One Hundred Percent Placement

Congratulations to the 10 seniors from the class of 2018, seven Pre-dentistry and three Biology majors, who applied and were accepted to dental schools. This year’s applicants earned an impressive average 3.7 G.P.A. and an average DAT score of 19.

Nathan Helfferich, a Predentistry major who will matriculate at Ohio State University COD in the fall, credits the Premedical programs office for assistance through the application process in the form of workshops and obtaining the composite letter. He also appreciates the resources and support fellow students in the Dental Interest Group provided by sharing their experiences during the application process.

Nathan acknowledges that “grades and high test scores are almost an expectation, but unique and compassionate perspectives on health care through meaningful experiences can really make an applicant stand out.”

Nathan also recognizes the importance of leadership experience and serving others. As the 2017-18 co-president of the Dental Interest Group, Nathan mentored fellow students and shared his experiences with the application process.

Rachel Singer, a Biology major who will also matriculate at Ohio State University COD in the fall and served as the other co-president of the Dental Interest Group this past academic year, credits the on-campus support and the diverse opportunities available at UD. She said, “The premed office was a great resource during the application process. My professors were also very interested in helping in any way they could.”

Rachel also attributes her success to the many opportunities she had during her time at UD, from teaching opportunities as a supplemental instructional leader to volunteering at the Good Neighbor House, a non-profit organization that provides affordable dental care to the underserved. Rachel was inspired by her service at the Good Neighbor House to continue her work with underserved communities upon graduating from dental school.

Dr. Kathleen Scheltens, Director of Pre-Medical programs, said, “We’ve been close, but this is the first time it is 100 percent.” The program has averaged an 88 percent acceptance rate over the past four years.

Find the 2018 admissions list for dental school applicants as well as other health professional schools on page 4.

Director’s Letter

With 2017-2018 academic year completed, it is time for us to reflect upon what has been an exciting year with a record size class graduating in May. We congratulated 80 MED/DEN majors who crossed the stage on May 5th along with our many Premed “friends” graduating from other units across campus.

Our most recent graduation survey provides some awesome stats on these graduates! In addition to the 100 percent placement of our Predentistry grads, we are excited to see that over 75 percent of our students who applied to medical school were accepted this year. Over 97 percent of our survey respondents reported they have shadowed AND volunteered in a medical or dental setting. Over half reported participating in our brigade to Nicaragua and 86 percent made community service part of their undergraduate experience. Half of our grads volunteered at our local free clinic (Reach Out of Montgomery County) and over half participated in research outside of the classroom. Finally, 73 percent reported that they held a leadership position in a club or organization while on campus.

You can see why we are super proud of our graduates! Come August, we will bring in a new bunch of excited MED/DEN students with big goals and dreams. What a privilege it is to help these young men and women explore and craft their personal UD Premed journey!

Kathleen Scheltens, Ph.D.
Director of Premedical Programs
The Joseph E. Scherger MD, MPH Leadership in Medicine Award is presented to the graduating senior who has demonstrated leadership in improving public health through better health care. Among his service and leadership roles, Ben participated in three Global Brigade trips, including serving as president for the 2018 trip. Ben will matriculate at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine this fall. (Ben is pictured above with Dr. Joseph Scherger).

The Montgomery County Medical Society Award is presented to the outstanding senior in the Premedical curriculum. Logan graduated in three years from UD with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. He will matriculate at University of Toledo College of Medicine this fall.

The Miami Valley Academy of Family Physicians Award is given to the graduating senior whose activities exemplify the philosophy of family medicine. Ada will matriculate at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine in the fall.

Ada Pariser receives the Mann award in the College of Arts and Sciences

Congratulations to Ada Pariser, the recipient of the Dean Leonard A. Mann, S.M. Award of Excellence which recognizes the outstanding senior in the College of Arts and Sciences whose academic and service records embody the three characteristics implicit in the motto, “Learn, Lead, Serve.” Ada graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science, double majoring in both Premedicine and Psychology. Ada appreciates that both scientific knowledge and an understanding of people are components for a successful physician.

Ada embraced leadership roles as the co-president of the student organization, Healing Hearts, drum major of the UD Marching Band, and the coordinator of three Remote Area Medical break-out trips for fellow students. Ada demonstrates her passion for rural health by being a politically active student leader who is involved in local, regional, and national efforts to improve healthcare access.

