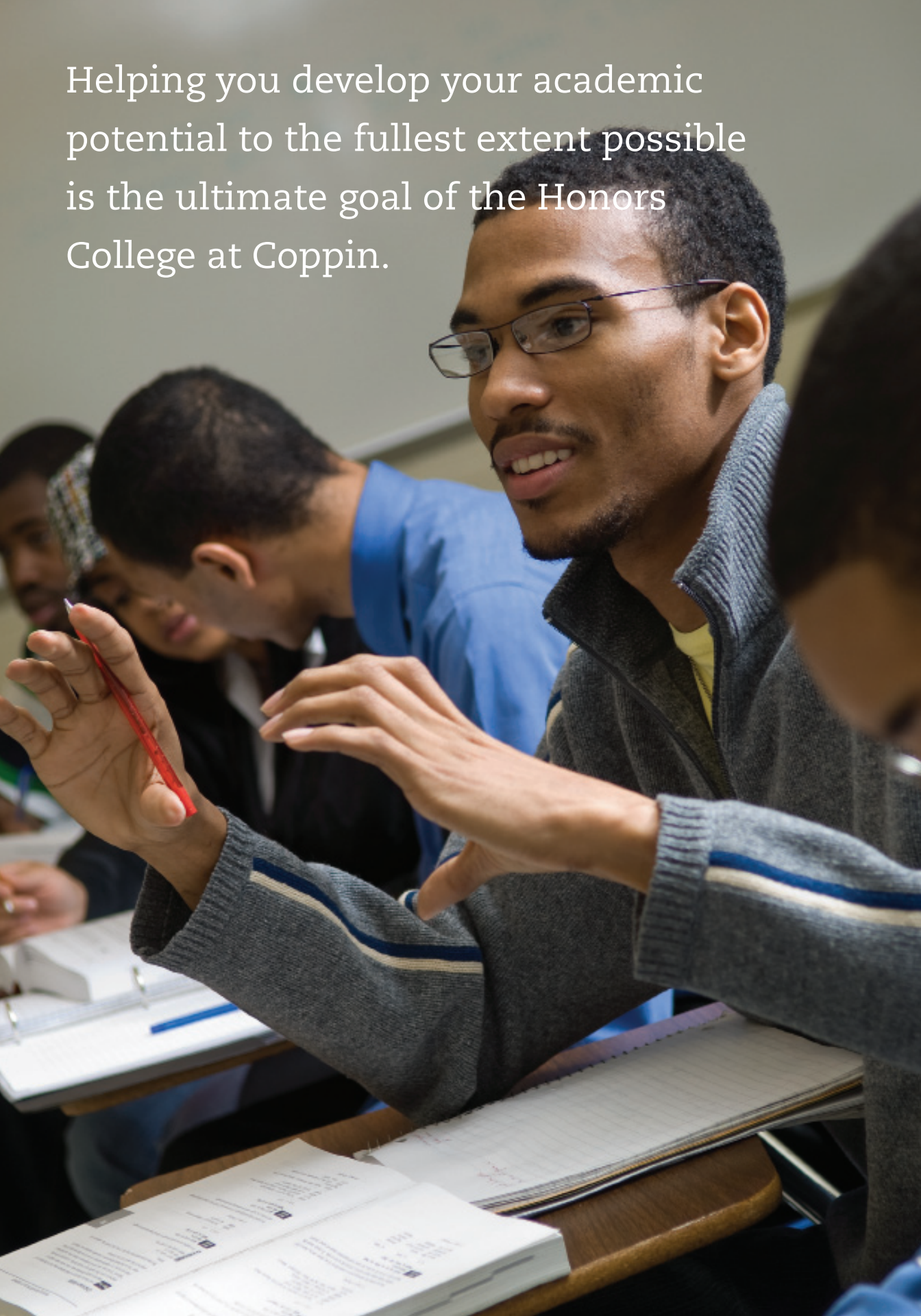


The Honors College



Coppin State University



Helping you develop your academic potential to the fullest extent possible is the ultimate goal of the Honors College at Coppin.

## The Honors College

The Honors College prepares high-ability students for graduate school and helps them to enroll in graduate programs immediately after earning their undergraduate degrees.

A unique and essential academic division of Coppin State University, the Honors College encompasses two distinct, yet interrelated, programs: (1) the Honors Program and (2) the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program, often referred to simply as McNair.

