McNair scholar presents research

Neal A. Bates, senior in anthropology at the University of Kansas, son of Gary and Donna Bates is one of fifteen McNair scholars presenting research on topics ranging from African films to Japanese comic books to molecular diversity at the annual McNair Research Symposium today in the Kansas Union on the KU campus.

Bates, a Hoisington high school graduate will present “Imaging Africa”. Ebenezer Obadare, assistant professor of sociology is Bates’ mentor.

Derrais Carter, a senior from Kansas City, Kan., will give the featured talk, titled “From Habermas to Hip Hop: A Look at Symbolic Power in Hip Hop Culture.” His talk will be at 12:15 p.m. in the Centennial Room.

Concurrent sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. in the English and Centennial rooms. A detailed schedule of sessions can be found on the McNair Scholars Program Web site, www.ku.edu/~mcnair.

The symposium highlights the work of McNair scholars who have been conducting research projects throughout the summer. The scholars will present their research to their faculty mentors, KU administrators and others.

KU’s McNair Scholars Program is federally funded and helps prepare first-generation, low-income and underrepresented undergraduates for future careers as faculty members and researchers. In addition to providing paid research opportunities through the Summer Research Internship, program services include academic advising, Graduate Record Examination preparation, assistance with the graduate school application processes and tutoring. For more information, contact the McNair Scholars Program office at (785) 864-3412 or mcnair@ku.edu.
Hannah Marsh of Hillsboro has been named a Sen. Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholar for the 2007-08 academic year.

Funded by NASA, the scholarships are distributed among the state's four congressional districts to ensure the broadest statewide participation.

The new scholars will enroll this fall at one of the six Kansas Board of Regents universities or Washburn University in Topeka. Regents universities are KU, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University and Wichita State University.

Aligned with the primary mission of the Dole Institute, the scholarship program encourages young Kansans to get involved in politics, government and community service.

Recipients receive a $1,000 scholarship, renewable for three years, and commit to completing 100 hours of civic activities annually. Kansas high school seniors who have volunteered in community and public service in their communities and who have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale are eligible.

Marsh is a 2007 graduate of Hillsboro High School. She will be attending Wichita State University, pursuing a degree in exercise science.
Tegan Nusser attends leadership conference

Tegan Nusser of Lyons was one of 48 Kansas seniors chosen to participate July 12 and 13 in the Youth Civic Leadership Institute at the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

The program is designed to foster appreciation and involvement in public service.

Students are chosen because as seniors they have already demonstrated a commitment to being involved in their high schools and communities. They are selected by their high school administrators.

The conference focuses on civic involvement. Students work in groups to discuss a range of issues that affect them in their schools and communities and present solutions.

Nusser is the son of Kelly and Beth Nusser of Lyons. He is the grandson of Warren and Phyllis Slocombe and the great-grandson of Laura Slocombe, all of Peabody.
Argabright receives scholarship

The Dole institute at the University of Kansas recently announced 128 new Senator Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholars for the 2007-2008 academic year, including one Atwood youth.

Jason Argabright plans to major engineering this fall. Argabright is a 2007 graduate of Rawlins County High School and the son of David and Rhonda Argabright.

The scholarship encourages young Kansans to get involved in politics, government and community service.

Argabright will receive a $1,000 scholarship, renewable for three years in return for a commitment of completing 100 hours of civic service annually.
Meagan Wilson attends Dole Civic Leadership program

Meagan Wilson, La Crosse, was among 48 high school seniors from across Kansas chosen to participate in the Youth Civic Leadership Institute hosted by the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas. The youth program was held July 10-13 in Lawrence. It is designed to foster appreciation and involvement in public service. Students stay overnight on the KU campus in a residence hall. Within their high schools and communities, these seniors have demonstrated a commitment to civic engagement and an interest in public service. Their high school administrators selected these students to participate in the leadership institute, said Bill Lacy, director of the Dole Institute.

