

Aiken receives terminal degree in athletic training

Chowan University boasts a large number of faculty with terminal degrees. To be more exact, in a recent report released by the Provost's office in November of 2018, 79 percent of Chowan's 65 faculty members have terminal degrees in their respective teaching fields. Chowan University is also home to 162 staff members, representing seven different areas of operation on campus. While many Chowan staff members boast Master's degrees and advanced certifications, only one staff member currently holds the distinction of Doctorate. Michelle Aiken, a member of the Chowan University Athletic Training Staff, recently completed her Doctorate of Athletic Training from Temple University, giving her the hard-earned title of Dr. Michelle Aiken.



Dr. Michelle Aiken

Philadelphia for her Master's Degree work and MAT certification in Kinesiology. In fact, since May of 2018, the last six months have been the longest she has not been enrolled as a student.

"The best thing about completing both my masters and doctorate degrees is that I learned how to properly research information and apply what I learned in a clinical setting," said Aiken on completing her terminal degree requirements. "If I hear about an intervention, I don't just assume that what is said about it is correct. I can research the intervention myself, and make a determination and decide if it will benefit the athletes here at Chowan."

path to sports medicine in her future. It took convincing from her high school friend, Blake Robinson, to consider it as a college major. She also got nudging from long-time high school athletic trainer, Barry Atkinson, in her hometown of Waterloo.

Once Aiken got a taste of the sports medicine field at Erskine, she immersed herself in the clinical and practical experiences that come with the tedious major.

Aiken serves as an Assistant Athletic Trainer for the CU Athletic Department. She has been employed since 2016 and oversees athletic training needs of men's soccer, men's and women's swimming, and softball. Prior to joining the staff at Chowan, Aiken worked as a part-time athletic trainer for campus recreation and completed a clinical rotation at the Temple University athletic training room. In that capacity, she evaluated and diagnosed student-athlete injuries and supervised rehabilitation while covering men's and women's club rugby, men's club wrestling, men's club volleyball, and men's ice hockey. Aiken also served as a teaching assistant for anatomy and physiology labs.

Aiken currently attends Murfreesboro United Methodist Church and is active in the Prayer Shawl Ministry. In her free time she likes to read, watch television, hang out with co-workers, and knit.



SCORE BIG/WIN BIG — Stella Jenkins (left) and Cheyanne Kirk (right) were the February Score Big/Win Big student prize winners at Laurens Middle School. They each received a piece of LDHS Raider gear, and are pictured with the school's attendance clerk Jeri Manley. All students at Laurens Middle have the opportunity to earn tickets for SB/WB prize drawings by doing their best academic work.

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