology; Linda Selby/Dr. Martha Hixon, English; Nick Shimokochi/Dr. Xiaoya Zha, mathematics; and Calley Stroud, mass comm and public relations/Dr. Susan Trentham, director, June Anderson Women's Center.

The McNair Program is designed to give low-income/first-generation and under-represented undergraduate students the support they need to prepare for and successfully complete a doctoral degree in their chosen fields, Howell said.

For more information, call 615-904-8462.

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THANKS FOR YOUR HELP—Dr. Lana Seivers, right, commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Education and an MTSU alumna, presents Dr. Sidney A. McPhee with the Middle Tennessee Regional P-16 Council Award at the recent Teacher Education Roundtable Discussion on campus. McPhee serves as co-chair of the Council and was recognized for the Council's "valuable contributions to the Tennessee P-16 Initiative." The Initiative is an all-inclusive partnership of educators who are working toward creating a substantive and seamless educational experience for Tennessee's children from pre-K through college.

photo by Ken Robinson

WaterWorks! program receives \$1.14M state grant

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The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has a new partnership with Middle Tennessee State University's Center for Environmental Education WaterWorks! program to reduce water pollution in Tennessee.

The department will make a five-year, \$1.14 million grant from its Used Oil Fund to WaterWorks! to strengthen the program's outreach on used-oil recycling and responsible automotive fluid management. The grant will allow WaterWorks! to extend the reach of its effective statewide education campaign program across Tennessee.

"It only takes a quart of motor oil to pollute thousands of gallons of water, so we need to continue raising citizen awareness of the personal responsibility we each have for proper handling of used oil and timely vehicle maintenance," said state Deputy Commissioner for Environment Paul Sloan.

"This partnership with MTSU's Waterworks! program will help us send a stronger water-quality message to every vehicle owner in Tennessee."

With the additional financial support from the Used Oil Fund, WaterWorks! will be able to dramatically increase the number and frequency of water pollution reduction messages distributed across Tennessee. This will help local stormwater programs in both large and small municipalities leverage their limited education resources to fulfill all or part of their public outreach commitments.

"WaterWorks! is focused on helping individuals and communities better understand how pollution from many different sources can impair our waters," said WaterWorks! Director Karen Hargrove. "Whether it's construction stormwater runoff, proper handling of used oil or repairing a car's leaking fluids, our program is geared to educating individuals about our shared responsibility for Tennessee's water quality."



WaterWorks! already has been recognized for its highly successful water-pollution education and outreach campaigns and the positive impact they make on citizen behavior toward water quality.

"We need people to recognize that each individual can impact water quality by making small changes in their everyday habits," said Paula Smith, Used Oil Program coordinator for the state Department of Environment and Conservation. "This grant will increase exposure to our messages about proper used oil handling and automotive fluid best management practices."

WaterWorks! is a public education and outreach program started in 2002 through a grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Non-point

Source Program. The program helps approximately 90 Phase I and Phase II stormwater municipalities in Tennessee meet their education goals with its public service campaign through a special program with the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters.

WaterWorks' pollution reduction and water-quality awareness messages are seen and heard on more than 320 radio and television stations throughout the state.

The Used Oil Collection Act of 1993 provides for grants to develop and implement educational programs to encourage proper handling, disposal and recycling of used oil. The act created the Used Oil Fund that is supported by the \$.02 per quart fee on oil purchased for vehicles in Tennessee. The Used Oil Fund supports programs including county used-oil collection sites, the used-oil hotline (800-287-9013) and a range of public education projects and programs for "do-it-yourselfers."

Since 1993, the state's Used Oil Program has provided resources from this fund to counties, municipalities and automotive businesses to make used-oil recycling easy and convenient.

For more on WaterWorks!, visit www.tennessee.waterworks.com. For more about water quality or used-oil recycling, visit the state's Web site at www.tdec.net/swm/oil.

To report illegal dumping or other water-quality problems, call your local environmental field office at 888-891-TDEC (8332).