Unlike the University's other academic divisions, such as the Helene Fuld School of Nursing or the School of Professional Studies, the Honors College does not focus on a particular set of majors or degree programs. Instead, the Honors College is structured to enhance the overall academic experience of high-achieving students *in any major*.

The Honors College offers a diverse, intellectually stimulating learning environment that fosters accelerated academic achievement and provides a "safe space" for reflection and discussion among students and faculty. Students in the Honors College have access to exclusive academic and residential resources that further enhance their academic development. Finally, Honors College students take advantage of a variety of merit scholarships offered by the University.

This brochure will acquaint you with both the Honors and the McNair programs in addition to outlining some of the special advantages of Honors study at Coppin.

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# The Honors Program

The Honors Program prepares high-achieving students for graduate study by offering them challenging course work, intensive research opportunities, and a variety of academic enrichment activities.

Admission to the Honors Program is competitive and limited to those students who have demonstrated exceptional promise and determination.

To gain entry to the program, you must complete a separate application, in addition to the regular application for admission to Coppin State University. You can obtain an Honors Program application by contacting either the Office of Admissions or the Honors College.

#### Office of Admissions

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#### Honors College

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Most students admitted to the Honors Program enter as incoming first-year scholars. However, if you don't meet the admission criteria as an incoming first-year student, you can still apply for admission to the Upper-Division Honors Program after completing at least 45 credits (and not more than 60) with a minimum GPA of 3.5.

All students admitted to the Honors Program receive one of the institutional Honors Scholarships, which are described on the back page of this brochure.

#### COMPONENTS OF THE HONORS PROGRAM

Open to students of any major, the Honors Program at Coppin has four main components. Although presented separately here for purposes of explanation, these components are not independent of one another. Rather, they are different aspects of a single, integrated experience.

#### Honors Courses

Special honors classes, limited to 15 or 20 students, are the academic heart of the Honors Program experience. These challenging, accelerated classes are designed to encourage dialogue among students and between students and their professors. In Honors classes, you'll be asked

to take intellectual risks that promote rapid development of your academic skills. There's a strong emphasis on collaboration with fellow students and on connecting lessons learned in the classroom with outside experiences. Honors courses include special sections of general educational requirements, such as English and philosophy, as well as three courses in research: Research I, Research II, and Thesis.

#### Community Service

The Honors Community-Service Seminar is designed to enhance character development, which is a vital aspect of the Honors Program. By increasing your social awareness, the seminar, in conjunction with other community-service activities, encourages you to "give back" to the community. Recent Honors students have performed community service as tutors at the Rosemont School, a public elementary school operated by the University, and at the Coppin Academy, a high school situated on the University campus.

#### Cultural Enrichment

Whether attending lectures, workshops, or theatrical events, cultural enrichment activities that expand your intellectual and social horizons are an integral component of the Honors Program. Field trips to local and regional activities are coordinated by the Honors Program as funding permits. On campus, you can take advantage of regular lectures, workshops, and films, among other activities.

#### Honors Program Student Advisory Board (HPSAB)

Participation in the HPSAB enhances leadership development, teaching you how to work effectively with others to achieve common goals. The HPSAB also coordinates opportunities for Coppin Honors students to attend regional and statewide Honors conferences.





## The McNair Program

The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program prepares high-achieving juniors and seniors for doctoral study.

McNair is a national program designed to enable students from disadvantaged backgrounds or underrepresented segments of society to attend graduate school and complete the PhD. The program is named in honor of Ronald Ervin McNair, PhD, the African-American physicist and NASA astronaut who perished during the launch of the Space Shuttle *Challenger* in 1986.

Each McNair Scholar – as students in the program are designated – works closely with a faculty mentor at Coppin or, during June and July, with faculty at local or national doctoral institutions. By coordinating graduate school visits, student attendance at research conferences, and other scholarly activities, the program does more than simply encourage McNair Scholars to enroll in post-graduate degree programs; it provides concrete assistance that helps them prepare for advanced study.

