

Health Pre-Professions Newsletter

Summer 2013

Body Farm

CN has a great opportunity to expand our science programs, particularly in the area of Environmental Science. Through the work of many individuals we have the prospect of doing research on body decomposition. Much research has already been done on the process of decay; our focus will address the question – how does the decay process impact the environment? This will be carried out locally and on a very small scale (in comparison to UT’s “body farm”). Our hope is that this research will lead to a better understanding of the impact decomposition has on the environment and therefore better ways to protect first responders at sites of mass fatalities.

Our plan for conducting this research is to implement a master’s program in the field of environmental science through our Chemistry Department. Presently we are working on the program specifics (number of credit hours required, courses offered, etc.). We anticipate the program will begin in Fall 2014. For more information, please contact Dr. Christine Dalton, Chair of Chemistry.

Boyce Receives Community Service Award

Patsy Boyce was recognized as this year’s recipient of the Community Service Award at the Honors Convocation last spring. Boyce received her undergraduate degree from Berea College before earning both her master’s degree and doctorate from the University of Tennessee. She joined C-N’s faculty in 1988. “Beyond her splendid reputation as a professor,” said C-N President Randall O’Brien, “Dr. Boyce has amassed an impressive record of selfless service.” Although Beta Beta Beta’s mission is to improve the “understanding and appreciation of human knowledge and scientific research,” Boyce has instilled in C-N Tri-



Beta chapter an additional vision and heart for general community service. In her role as chapter advisor, the professor of biology plays an integral part in each of the honor society’s projects. Tri-Beta cleans a two-mile stretch of highway, 11E through the Tennessee Department Of Transportation’s Adopt-a-

Highway program. The Chapter also serves New Market's Senior Citizen Center by helping maintain its property, as well as organizing yard sales. Tri-Beta members facilitate musical instrument donations to an after school program, as well as offering transportation and bikes for students to enjoy the Virginia Creeper Trail. Boyce has a passion for assisting students pursuing specialties in biology and medicine, even introducing high school students to the University's gross anatomy lab. Her servant's heart has also led her to help others abroad, as she has volunteered for mission trips to Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Belize.

Two New Hires

We are very pleased to announce the hiring of two faculty members in Biology/Exercise Science. Joshua Stone, a CN graduate, and Jennifer Hartwig have both been hired to fill vacant positions (Joshua for the replacement of Mary Ball, Jennifer for Michael Shipe's position). Joshua received his BA in Biology from CN (2004) and recently successfully defended his dissertation at East Carolina University (Department of Physiology). Jennifer received her BS in Exercise Science from Austin Peay, and MS in Exercise Science from UT-Knoxville. We welcome both to the CN family. Hopefully you will be able to attend homecoming this year (Saturday October 19th) and greet them personally.

SCHOLARSHIPS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

<p>2013-2014 Dr. James Chapman Scholarship Recipient</p>	<p>2013-2014 Mathews Dental Scholarship Recipient</p>
<p>Kaylyn Guthrie, a senior pre-medical student from Greenville, SC, is the recipient of the Dr. James Chapman Scholarship for 2013-14. Kaylyn is a Biology major with a good deal of experience in the medical field. This year Kaylyn is serving as President of our local AMSA chapter.</p> 	<p>Lauren Hodge, a senior pre-dental student from Jefferson City, TN, has been selected to receive the Dr. and Mrs. Chris Mathews Scholarship for the next year. As a Biology major with a Theater minor, Lauren is an excellent student. Her impressive credentials include captain of the women's golf team.</p> 

<p align="center">2013-2014 Dr. and Mrs. James H. Harris Scholarship Recipient</p>	<p align="center">2013-2014 Stuart Paul Hinchey Scholarship Recipient</p>
<p>Jessica Bailiff, a senior pre-medical student from Weatherford TX, has been selected to receive the Dr. and Mrs. James H. Harris Scholarship for next year. Jessica is a double major in Chemistry and Spanish. Her experiences include several trips to Haiti and a semester of study abroad.</p> 	<p>Kacie Hoyle, a senior pre-medical student from Johnson City, TN, has been selected to receive the Stuart Paul Hinchey Scholarship for next year. Kacie is a Biology major with minors in Religion and English. Kacie's shadowing experiences include the Tri-Cities Skin and Cancer center with Dr. Gardner.</p> 

IN THE NEWS

First Annual Twin Pillars Awards: This award was conferred to six seniors who exemplify excellence in service and academics and included two HP students – Jennifer Bowman and Sarah Hodge.

Carson-Newman University 10th in the nation among baccalaureate colleges: This week (August 26th), Washington Monthly magazine ranked Carson-Newman University 10th in the nation among baccalaureate colleges! We were also the only Tennessee school to be named in the top 20 of the “Baccalaureate Colleges” category. The Washington Monthly bases its ranking on three primary criteria: social mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and PhDs), and service (encouraging students to give something back to their country).

The Princeton Review: Carson-Newman one of the “Best in the Southeast”: The Princeton Review has named Carson-Newman University as one of the best schools in the Southeast. The education services company recognized the nation’s top quarter of higher education institutions in their “2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region” list. “We are very pleased to be recognized again by those at The Princeton Review,” said Carson-Newman President Randall O’Brien. “This honor not only speaks to Carson-Newman’s commitment to academic quality, but serves as a testament to our students, faculty, and staff who make Carson-Newman a place of transformational education.” The 138 colleges The Princeton Review chose for its "Best in the Southeast" designations are located in 12 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Susan Karr co-authors additional environmental science textbooks: After publication of a new environmental science textbook last year (*ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE For a Changing World*, published by W.H. Freeman) Susan has authored an extended version and also a Canadian edition.

Health Professions Night: Thanks to HP alums for the HP night panel in March for our undergraduate HP students. Panelists included allopathic MDs, **Donnie Parker**, and **Mark Holland**; PTs, **Matt Barnes**, **Jennifer Sheppard**, and **Melanie Combs**; Pharmacist **Megan McBee Schrock**; PA **Emily Hurd**; Podiatrist **Sebastien Demoiney**; Clinical Lab Scientist **LeeAnne Briggs**.

HP students graduate with honors: Congratulations to Callie Booher, Jennifer Bowman, Garam Han, Chance Lewis, and Kathryn Walker for graduating with honors at the May 2013 commencement exercises.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

As of August 31st, 13 of our HP-P students have gained acceptance into professional school for next year in 5 different career areas.

Medicine

Callie Booher	VCOM
Jennifer Bowman	Quillen
Josh Hall	Univ Arkansas
Garam Han	St. Kitts
Glory Ledbetter	Univ Bridgeport
Chance Lewis	Des Moines
Ben Pomy	UT Memphis
Kevin Quinby	Kansas City Univ

Physician Assistant

Kara Woolsey	LMU
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Denistry

Megan Golia	Maryland
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Pharmacy

Bowe Craine	UT Memphis
Megan McCarter	UT Memphis

Physical Therapy

Emerald Proctor	ETSU
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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.

Medicine

Coe Hudson	VCOM
Justin Quinn	Quillen
James Sexton	LMU-DO

Pharmacy

Whitney Van Cleve Elliott	UT Memphis
Justin Wilder	Appalachia

Occupational Therapy

Amie Douthat	Milligan
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Med Tech

Sebastian Mocerri	UT Knoxville
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Veterinary Medicine

Jennie Jankovsky	UT Knoxville
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Mark your calendars

Homecoming for this Fall 2013 is on Saturday, October 19th. As usual, the sciences will have an open house from 9:30-11 am in the second floor lobby of DSC. We hope you'll be able to attend.

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 or fFrance@cn.edu