Important Health Professions Advising information for Fall 2015 enrollment: Please read this message carefully for important information about health professions advising. There have been some changes to required courses.

Anatomy and Physiology: Anatomy and Physiology 1&2 (Biol 171/172) is open to allied health students who require it for their target graduate program. Seats in this course are offered by permission of the Health Professions Advising Office; we sent an e-mail soliciting requests for this course with a deadline of March 19. Please follow those instructions carefully if you would like access to the course.

Biochemistry: In 2015-2016, the biology department will offer the Biochemistry 1 lecture (Biol 301) in both fall and spring semesters. The fall biology and chemistry (Biol 301, Chem 301) courses will be initially reserved for biology and chemistry majors. Any open seats will be made available to non-majors during open enrollment. The spring Biol 301 course will have identical content to the standard fall Biol 301 course and will be open to all students who meet the prerequisites. The biochemistry 1 (Biol 303) laboratory will only be offered in the fall semester.

Microbiology: Students who need to take a course in microbiology for their target graduate program have two pathways. Biology majors and students applying to medical, dental and veterinary school should take Microbiology (Biol 223) in the fall. Non-biology major students who are planning on applying to other allied health programs should take the spring Microbiology for Allied Health (Biol 210).

Physics: Starting fall 2015, there will only be one version of the introductory physics sequence, Phys 115/116, renamed “Introductory Physics 1: Mechanics, Fluids and Waves” and “Introductory Physics 2: Electromagnetism, Optics & Modern Physics.” This course includes an integrated laboratory and was formerly known as “General Physics in Daily Life”. There are no special sections for class years.

Sociology and Psychology: The introductory courses in these areas are open to first and second year students only. Students planning to apply to medical school (and other graduate programs that require these courses) should take them in the first two years if at all possible. If you are a 3rd or 4th year student and need a seat in Socl 101, e-mail Prof. Cahill (mcahill@holycross.edu) right away. A few seats may be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are a 3rd or 4th year student and need a seat in Psych 100, e-mail the course instructor.

Panel discussion and networking event: On March 16, 7-9pm, Career Planning and Health Professions will host a career panel and networking event for alumni and students in Hogan Suites A/B/C (4th Floor). Come hear a presentation on a variety of health-related careers (including positions for gap years) and meet some accomplished alumni. This will be a terrific event, with over 30 alumni attending!

Meet the incoming president of the American Medical Association: Dr. Steven Stack ‘94 will be leading two events on campus. On Monday March 16, he will have an informal discussion (and pizza!) with students considering a career in medicine from 5:45-6:45pm in SML 154. On Tuesday March 17, he will be giving a talk on the benefits of a classical liberal arts education at 4:30pm in Hogan Suite A (4th floor). He will also attend the networking event above. These are rare opportunities to meet a leader in medicine in a relaxed environment and he is looking forward to connecting with you.

Visit our web page: Our web page has a wealth of information on a variety of careers and prerequisites for various graduate programs. Please visit it! http://academics.holycross.edu/healthprofessions/

Appointments: Appointments to see Prof. Cahill or Prof. Futterman are made by contacting Ms. Mickie Casello by calling x2533 or stopping by Stein 129A during office hours (8-12, 1-4). She cannot make appointments by e-mail. Appointments for Professor Cahill during enrollment advising period (3/23-3/31) are made by signing up on the sheet on his office door (Stein 541).