Your journey to a career in health care starts now!

CONGRATULATIONS...
...to all of our graduating seniors and alumni who are on their way to PT, medical, PA, OT, pharmacy, optometry, dental, and other health professional schools this summer or fall! Best wishes as you embark on the next stage of your journey. Please consider helping current and future Bradley Pre-Health students in one or more of the following ways:

• Complete our Applicant Survey to tell us where you will be going, and about your application experience.
• Join our BU Mentor network on LinkedIn to mentor the next pre-health students and share your experiences and success.
• Come back to speak to future pre-health students – keep in touch, and let Dr Val know when you will be back in the area so we can arrange an event.

NYA → PLAN B
If you applied to health professional schools this year but are still on a wait list or not yet accepted (NYA), this may be a very frustrating and disappointing time for you. But fear not, my services and advice are available to you as alumni of Bradley University. Schedule a consultation SOON and complete our Applicant Survey so we can discuss your personal Plan B, whether that means developing a focused strategy for improving before re-applying, or considering alternative careers in health care.

SUMMER AVAILABILITY
Dr. Val is around most of the summer and available if you have questions or need assistance (or just some good advice 😊). If you are not in the Peoria area, we can also work together by email, phone or Skype. Schedule your appointment online, and select which type of appointment on the booking form.

I’m excited to attend the National Association of Advisors of the Health Professions (NAAHP) conference in San Francisco June 23-29 where I will learn all the latest and greatest about various health professions, application processes, and meet with various admissions deans. I’ll be back at Bradley July 7th after a little summer vacation.

MCAT 2015 RESOURCES & SCORING
See attached Press Release from the AAMC!

• New scoring system: Each of the four sections will be scored on a range of 118 to 132, with a midpoint of 125; midpoint of 500 total….the new norm!
• What’s on the test? Interactive Guide
• Official Study & Exam prep Resources:
  • Online Practice Questions
  • Khan Academy video tutorials – free!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?
It may be a “vacation” from your classes, but it’s a great time to continue your health career exploration and development. Here are some suggestions:

• Job shadow or observe one or more health care professionals
• Explore and research multiple health careers
• Volunteer or find a job working in a health care setting, with patients, or with special needs children or adults
• Visit health professional schools! Many offer visit days or open houses for prospective students. If you are travelling, contact an admissions office to schedule your own visit.
• Review and prepare for entrance exams (MCAT, GRE, etc.)

2015 APPLICATION SEASON IS HERE!
CASPA 2015 – Opened April 15, 2014
AACOMAS 2015 Opened May 1, 2014; applicants will be able to submit on/about June 3, 2014.
AMCAS 2015 Opened May 1, 2014; applicants will be able to submit beginning June 3, 2014.
VMCAS 2015: Opening June 5th for data entry; submissions will start being processed on June 30th.
Check the Application Services Factsheet for other application services or for more details. It will be updated in mid-May.

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