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### LIFE UNIVERSITY ALUMNA DR. MELANIE CRIPPS AWARDED BY PEERS -via Tennessee Chiropractic Association

**Nashville, Tennessee, December 14, 2020** – [Life University](#) Alumna Dr. Melanie Cripps of Carthage has been honored with the 2020 Rising Chiropractor of the Year award by the Tennessee Chiropractic Association (TCA), the state's largest professional organization for chiropractors. Dr. Cripps was chosen by her colleagues to receive this prestigious honor, given to recognize the recipient's generous contributions of time and talent early in their career, benefitting their profession and their community.

"It is a pleasure to present this award to Dr. Cripps on behalf of the Association," Tiffany Stevens, executive director of the TCA, said. "Her commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of her community, and advocacy on behalf of chiropractic profession, have quickly distinguished her as a leader with great things on the horizon."

Growing up in Middle Tennessee, Dr. Cripps excelled on the softball field. She earned her bachelor's degree at Tennessee State University while playing Division I softball, but severe headaches threatened to sideline her until she discovered chiropractic care. Motivated by her chiropractic journey as a patient, she made the decision to attend Life University. After graduating in 2014 with her Doctor of Chiropractic, she established Carthage Family Chiropractic, LLC in Carthage, Tennessee and enjoys being active in the community, advocating to all ages the preventive and treatment benefits of chiropractic care.

Over the last six years, Dr. Cripps has been hard at work serving her patients' health and wellness needs, but she still makes giving back a priority – coaching a local youth team and taking part in local charity projects, such as the Emmanuel House, an at-risk women's shelter. She joined the Smith County Chamber of Commerce when she opened her practice and now serves on the Chamber Board. She finds balance and inspiration through exercise, reading, traveling and quality time with family.

Dr. Cripps has been consistently involved in serving her profession. She participates with the TCA as both a member and legislative ambassador, actively seeking professional relationships with the legislators in her area and regularly participating in Chiropractic Day on "the Hill".

Her chiropractic know-how and athletic experience have built a strong reputation among high-level athletes. Dr. Cripps serves as a member on several treatment teams, including those caring for professional UFC fighters and Crossfit Mayhem athletes, providing chiropractic care during their training, fights and competitions.



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Dr. Cripps was announced as the recipient of the award during the TCA's first-ever virtual Annual Awards Event, which premiered on November 21, 2020 and is available for viewing on the Association's Facebook page, YouTube channel and website, [www.tnchiro.com](http://www.tnchiro.com).

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The TCA, a professional organization composed of doctors of chiropractic since 1935, is a dynamic advocate for chiropractic physicians who contribute to the health and well-being of patients across Tennessee. For more information about the TCA, visit [www.TNChiro.com](http://www.TNChiro.com).

For more information about Life University, visit [LIFE.edu](http://LIFE.edu).

### **About Life University**

Life University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees, and also has programmatic accreditation through the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The mission of Life University is to empower students with the education, skills and values necessary for career success and life fulfillment, based on a vitalistic philosophy.

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