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# MCAN Newsletter

## Make a Difference in a Prospective Student's Life: Become an Alumni Admission Representative

At the spring meeting of the Multicultural Alumni Network (MCAN) Board, board member Cedrina Knight '06 shared her experience as an Alumni Admissions Representative (AAR) for Carleton:

As a recent alumna of Carleton, I was eager to give back to my alma mater. While I value the opportunity to contribute financially to Carleton, I wanted to do more. Anyone looking for another way to give to Carleton should consider becoming an Alumni Admissions Representative (AAR) in your area. The great thing about being an AAR is having the opportunity to meet prospective students who have expressed interest in attending Carleton.

These bright and talented students of color are just waiting to hear from people who have had direct experience at Carleton. If I think back on my journey from New Orleans to Carleton, I am forever grateful for an alumnus who opened my eyes to a small, liberal arts college in the middle of nowhere. He was able to answer many of the questions and concerns I had about spending four years of my life in a new cultural environment. He also highlighted the strengths of Carleton and how happy he was with his decision. The contact I had with Arnold Donald '76, changed my life for the better, and you too, can encourage college bound junior

and seniors to seriously consider your alma mater.

AAR volunteers have many options: call or write prospective students, represent Carleton at a local college fair, visit a local high school and chat with interested students, or simply share a cup of coffee with a student in an informal interview setting. I have done all of the above and each setting has offered a unique way for me to share my Carleton experience. I feel fortunate to have met talented individuals who are well on their way to making a difference in our world.

If you're interested, simply head over to the following page on the Carleton website: <http://apps.carleton.edu/alumni/aar/> It's that easy!

## MCAN Scholars Fund Makes Awards to Nine Students

We have wonderful news to report from the MCAN Scholars Program. Because of the contributions of alumni to the Scholars Program, we were able to fund nine Carleton students of color who are pursuing exciting internship opportunities this summer. Students will be working in the field of mental health, engaging in research in a physics laboratory, working on conservation efforts in India, and learning about community-based public health programs in Atlanta, among other incredible opportunities.

*We awarded a total of \$24,803 to these nine students.* Contributions to the MCAN Scholars Program make it possible for students to participate in these kinds of rewarding internships – opportunities they might not have access to without the Scholars Program.

Contributions made between now and June 30, 2009 will go toward the fund for next year's Scholars Program. To date, 67 alumni have donated \$17,884. We need to raise more money if we want to give Carleton students of color these kinds of opportunities again next year.

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### Quotes from last year's Scholars Program participants



**Tomoka Nakamura, '09, Biology Major, Tokyo, Japan**

*I participated in a ten-week volunteer program at New York City's Bellevue Hospital. I worked in the Emergency Department, and covered many areas: adult, pediatric, psychiatric, and surgery. I experienced what it was like to be in the ER throughout the day and night. I interacted with patients by helping with EKGs (electrocardiogram to measure heart function) and other medical procedures with physicians and nurses. I served as a patient advocate. I also performed clinical research with other volunteers in the pediatric ward and presented in front of at least sixty resident doctors, attending doctors, and medical students at Bellevue Hospital.*

*My internship definitely allowed me to explore the medical field and it has encouraged me to proceed to medical school after Carleton. I have graduated early from Carleton and I will be taking a gap year before medical school by doing clinical research at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, focusing on bone marrow failure among children. I am looking forward to becoming a pediatrician in the future.*



**Ruty Gebreab, '10 Political Science International Relations Major, Eagan, MN**

*Last summer, I was provided with the opportunity to intern in the Office of U.S. Congressman Keith Ellison in Minneapolis. Over a period of twelve weeks, I gained much insight into many different immigrant issues. I have truly learned what it means to be passionate. I am passionate about changing and improving the immigration bureaucracy. This internship truly served as a means to realizing my purpose: to serve as an advocate in promoting equality and just laws for all immigrants.*



**Daney Ramirez, '09, Biology Major, Chicago**

*Last summer, I traveled to Panama City, Panama where I analyzed various preventative health care measures and campaigns in community health care centers, examining their*

