continue my journey through the spirit of our motto

As a 2018 Summa Cum Laude graduate reflecting on the inspiring call to action reverberating throughout CAU, I will confidently come a Cardiologist with a focus on cardiovascular disease prevention around the world. Knowledge obtained at Clark Atlanta will allow me to continue my education at Boston University School of Medicine and be inspired by faculty members that have molded me into a more confident student. Clark Atlanta University has truly been a nurturing environment for me throughout the school year to contribute to the overall campus community through community service and dedication to eliminating ethnic health disparities. We strive to provide ourselves and those around us with a larger sense of being. MAPS stands strong in the light of the many that struggled before us, and are hopeful that we are making each step easier for those who come after. We are leaders in our communities.

Pre-Health Student Spotlight—Ja’Mon Patterson

I was amazed at the rich culture and vibrant school spirit glaringly present upon my arrival at Clark Atlanta University. As a freshman, I felt the support from peers, upperclassmen and administrators as I navigated the small campus with the specific tasks of being on time and always displaying excellence. My learning journey began as a student majoring in Chemical Engineering and Chemistry. As a result, I would be given the opportunity as a freshman to intern at BASF, the largest chemical company in the world. I haven’t only been focused on academics. I was a member of the Varsity Softball team, CAU cheerleading team, Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, Isabella T. Jenkins Honors Program, and a tutor with the Academic Enrichment and Success Program. Each organization allowed me to grow as an individual and foster lifelong relationships.

During my sophomore year, I was selected into an early medical school program, EMSSP, at Boston University School of Medicine. It has proven to be a life changing opportunity that maximized my learning potential and has strengthened my love and understanding of biology and health related issues. Due to the program, I changed my major to Biology and currently reside in the Undergraduate Health Sciences Academy (UHSA) at Morehouse School of Medicine. I was selected into an early medical school program, EMSSP, at Boston University School of Medicine. It has proven to be a life changing opportunity that maximized my learning potential and has strengthened my love and understanding of biology and health related issues. Due to the program, I changed my major to Biology.

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Minority Association of Pre-Health Students

The Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS) consist of undergraduate and post-baccalaureate student run chapters that extend the mission of increasing the number of African-American, Latino, and other students of color entering and completing medical school. Our chapter here on Clark Atlanta University’s campus has been working rigorously throughout the school year to contribute to the overall campus community through community service and dedication to eliminating ethnic health disparities. We strive to provide ourselves and those around us with a larger sense of being. MAPS stands strong in the light of the many that struggled before us, and are hopeful that we are making each step easier for those who come after. We are leaders in our communities.

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Undergraduate Health Science Academy 2017-18 Scholars

“The Undergraduate Health Sciences Academy (UHSA) at Morehouse School of Medicine was created in response to the growing need for health care professionals in Georgia’s underserved urban and rural communities. The program recruits current undergraduate students matriculating in the Atlanta University Center Consortium (AUCC). Through STEM courses and other interventions, the academy’s goal is to add to Georgia’s healthcare workforce while also diversifying the local and national workforce. UHSA objectives are to improve students’ critical thinking and problem solving skills, enhance standardized test preparation, and provide science-enriched coursework to foster new interest in medicine and health professions. We are excited to announce UHSA’s incoming class of 2021. Congratulations to the following students: Kayla Dixon, Mon Patterson, DaNashia Thomas, Thomas, Dajhnae Gambrell-Sanders, Paris Grady, Essence Jordan, Larshe Moore, Lyric Moore, Mikalah Thomas, DaNashia Thomas, and Kailen Turner.”

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Medical University of South Carolina E.E. Just Symposium

Students attended the E.E. Just Scientific Symposium at the Medical University of South Carolina on February 22nd - 24th which provided an opportunity to tour the College of Health Professions and speak with faculty of several departments at MUSC. The symposium was composed of undergraduate, graduate and professional student presentations regarding their research. Topics included: Diabetes, STI’s and Cancer Research. CAU student Alexis Carey won first place for the undergraduate portion of the symposium. CAU freshmen, Monepha England stated, “This trip was an amazing experience.” Monepha emphasized that she most identified with the relationships the students had with their advisors. Their level of comfort as African American students created a different mindset for her in considering attending medical school in the future.”

Boston University School of Medicine EMSSP

The Early Medical School Selection Program (EMSSP) is nationally recognized as a unique effort to bring increased diversity to the physician workforce, an effort essential to improving quality and equity in health care. EMSSP is an early assurance program that provides a supportive environment with a gradual transition into the medical school curriculum during the summer terms after sophomore and junior years and the final undergraduate year. Students who meet all program requirements can expect to be promoted to Boston University School of Medicine upon completion of their undergraduate education. We currently have four students matriculating through this program: Ja’Mon Patterson (Senior), Tamara Dunford (Junior), Jada Carter (Sophomore) and Keyvona Moultrie (Sophomore).

Alexis Carey wins Undergraduate Award of Excellence

Alexis E. Carey arrived at Clark Atlanta University approximately three and a half years ago as a freshman honor student from Bladensburg, Maryland. Alexis stated “…During this critical semester, I met Dr. Joann Powell and she has served as my advisor, principal investigator in the lab, and my unofficial mentor. Now she serves as the Coordinator of the Health Professions Advising Unit and continues to advise me and increase my knowledge about post-graduate programs. With her encouragement, I applied to the Ernest E. Just Symposium at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). To my surprise, I was not only selected as an oral presenter but also won first place for the Undergraduate Award of Excellence. In turn, I utilized the Health Professions Advising Unit to help me perfect my presentation style and content. After my presentation, I talked to Dr. Wright, an impressed MUSC faculty member who attended my presentation about the Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP). After the trip to MUSC, I applied and reached back out to Dr. Wright, and the next day I was offered an interview. Not too long after the interview, I was offered a position at MUSC as a PREP Scholar. Once I complete PREP, I plan to pursue a career in biomedical science exploring questions surrounding cell cycle regulation. One day I hope to make a great impact on many African American girls, from neighborhoods where people do not make it out. I would like to leave my peers with this message: never say no to an opportunity because you are scared of failure. If I would have said no to applying for the conference because I was fearful, I would not be a MUSC PREP Scholar today.”

Alpha Epsilon Delta National Pre-Health Honor Society Induction

Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED) is the National Health Preprofessional Honor Society dedicated to the encouragement and recognition of excellence in Preprofessional health scholarship. The Society welcomes all students engaged in the pursuit of a professional development, provides a forum for students with common interests, and extends a program of service to benefit the college/university community. Membership is open to AUC students with a minimum of 60 credit hours and a 3.2 science GPA. The Georgia Delta chapter, which is comprised of the entire AUC is honored to have eight of our prestigious students inducted into AED on April 23rd 2018. The Georgia Delta Chapter of AED is happy to announce the new initiates from CAU; Brian Baker (Sophomore), Ashleigh Carter (Junior), Jada Carter (Sophomore), Taylor Copeland (Junior), Nana-Ama Acquah (Sophomore), Arianna Hagens (Sophomore), Shamari Perkins (Senior), and Keyvona Moultrie (Sophomore).