Rickie Carter Wins Two Outstanding Student Awards

Rickie Carter, Executive Aide for the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, received two Outstanding Student awards for her work as a graduate student in the Clemmer College of Education. Each year the Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors Association (TLPCA) honors students with an Outstanding Student Success Award. This year Mrs. Carter was selected as the Outstanding Student Success Award recipient for ETSU. At the TLPCA Pre-conference Leadership Dinner on April 9, 2015 in Nashville, Ms. Carter was introduced with the following information:

“Ms. Carter’s professors state that “she is beyond outstanding as a student. She is beyond stellar as a clinician and she consistently goes over and beyond to better herself and to experience whatever she can as a student and a professional.” They revere her as a deep and critical thinker; one who is self-reflective and insightful beyond imagination. She is also noted as kind and warm. Rickie views her responsibilities as a counselor with utmost importance and treats clients with dignity and respect. Ms. Carter cares deeply about her education and making a difference in the lives of those with whom she works. She is devoted to furthering her knowledge and skills in the helping profession. ETSU faculty stated that “it has been a wonderful opportunity to work with someone so determined, dedicated, prepared, and committed”. Rickie takes initiative on tasks and projects and despite her being extremely intelligent and talented, she is humble and graceful. Furthermore, she is a highly motivated, ethical, and responsible professional. She seeks out resources independently, and takes advantage of workshops and conferences to enhance her understanding of current topics in the field.”

Additionally, Ms. Carter received the Outstanding Graduate Student award for the Clemmer College of Education. The Outstanding Graduate Student award is given to a graduate student who is within one or two semesters of graduation and demonstrates leadership, high levels of academic achievement, and positive interactions with others. One graduate student is selected from each department. She was nominated by the Department of Counseling and Human Services. Dr. Kimberly Hale, Interim Associate Dean for the College of Education, stated, “We take pride in recognizing our strong students!”

Rickie Carter remarks on her awards, “I am continually amazed by the incredible individuals I have had the privilege of learning from in this program including faculty, staff, student colleagues, and most of all, the patients who have invited me into their intricate lives.

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I have humorously described my journey as unintentional post-dramatic growth, but I believe education and remarkable mentors truly do offer us that blessing. I am extremely honored to receive this recognition from those who have contributed so much support and encouragement to my experience as a student in the field of Counseling.”

The ETSU Clemmer College of Education will recognize Ms. Carter during the Honors Day Reception on April 21 at the Carnegie Hotel Grand Soldiers Ballroom.