### Highlights of the McNair Program

As a McNair Scholar, you will:

- Visit graduate schools
- Attend research conferences in your area of academic interest
- Study the graduate school admissions process
- Attend workshops on obtaining graduate fellowships and other financial support
- Participate in a lecture series featuring individuals who have successfully completed doctoral study
- Receive tutoring support in mathematics, English, computer usage, and GRE (Graduate Record Exam) test preparation
- Attend individual and group meetings with mentors dedicated to ensuring the academic success of McNair Scholars at Coppin and beyond

In addition, up to 16 McNair Scholars from Coppin are selected each year to take part in paid summer research internships at colleges and universities nationwide. McNair Scholars from Coppin have completed summer research internships at leading universities, including Johns Hopkins, Michigan State, Northwestern, Ohio State, the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), and the University of Maryland – College Park.

### Qualifications

To become a McNair Scholar, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident, or show Immigration and Naturalization documentation proving your intention of becoming a permanent resident
- Be classified as a junior or senior at Coppin
- Be enrolled as a degree-seeking student
- Have a declared major
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.25 in your major
- Successfully complete the program application interview
- Obtain at least three recommendations, one of which must be from a Coppin faculty member

### Benefits and Obligations

As a McNair Scholar, you will receive in-state tuition and fees at Coppin after successfully completing one semester in the McNair Program. This scholarship will be renewed as long as you maintain the required GPA and meet the program's other obligations, which are set forth in a contract signed upon your acceptance. Obligations include attending weekly workshops and conducting academic research with a faculty mentor.

Your academic and professional accomplishments will be tracked for 10 years following your graduation from Coppin. When you receive your master's degree or doctorate, we request that you send a copy of your diploma and unofficial transcript to the University so we can add your name and photo to the Coppin State University McNair Wall of Fame.

### A Tradition of Achievement

Since the McNair Program began at Coppin in 1989, 125 graduates of the program have gone on to earn master's degrees and 13 have completed doctorates. Many have earned advanced degrees at leading universities, including Columbia, Duke, Harvard, Howard, and the University of Pennsylvania. Several McNair alumni from Coppin are currently pursuing doctoral degrees at major universities nationwide.

# Honors Advantages

## ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S COURSE OF STUDY PROGRAM

The Accelerated Bachelor's Course of Study, or ABC Program, provides a select number of Honors students the opportunity to obtain the undergraduate degree in three to three-and-one-half years.

ABC students advance through the undergraduate programs by committing to heavier course loads during the academic year and by taking advantage of the winter and summer sessions. The University assumes the cost for courses, housing, and meals. By facilitating early completion of the undergraduate degree, the ABC Program also enables early matriculation into graduate school, and positions students for competitive entry into the marketplace.

## SPECIAL RESOURCES FOR COPPIN HONORS STUDENTS

### Honors Residence

Honors students living on campus are eligible to reside in the Honors wing of the Dr. Guilbert A. Daley Residence Hall, the University's newest and most up-to-date residence facility. Fully furnished with 24-hour security, the Hall features three- and four-room suites that share a common living room and include a self-contained bath.

### Living Learning Center/ Research Center

The seventh floor of Daley Hall now serves as the Honors College Living Learning Center. Its centerpiece is the Research Center, a special area for research and quiet study. The Living Learning Center provides Honors students at Coppin with access to state-of-the-art facilities on par with those at other national honors colleges.

## INSTITUTIONAL HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS

Students admitted to the Honors Program at Coppin State University receive one of the merit scholarships described below. For more information about these scholarships, please contact the Honors College or the Office of Admissions.

### Golden Eagle Scholarship

This award covers the entire cost of tuition and fees (for in-state or out-of-state students) as well as room and board charges. To qualify, you must have a high school GPA of at least 3.2 and a composite SAT score of 1820. The award is renewable for up to eight semesters. Application deadline: Rolling admission.

### Eagle Scholarship

This award covers the cost of tuition and fees (for in-state or out-of-state students). To qualify, you must have a high school GPA of at least 3.0 and a composite SAT score of 1590. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible. The award is renewable for up to eight semesters.

### Upper-Division Scholarship


This award for returning and transfer students is \$1,000 per semester. Applicants must have at least 45 credits and a GPA of at least 3.5.

### Honors Associate Scholarship

This award is presented to students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Honors Associates are referred to the Honors Program by their academic departments. Students receive \$1,000 each semester. This scholarship is renewable based on the availability of funds.

## McNAIR AWARDS



 *Jovon Lewis (chemistry major) and Brownhilda Ngwang (biology major) are recent winners of the Outstanding Research Award, which is granted annually to one or two McNair students whose research work is deemed exemplary by a faculty panel.*

Contact the Honors College to learn more about any of the programs or scholarships described in this brochure:

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