The program focuses on civic engagement and practicing civic skills. The students work in groups to discuss a range of issues that affect them in their schools and communities and present solutions. They also attend a special Dole Institute public program called Teddy Roosevelt: Mind, Body and Spirit with Ted Zalewski, a historical interpreter. A highlight of the program was Thursday's visit to the state Capitol to meet with Kansas government leaders. Barbara Ballard, director of the Youth Civic Leadership Institute and a state representative from Lawrence's 4th district.
Nicole Stejskal, Bison, is among 128 new Sen. Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholars announced by the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas recently. She is a 2007 graduate of Otis-Bison High School and will attend Washburn University and major in Forensic Science and Spanish.

The recipients, all 2007 Kansas high school graduates, represent the largest class of Dole scholars since the program began in 2005. Funded by NASA, the scholarships are distributed among the state's four congressional districts to ensure the broadest statewide participation.

The new scholars will enroll this fall at one of the six Kansas Board of Regents universities or Washburn University in Topeka. Regent universities are KU, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University and Wichita State University.

Aligned with the primary mission of the Dole Institute, the scholarship program encourages young Kansans to get involved in politics, government and community service.

"Dole scholars represent the best among Kansas high school graduates," said Barbara Ballard, director of the scholarship program and associate director of the Dole Institute. "Dole scholars are required to engage in 100 hours of civic activities annually. We hope that their experiences will influence them throughout their lives to become involved citizens."

Recipients receive a $1,000 scholarship, renewable for three years, and commit to completing 100 hours of civic activities annually. Kansas high school seniors who have volunteered in community and public service in their communities and who have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale are eligible.
KU Announces
Spring 2007 Honor Roll

LAWRENCE — More than 4,690 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2007 semester.

From St. John was Casey Elizabeth Cornwell daughter of Rick and Gayle Cornwell Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior 2007 Spring Honor Roll.
New brochures showcase district

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SPECIAL TO THE MIRROR

Visitors to the Tonganoxie School District's central office should take note of a new color brochure promoting the school district. “(The brochure) is very colorful,” Superintendent Richard Erickson said. “It provides information that I think is helpful to parents and patrons in the school district.”

Erickson joined forces with Steve Woolf, who ends his tenure this month as Tonganoxie Middle School principal, to create a brochure for the Tonganoxie school district. Woolf, a doctoral student at Kansas University, developed the brochures for a doctoral project at KU.

Woolf enlisted the expertise of Jim Moody, the district's former technology technician, for the project. “He is an amazing man. I had some ideas, but without him I couldn’t do it,” Woolf said. “We wanted to make something that talks about the good things.”

Erickson said the brochure showcases the district. “I think it is great,” Erickson said. “We definitely want to promote our school district in a positive light. I think this brochure does this.”

A limited supply of 3,000 brochures was printed for $766.85 and taken from the school district's general budget. The brochures are available at the central office. Woolf said the district would like to make the brochures available to people visiting the community, teachers, administrators, and people looking at real estate. Eventually school officials would like them to be available at public gatherings.
Several area students have been selected as “Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholars” for their volunteer work.

The 128 recipients statewide, all 2007 Kansas high schools graduates, represent the largest class of Dole scholars since the program began in 2005.

The scholarships are funded by NASA and distributed among the state's four congressional districts to ensure the broadest statewide participation.

Recipients receive a $1,000 scholarship, renewable for three years, to any of the six Kansas Board of Regents universities or Washburn University in Topeka. Regents universities are University of Kansas, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University and Wichita State University.

The 2007 Dole scholars from the area are:
- Michael Fonkert, a Lawrence resident and Tonganoxie High School graduate, who plans to study political science at KU;
- Shannon Smith, a Tonganoxie High School graduate, who plans to study pre-veterinary medicine at K-State;
- Jessica Bradford, Lansing High School, who plans to study mass communications at Kansas State University;
- Elizabeth Cristiano, Lansing High School, who plans to study biology and pre-medicine at KU;
- Arthur Rollins, McLouth High School, who plans to study history at KU;
- Mary Cox, a Linwood resident and Eudora High School graduate, who plans to study human ecology at K-State.
Two area KU grads earn recognition

The Kansas University Honors Program recognized two area graduating seniors during a ceremony earlier this year.

The event honored students who completed the University Honors Program and the University Scholars Program.

Andrew Becker, Tonganoxie completed both programs while at KU.

Students who completed the honors program include Cailinn Drouin, Linwood.