Tyler Carpenter Wins Tennessee Public Health Association’s Student Video Challenge for the East Grand Division

Tyler Carpenter, a Master of Public Health student in the Health Services Management and Policy Department, won the Tennessee Public Health Association’s (TPHA) Student Video Challenge. The contest is for any part time or full time Tennessee college/university students who are interested in public health. The video may be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wa_h52Yxe&feature=youtu.be

Videos could be submitted by student members of TPHA, individually or as a group, and with faculty sponsorship. Sean Hoyle, Data Services Manager for the East Tennessee State University College of Public Health, served as faculty sponsor for Tyler’s video. His submission will be recognized during the TPHA’s East Division meeting and also at the association-wide annual meeting in September.

Christen Minnick, TPHA Vice President/East Tennessee, commented, “It was really exciting to see Tyler’s creativity in his submission. He, in true public health fashion, utilized the voices of various community partners and impactors of policy to get the message across to his viewers.”

The video features the theme of the American Public Health Association’s vision of Healthiest Nation in One Generation. According to the campaign, the U.S. spends more on health care than other comparable countries, but Americans live shorter lives and struggle with more health issues including obesity, infant mortality, diabetes, heart disease and other chronic conditions. The APHA considers this the defining challenge of the current students’ generation. Carpenter’s video features the president of East Tennessee State University, the dean of ETSU’s College of Public Health, students of various disciplines and the CEO of Mountain States Health Alliance who each state, “Creating the healthiest nation starts with me.”

Carpenter expressed his enthusiasm about the submission with, "I really felt that having everyone from the CEO of a local health system, to the President of our university, and students from different disciplines, really speaks to how wide-reaching public health is. We have the power to change health behaviors in our own communities. We are generation public health!"

The Tennessee Public Health Association looks forward to collaborating with students on these videos. Past submissions have inspired members of the TPHA to partner with students on additional projects.

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