**Mission Statement:** The Robert E. McNair Center for Research and Service at Francis Marion University is a campus-based research and service resource. The McNair Center provides a collaborative setting for academic, research and outreach initiatives that strengthen the ties between the University and the greater community. The Center houses the Belle W. Baruch Institute for South Carolina Studies, the International Studies/Student Exchange Program, and the McNair Scholars.

**Belle W. Baruch Institute for South Carolina Studies:** MISSION: The mission of the Belle W. Baruch Institute for South Carolina Studies is to engage in the study and research of the cultural, historical, and archaeological heritage of South Carolina, to present educational programs, and to foster education about the relationship between humans and the coastal environment of South Carolina.

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| **Educate students and the public about Hobcaw Barony.** | Provide opportunities for university and other school groups to use the facility for study. | Measured by the number of educational uses of the facility including students involved in research projects  
*Baseline:* 6 educational uses in 2017-2018  
*Benchmark:* 4 educational uses per year  
*Target:* 4 educational uses per year | 13 educational uses in 2018-2019; Benchmark and Target were met | Continue to inform faculty including new faculty hires about the facility and research opportunities available |
| **Research findings are presented to public** | Assess: number of research presentations per year | Number of research presentations per year  
*Baseline:* 5 research presentations in 2017-2018  
*Benchmark:* 4 research presentations per year  
*Target:* 4 research presentation per year | 5 research presentations in 2018-2019; Benchmark and Target were met | Encourage faculty to notify the Institute about any presentations they give that includes work done at Belle Baruch. |
| **McNair Scholars Program**  
*Mission:* This scholarship program is designed to prepare a rising generation of leaders to make a difference in their communities and instill a lifelong commitment to public service. | 1. Award McNair Scholarships to incoming freshmen.  
2. McNair Scholars will maintain a minimum of 3.0 GPA. | 1. Assess: number of scholarships awarded per year.  
*Baseline:* 3 scholarships awarded 2017-2018  
*Benchmark:* 2 scholarships awarded 2018-2019  
*Target:* 2 scholarships awarded per year  
2. Assess: McNair Scholars GPA  
*Baseline:* 2017-2018 all McNair Scholars have at least a 3.0 GPA.  
*Benchmark:* All McNair Scholars have at least a 3.0 GPA.  
*Target:* All McNair Scholars have at least a 3.0 GPA. | 1. Results: 2 scholarships awarded in 2018-2019; Benchmark and Target were met.  
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