Congratulations to Premedicine major Dante Pezzutti (pictured with Dr. Carissa Krane) who was awarded the Barbara A. Horwitz and John M. Horowitc Outstanding Undergraduate Abstract award and the Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award at the Experimental Biology meeting this past spring. Dante completed his research under the guidance of Dr. Krane and will matriculate at Ohio State University College of Medicine this fall.

The Brother Francis John Molz Memorial Award is voted on by the Alpha Epsilon Delta members and recognizes a graduating AED member who best exemplifies the qualities of unselfishness, community service, and academic achievement.

This year there are two award winners: Sam Cicconetti, who is taking a gap year while applying to medical school and Caroline Lynch, who will matriculate at University of Cincinnati School of Medicine this fall.

The Miami Valley Healthcare Symposium focuses on “re-thinking addiction”

This year’s symposium theme was #Re-think Addiction. Over 200 healthcare professionals, community members, students, and UD faculty and staff gathered on April 14, 2018 in the Kennedy Union ballroom to listen to presentations that discussed new and innovative approaches to understanding and addressing addiction.

Dr. Joseph Scherger kicked off the symposium with opening remarks and then moderated the presentations. Speakers included Dr. Nicole Labor discussing the neuroscience of addiction, Dr. Michael Dohn and Haley Riegel discussing addiction as a chronic disease and the roles of public health programs, clinical healthcare organizations, and innovative practices in treatment, and Dr. Joe Scherger discussing addiction from the perspective of a primary care provider.

The symposium also included a provider panel addressing how the healthcare system is responding to the opioid crisis. Panelists included Dr. Nancy Pook (Kettering Health Network), Dr. Jennifer Hauler (Premier Health), Dr. Randall James (Dayton VA Medical Center), and Dr. Tahira Adelekan (Dayton Children’s Hospital). The symposium wrapped up with an innovators panel highlighting three projects focused on innovative practices: Caleb Tang (Cedarville University) discussing opioid disposal, Kelly Cashion (UDRI) discussing biofeedback, and Vernique Coleman-Stokes (UD CADRE) discussing recovery allies and promoting a pre-recovery culture. A Naloxone training session by Project DAWN was also offered to registered participants.

Over 40 student posters were presented on topics ranging from medical research to global health, and the afternoon student symposiums focused on professional development for students interested in attending health professional schools. We were excited to see so many UD alumni return to participate in these panels on topics such as life in medical school and gap year experiences.
The University of Dayton Chapter of Timmy Global Health is a new student organization founded this year.

Timmy Global Health is a nonprofit organization with over 40 chapters on college campuses across the U.S. Leigh Roberts, club founder and current president, was motivated to start a UD chapter during her sophomore year. She explains, "I really wanted to create an organization that was heavily service based and provided more opportunities for students to get involved in public health issues. As someone who is extremely interested in public health, I really wanted to create an organization where students could educate themselves on global healthcare initiatives and help to create actual change."

Currently, the UD chapter of Timmy Global Health is establishing partnerships with Dayton area organizations such as the Dayton Foodbank, Mission of Mary Farm, and Dayton Children's Hospital in order to provide members with service and advocacy opportunities within the Dayton area. Long term goals include a medical service trip through the Timmy Global Health Organization.
2018 Admissions to Health Professional Schools

