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Future Doctor in our Midst

A familiar face reappeared at the hospital this summer. Natalie Finner, returned as the volunteer coordinator for a six week period. Previously she served as a volunteer and hopes the next time she comes looking for a job at the hospital it will be as a doctor.

Natalie graduated from Arnprior District High School and completed her BSc at McMaster University in Hamilton, ON. She returns to Arnprior for the summer months and holidays to spend time with her friends and family. Her father works at a local business and her mother is a teacher. Both sisters are pursuing teaching as well.

At the end of August, Natalie will be leaving for the University of Limerick, Ireland where she will pursue her MD. Natalie knew she had to keep her options open as it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a spot at Canadian medical schools. The University of Ottawa, Faculty of Medicine received 3637 applications this past year (for entrance September 2010) for only 164 spots. The annual success rate for Canadian citizens applying for admission to Canadian medical schools for the academic years 2001-2006 ranged from 26.3% to 29.2%. Just over 2500 positions were available in 2006/07 across all 17 Canadian faculties of medicine.

After obtaining her MD in Ireland, Natalie will have to write Canadian entrance exams and perform her residency here as well in order to practice medicine within Canada. Natalie hasn't finalized exactly what her specialty will be, however at the moment pediatrics ranks high on the list. We wish you well in your studies.

The Arnprior & District Memorial Hospital sits on the Community Led Physician Recruitment Committee and we are always pursuing ways of attracting new family doctors to our town. If you would like to join the committee or offer feedback please contact Erin Clarke at the Greater Arnprior Chamber of Commerce at 623-6817



Natalie Finner, at work on the volunteer coordinator portfolio.

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