*plans of implementation, funding, and desired outcomes. I then helped these community centers in the implementation of new and more effective campaigns targeting diabetic elderly patients.*

*My experience in Panama was amazing. I had the opportunity to interact with health care professionals and obtain a better grasp of what public health is all about. I also had the opportunity to go on rural medical excursions, which changed my outlook on medicine and definitely shaped my future career interests. I believe my experience in Panama re-defined me as an individual and highly influenced not only my outlook on life, but my decision to pursue an education in public health after Carleton.*

*This fall I will start a masters program in Public Health at the University of Illinois in Chicago where I will focus on disease prevention and promotion on a community basis, just as I did in Panama City.*

*Interested in learning more about being an MCAN board member? Contact Naja Shabazz '05 in the Alumni Affairs Office. We are always looking for diversity in class year and experience to better serve our mission.*

## Coming to Reunion 2009?

Please join us for Friday lunch at Reunion, hosted by Vina Kay '90. Please review the reunion schedule for more details.

## Jumpstart a Carleton Graduate's Career: Engagement Wanted

A new initiative sponsored by the Career Center provides another way for alumni to help Carleton students. It is a challenging time to be looking for a job. Now imagine being one of the 450 Carleton seniors going through his or her first job search in an unprecedented economy. Fortunately these Carls, like all Carleton Alumni, have an advantage that many others do not – access to the incredibly active and diverse Carleton network. **Engagement Wanted** is a program designed to help facilitate Student-to-Alumni connections in the job search process. A natural by-product of the program is sure to be greater development of Alumni-to-Alumni connections.

The aim of **Engagement Wanted** is to create a simple access point for students to get their job search stories out to anyone in the Carleton community, and an even simpler way for alumni and others to help them. *How does it work?*

Carleton seniors create short profiles that speak to their interests, hopes, and goals for their post-Carleton lives. Alumni, parents, and friends who enroll in the program receive a weekly e-mail that contains five random profiles.

For example:

**TAKING A BREATH BEFORE MED SCHOOL**, aiming for a year-long research opportunity. Biology major, biochemistry concentrator, research experience every summer since senior year of high school. I would be happy to send you examples of past work; research interests are wide-ranging and flexible. Heard of anything in your area?

**I WANT TO SEE THE WORLD!** Service, business, and other opportunities welcome. Qualifications: sociology/anthropology major, fluent in French, 4 year volunteer for Habitat and Kids for Conservation, went on the political economy program in China, comfortable anywhere, remarkably strong stomach. Interested in any part of the world. Thanks in advance for your advice!

*How can you help?* Scan the weekly email to see if you have any advice, contacts, or opportunities to offer any of the students that week. You need only contact those with whom you find a connection and your level of engagement is up to you. Could you contact

the student with one-time advice/suggestions/ideas? Are you willing to provide sustained mentoring? Do you have a referral or lead that might be helpful, even to another Carl you believe could help more? Would you be open to an informational interview or shadow visit? Do you have an internship to offer? Does your organization have summer jobs available? Do you know of entry-level jobs that fit the student's profile? Any help you can offer would be welcome to graduating seniors.

*Here's how.* Go to the Carleton website at [http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/career/Alumni/engagement\\_program/](http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/career/Alumni/engagement_program/)



Give the class of 2009 the power of your personal & professional networks.

**JOIN ENGAGEMENT WANTED TODAY**

## About the Multicultural Alumni Network (MCAN)

The purpose of MCAN is to broaden and support the College's overall educational, admissions, career, and fundraising programs, particularly as these programs relate to the enrichment of its students and alumni of color. Allies to these endeavors are welcomed.

*The goals and objectives of MCAN are:*

- to aid in the recruitment of students of color*
- to aid in the retention of students of color*
- to address the non-academic needs of students of color*
- to help create a more nurturing environment on campus*
- to increase faculty and staff diversity*
- to facilitate an active relationship between Carleton and alumni of color*

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