Moneer Abouljoud (BIO’17) Ohio State U COM
Jonathan Alessi (BCM’17) Indiana U SOM
Mackenzie Anderson (MED’17) Ohio Heritage COM
Allison Bailey (DEN) U Louisville COD
Taylor Balk (BIO) U Illinois COM
Oscar Barnes-Valledely (MED) U Puerto Rico SOM
Kate Boylan (BIO) Ohio Heritage COM
Leah Bullock (BIO) Indiana U SOD
Collin Bryant (DEN) U Tennessee COD
Mark Bugada (EEP) Ohio U Heritage COM
Julia Carroccio (PSY) Ohio U Heritage COM
Natalie Casey (MED) Seton Hall U PA program
Lauren Charbonneau (BIO’12) Lake Erie COM
Julie Cowan (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Andrew Deak (EEP) Temple U SOM
Jacob DeBells (MED’15) U Cincinnati SOM
Kenton Dickson (EEP) Ohio Dominican PA program
Amy deOliveira (BIO’15) Marian U COM
Christopher Evola (BIO’15) West Virginia SOM
Stephanie Fadayel (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Sarah Feldkamp (MED’17) U Cincinnati SOM
Anthony Flowers (Pre-PT) U Cincinnati SOM
Leah Frischmann (MED) Indiana U SOM
Haley Glaser (MED) Edward Via COM-Carolinas
Mary Ann Gottschilich (MED) Ohio State U CVM
Emily Granger (MED) Wright State U Boonshoft SOM
Tanner Graves (MED) Wright State U Boonshoft SOM
Christa Greenwood (EEP) Wingate U PA program
Kathryn Grenfell (BIO) Marietta College PA program
Lauren Gresham (BIO’17) U Missouri-Kansas City SOM
Parker Griff (MED) Xavier U Masters program
Olivia Grondalski (MED) Wright State U Boonshoft SOM
Katherine Gross (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Emily Haines (BIO) Ohio Dominican PA Program
Jillianne Haney (MED) U Cincinnati SOM
Nathan Hellerferich (DEN) Ohio State COD
Austin Hillman (BCM) Rush Medical College Benjamin Hire (BIO’17) Midwestern U Chicago SOM
Laura Hubacek (DEN) U California San Francisco SOD
Anam Hussain (MED’16) Wright State U Boonshoft SOM
George Iannantuono (MED’16) Ohio Heritage COM
Marissa Jama (BIO’17) Midwestern U Chicago SOM
Daniel Jennings (BCM) Trine U PA program
Sarah Kane (MED) Case Western Reserve PA program

Graduating seniors, Kate Galante, Collin Bryant, Sherilyn Rogers (from left to right) at the Senior Send-Off Luncheon

Thomas Lawler (MED) U Kentucky COM
Caroline Lynch (MED) U Cincinnati SOM
Cristian Mantilla (MED’17) U Central del Caribe SOM
Joe Mauch (MED) Cleveland Clinic Lerner COM
Rachel McCann (MED’17) Rocky Vista U COM
Riley Mckweon (EEP) U Dayton PA program
Katherine Michel (BIO) Ohio State U COD
CJ Moellering (BCM) Ohio State U COM
Eri Murphy (MED) Salus U Pennsylvania COO
Molly Murray (MED) Chatham U PA program
Alvin Newman-Caro (MED’17) U Incarnate Word SOM
Connor Owen (DEN) U Detroit-Mercy SOD
Spencer Owen (DEN) U Detroit-Mercy SOD
Ada Pariser (MED) Michigan State U CHM
Lydia Payton (MED) U Cincinnati SOM
Kristine Perez (DEN) Ohio State U COD
Dante Ponzetti (MED) Ohio State U COM
Victoria Przydla (MCM’15) U Dayton PA program
Julia Ripepi (EEP) Ohio Dominican PA program
Katie Rizzo (EEP) Ohio U Heritage COM
Logan Roebke (MED) U Toledo SOM
Kaitlyn Restrepo (MED’17) Edward Via COM-Carolinas
Maddie Sauer (EEP) U of Missouri SOM
Kendal Schaeetzle (BIO’17) Philadelphia COM
Jennifer Scheffler (BIO) Kettering PA program
Ben Schmeusser (MED) Wright State U Boonshoft SOM
Julie Shiligo (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Olivia Shaw (EEP) U Dayton PA program
Carrie Siekierski (MED) Carroll U PA program
Katie Simpson (BCM) Kettering PA program
Rachel Singer (BIO) Ohio State U COD
Marisa Spoltman (MED) Kettering PA program
William Suddarth (EEP’16) Rocky Vista U COM
Ashley Trent (MED) Wright State U Boonshoft SOM-MD/MPH
Zachary Wiser (BIO’16) Ohio U Heritage COM
Evan Wypasek (BIO’17) Ohio U Heritage COM

Emily Baker (DEN’12) surrounded by school children on the first dental brigade in Honduras
Dr. Eric Whitney hails from Kettering, Ohio, graduated from UD in 2010 with a Bachelors of Chemical Engineering and received his M.D. of Chemical Engineering from Kettering, Ohio, 2010 with a Bachelors of Chemical Engineering. He was a Kaplan Test Prep Instructor, a gross anatomy tutor during medical school and held a number of teaching assistant positions as an undergraduate. While at UD, he also worked on a collaborative research project under the guidance of Drs. Krane and Pinnell, characterizing biomedical surgery devices.

As an executive board member of the Red Scare, Eric attended most sporting events while at UD and was back on campus to celebrate the men’s flyers 2014 NCAA tournament run.

We would love to continue featuring UD Alumni in future issues. Please share your story and pictures by e-mailing us at premed@udayton.edu.
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