

Just a Minute



Thank You

Thank you to all who attended the CAAHP conference in Des Moines, Iowa. We hope you had a wonderful time and you gained valuable skills that will continue to advance your journey in pre-health advising. A BIG Thank You to those who purchased a duck for the YESS Duck Derby. All 40,000 ducks were adopted and will change the lives of infants, toddlers, and teens who call YESS home. The Duck Derby took place on 5.16.17 with a total of 40,000 ducks floating down the river while 5,000 observers cheered them on. Thank you again for your participation and your help with raising money for YESS! Lastly, we would like to thank the retired Board members for all their contributions and hard work. David Owen, Tracy Wright, and Heidi Lang we appreciate all the work you have done and we cannot thank you enough!

Congratulations

Dr. Paul Madtes is the 2017 recipient of the Fr. Joseph L. Walter Award for Outstanding Health Professions Advising. Dr. Madtes is a faculty advisor at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Ohio where he has taught and advised for over 30 years. Dr. Madtes has made many contributions to health professions advising within his university community, the state of Ohio and CAAHP. Some of his contributions include his steadfast commitment to mentoring; creating the Ohio pre-medical conference; organizing the Ohio Health Professions Advisor Day; serving as a CAAHP Member at-large, and much more. Dr. Madtes has also served on the CAAHP grant and research committees. Several excellent recommendations were submitted on his behalf that captured his mission of students being at the center of his work as well as his commitment to provide opportunities for growth and professional developments for students and fellow advisors alike.

Mentor Report

If you are a new pre-health advisor interested in being connected to a more experienced colleague or you are a seasoned pre-health advisor willing to share your knowledge, please complete the **2017 CAAHP Mentoring Questionnaire**. Every effort will be made to do matches that meet most of your criteria, including size of institution, office set-up, and specific health professions advising for which you offer or seek mentoring. Please send all questions to Mariella Mecozzi (mmecozzi@umich.edu).

P.S. Can you guess? We need more seasoned advisors to volunteer!!

We KNOW you want to be more involved in CAAHP and NAAHP! You just needed us to ask HOW! You recently received an email from CAAHP President, Erin Sayer, with a link to a **Member Interest Survey** – if you already have completed it, THANK YOU! If you didn't have a chance, please take 5 minutes to tell us where you have interest in being more involved. CAAHP is a volunteer association that relies on the passion of its members to do its business of developing and promoting pre-health advising. Please join us by telling us where you would like to help when the need arises!

Travel Grant Take-a-ways

Eleven individuals received a travel grant to attend the CAAHP Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. Below are some take away from the conference in case you missed it.

"At one of the sessions, a clinician spoke about what is needed to prepare for a career in the health professions, and included networking and service. As I reflected on this, I realized that these are key aspects of why being part of the CAAHP/NAAHP is so valuable: there are opportunities to network and opportunities to serve. As advisors gather for meetings, relationships are established that continue throughout the years. These become sources of information, but maybe more importantly, sources of encouragement and guidance."

"This information is quite valuable to me, as a faculty advisor, because we don't get training in advising. There is an entire body of knowledge that I am unfamiliar with, that only when I attend NAAHP/CAAHP meetings do I get the information I need. I must say that this is one conference where I attended every session, and thoroughly enjoyed learning information that will make my job easier. I don't have to re-invent the wheel when it comes to designing our pre-health advising system."

Introduction of New Board Members

New members were elected to the CAAHP Board during the CAAH regional meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. The new member include:

Vice President (2 Year Term): James Johnson - Loyola University - Chicago, IL

Secretary (2 Year Term): Joseph Southerland - University of Missouri - St. Louis, MO

NAAHP Representative (2 Year Term): Mariella Mecozzi - University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI

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Member-at-Large: Marjoanne Thompson - South Dakota State University - Brookings, SD

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Questions, Concerns, or Suggestions for CAAHP?

Email one of the **members-at-large**.