

# Dr. Carrie DePasquale Memorial Scholarship



It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to earn a doctorate in Developmental Science. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to fight for social justice and affect change in the community. It takes a lot of hard work to be a caring friend who is always there to support you and challenge you. Dr. Carrie DePasquale managed to be all three of these things: a scientist, social activist, and supportive friend all at the young age of 26. Tragically, this bright star did not burn long enough. She passed away suddenly on September 12th, 2020.

Carrie accomplished more before the age of 30 than most do before they are 50. As a first-generation college student, she won prestigious awards in her field, was advised by two of the leading scholars in the field, Drs. Ann Masten and Megan Gunnar, published 15 empirical papers, trained on a T32 grant directed by Dr. Dante Cicchetti, received a prestigious F32 grant from NICHD on her first submission, and started a postdoc with Dr. Erika Lunkenheimer at Penn State with her eyes set on the next steps of her career. To say she was a role model for early career scientists would be an understatement.

Carrie knew, more than most, the importance of supporting her community and advocating for others. In her limited free time, Carrie volunteered at the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, where she helped care for children, cook meals, and clean toys. She also applied her academic talents to create a child behavioral tool for helping Nursery staff to evaluate whether their programs are working. Carrie did not shy away from going the extra mile to help families in need.

The Dr. Carrie DePasquale Scholarship recognizes the challenges that first-generation Ph.D. students at ICD face. It will serve to carry on Carrie's legacy of academic rigor, social responsibility, and joy. We hope that every year the recipients of this award will remember to enjoy the little things in life, spend time with friends and family, and apply their academic research to improve the lives of children and families.

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