

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Honors Program

Student Success

- Doug Bright and Vasilios Dianellos attended the Mid-East Honors Association Meeting in Dearborn, Mi April 5-7th 2013. This trip was afforded thanks to funds received from WVSU Foundation. Doug Bright, a biology major, awarded the second prize for his poster presentation "Developing a Modern Herbarium at WVSU". This work is a product of two years of research that was performed with Dr. Chatfield was Doug's Honors thesis. Doug was the first student that graduated with the Honors Program distinction last May.
- Shayla Owens, an English major, received a scholarship to attend the Rutgers English Diversity Institute, in New Brunswick, NJ on June 1-7,2013. The scholarship included stipend and travel arrangements. Shayla also received a scholarship to attend the "Jayhawk Sneak Peek". This event was hosted by the Department of English and the University of Kansas from October 10 through 11, 2013 in Lawrence, KS. Shayla received the "Giardina Fiction Prize" awarded by the English Department at WVSU. Shayla is currently working on her Honors Thesis with Dr. Barbara Ladner.
- Hannah Cavender, a Biology major, was awarded the NASA scholarship to continue her research titled: "Complexation of Aluminum be Nitrogen-Containing Ligands" with Dr. Sklute during fall 2013 semester. Hannah received twice the NASA scholarship and was invited to give a presentation during the NASA's Board of Directors meeting on Friday, April 5th in Embassy Suites, Charleston WV, where she was awarded with another scholarship for Fall 13 semester. This research is the title of her Honors Thesis. Hannah invited to submit a publication in the NASA"National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program". Her research was the only featured research from WV. She also won the first prize for the video entry at the Science Technology and Research Symposium (STaR) that was organized by HEPC held in Morgantown on April 22-23 2013.
- McNair Scholarship: Erica Bickham, Vasilios Dianellos, and Shayla Owens applied to the McNair Scholarship Program.