

## *Health Pre-Professions Newsletter*

*Summer 2016*

### *Thinking Outside the Box*

So what do you want to be when you grow up? This nagging question plagues many youngsters and college students alike. It can be difficult to envision where you want to be decades from now. To be sure, there are many potential career guides easily assessable on the internet. Even in the health professions there are hundreds of possible careers. Common recommendations from such guides include: research as many careers as possible, identify your strengths, and determine what you love to do. Though this may be easier said than done, it is sound advice. Let's look at a CN alum who nailed it.

Having grown up in East Tennessee, McKenzie Wampler was familiar with Carson-Newman. Early on, she recognized her love of continual learning and a strong desire to help others, which naturally drew her to fields in health professions. Noted for its strength in preparing students for careers in health professions, Carson-Newman was a logical choice for McKenzie. While understanding her desire to be in a health professions career, McKenzie also had an interest in the arts. Though a medical field and art may seem to be diametric fields, they made perfect sense to McKenzie. Both fields require analytical thinking and critical analysis (be it of a patient or a work of art). Each requires the practitioner to examine the person or art work diagnostically to see how it could be made better. Additionally, drawing and painting is a great way to study the human body from an anatomical sense. Fortunately, at Carson-Newman, McKenzie was able to pursue both as an Art major with a pre-med emphasis. Four years after starting college, McKenzie graduated with a BA degree in Art (drawing/painting emphasis). Now on to medical school, right? Not for McKenzie. How could she merge her desire to help others in a medically related field and still continue with her love of art? The answer for McKenzie lay in the field of clinical anaplastology.



Anaplastology essentially entails the production of prosthetics for individuals who are disfigured or malformed (especially as it pertains to the facial area). A blend of science and art, the Biomedical Visualization program at the University of Illinois Chicago was perfect for McKenzie. Here, McKenzie further honed her artistic skills and her understanding of anatomy to produce prosthetic noses, ears, etc.

Having successfully completed that program, McKenzie is now the owner and clinician of Restorative Prosthetics Clinic in Knoxville. Though many of us may not be familiar with the field of anaplastology, those needing it are very appreciative of the work people like McKenzie do.

We applaud McKenzie for being willing to think outside the box and for successfully merging her passions for medicine and art into a much needed field, one that can make all the difference in the world for those who need it. Bravo McKenzie!

### *New Hire Chemistry*

CN welcomes Dr. Richard Thompson, Assistant Professor in Chemistry. Richard, who replaces Paul Martino, will be teaching Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry. He received his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Syracuse University in 1990. He worked for Eli Lilly and Company for 18 years as a Principal Research Scientist. He was a medicinal chemist who contributed to the identification of new drug candidates. After his department was reorganized at Eli Lilly, he decided to go into teaching, and spent the last 5 years at Tusculum College.

### *In The News*

**Carson-Newman again cited as a "College of Distinction":** Carson-Newman is one of a select group of colleges deemed to demonstrate results across the organization's Four Distinctions—Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community, and Successful Outcomes. High school college counselors and educators nominate colleges and universities for recognition by Colleges of Distinction, which then evaluates each school based on qualitative and quantitative research.

**Patsy Boyce receives the R. R. Turner Spirit of Carson-Newman Award:** Dr. Patsy Boyce was recognized and honored with Carson-Newman's R. R. Turner Spirit of Carson-Newman Award. Much like the former Dr. R. R. Turner, Patsy bears a strong resemblance to his warm, gregarious and ebullient nature.

**Dr. Colin Martin receives the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award:** In recognition of not only his success as a student-athlete at Carson-Newman, but also his contributions as a pediatric surgeon, Dr. Martin was recognized at the 2016 Alumni Awards celebration dinner.



**Health Professions Night:** Thanks to HP alums for the HP night panel in March for our undergraduate HP students. Panelists included Donnie Parker –Physician, John Chapman – Physician, Megan McBee Schrock – Pharmacist, Dave Parker – Dentist, Melanie Combs – Physical Therapist, and Jennifer Shepherd – Physical Therapist

**HP students graduate with honors:** Congratulations to HP students Corey Bray and Kara Cabbage for graduating with honors at the May 2016 commencement exercises.

## SCHOLARSHIPS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

<p align="center"><b>2016-2017 Dr. James Chapman Scholarship Recipient</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>2016-2017 Stuart Paul Hinchey Scholarship Recipient</b></p>
<p>Suzannah Parker, a senior pre-medical student from Strawberry Plains, TN, is the recipient of the Dr. James Chapman Scholarship for 2016-17. Suzannah is a Biology major and minoring in missions at CN.</p>	<p>Emily Logue, a senior pre-medical student from Seymour, TN, has been selected to receive the Stuart Paul Hinchey Scholarship for next year. Emily is a Biology major and minoring in Applied Psychology at CN.</p>

<p align="center"><b>2016-2017 Mathews Dental Scholarship Recipient</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>2016-2017 Dr. and Mrs. James H. Harris Scholarship Recipient</b></p>
<p>Brandon Brown, a junior pre-dental student from Gallatin, TN, is the recipient of the Dr. and Mrs. Chris Mathews Scholarship for 2016-17. Brandon is a Biology major and minoring in Business at CN.</p>	<p>Gianna Liao, a junior pre-medical student from Chattanooga, TN, has been selected to receive the Dr. and Mrs. James H. Harris Scholarship for next year. Gianna is a Biology major and minoring in Psychology at CN.</p>

## *Mark your calendars*

Homecoming for this Fall 2016 is on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope you'll be able to attend.

### ***THE TRADITION CONTINUES***

As of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 of our HP-P students have gained acceptance into professional school for next year in 4 different career areas.

#### Medicine

Jessica Azor	Caribbean Med Univ	<u>Physical Therapy</u>	
Kaylyn Guthrie	PCOM-GA	Megan Farjellah	UTC
Luke Hall	LMU		
Victoria Hunter	St. Matthews	<u>Optometry</u>	
Cara Swanson	LMU	Sidnee Snapp	Salus Univ

#### Pharmacy

Racheal Bailey	UT
Mikayla Gregg	South College
Brandi Lewis	ETSU

### ***A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS: PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL GRADUATES***

This is an attempt to honor our C-N alumni who recently graduated from professional school. There is always a risk that some will be omitted, but please accept our apology if errors are made and please help us correct our mistakes in the next edition of this newsletter.

#### Pharmacy

Morgan Bearden Corbin	ETSU
Melanie Manis Macall	UT
Travis Pace	UNC

#### Medicine

Jacob Allred	Quillen
Josh Earl	UT-Memphis
Josh Ragan	Quillen
Michael Redmond	PCOM
Rusty Shults	Quillen

#### Dentistry

Chad Adams	UT-Memphis
Ethan Long	UT-Memphis

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Professional School Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Professional Degree(s)/Year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Specialization \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year C-N Graduation/Attendance \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if this is a new address \_\_\_\_\_

Will you allow C-N students to shadow in your professional setting? Yes or No

Can you help with the HPAC interviews on Monday nights? Yes or No

Professional Activities (awards, positions, publication, etc.) Photographs are also welcome.

Please e-mail you information to: [stkarr@cn.edu](mailto:stkarr@cn.edu) or [fFrance@cn.edu](mailto:fFrance@cn.edu)

### ***HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2015-2016***

The following are the members of the Health Professions Advisory Committee at Carson-Newman:

Patsy Boyce

Christine Dalton

Greg Stanley

Steve Karr

Paul Martino

Mike Seale

Cynthia Acuff

Steve Wright

Tiffany Halfacre