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Starks Scholarship Awarded

Joshua Garcia, Starks Scholarship Recipient

Joshua Garcia, OSU DPT Class of 2013, is the current recipient of the John P. and Narcissia V. Starks Scholarship, established in 1999 by Mr. and Mrs. Starks. Mr. Starks, PT, MS, OSU 1956, was the Director of Dodd Hall’s physical therapy department from 1959 to 1989.

Josh graduated from Bowling Green in 2008 with a 4.0 GPA and has excelled during the first three quarters of the DPT program. Josh said he is grateful for this scholarship support because it relieves his financial stress. It also allows him to focus on the daily review of course material. He is unsure of his career plans although he thoroughly enjoyed the first year out-patient orthopedic clinical experience.

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PT Scholarship Updates

Catie Broecker, Jacob Fanning and Eric Schaffner have recently been identified as the 2011-12 recipients of the P.T. Services Rehabilitation, Inc. scholarship. They will have the opportunity to meet Mike Herbert, PT, CEO of P.T. Services Rehabilitation during spring quarter. All three of these DPT students graduated from high schools in northwestern Ohio and are looking forward to graduating in August 2012.

Students Present Their Work

Kate Dixon, DPT student, Class of 2011, presented a poster titled, “Design and Implementation of a Mobile Arm Support Assistive Device for Patients with Proximal Upper Extremity Weakness” in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the interdisciplinary rehabilitation engineering specialization at the College of Medicine Research Day.

Louise Thoma and Kate Dixon are entering a poster, “Physical Therapy Management of a Patient in Rural Underserved Mexico” in a student competition at the Multiple Perspectives on Access, Inclusion and Disability at OSU on May 5. Laura Schmitt, PT, PhD was the faculty mentor for the project, which was completed during the SAMP Global Health Service Learning Course in Merida, Yucatan in December 2010. They used several low cost and creative rehabilitation methods to promote ambulation, improve environmental access and sitting posture for an adult with a spinal cord injury. For location and conference information: http://ada.osu.edu/conferences.htm

Several students presented research posters at CSM, including a group from the DPT Class of 2011 who worked with Dr. Borstad on a study, “Scapulothoracic Muscle Activation Varies by PNF Pattern and Trunk Rotation.”
PT Faculty, Students and Alumni Receive Awards

Within the first few months of 2011, a number of PT faculty have been recognized by professional organizations for exemplary education, service and research. Faculty award recipients were:

- Tonya Apke, PT, DPT, OSC, Ohio Physical Therapy Association, Meritorious Service Award
- D. Michele Basso, PT, PhD, APTA, Helen J. Hislop Award for Outstanding Contributions to Professional Literature
- Matt Briggs, PT, DPT, OSC, APTA Sports Section, New Horizon Award
- Dale Deubler, PT, MS, APTA Section on Pediatrics, Anniversary Award
- Anne Kloos, PT, PhD, NCS, APTA Award for Excellence in Neurologic Education

PhD Student Award Recipients include:

- Alexandra Borstad, MS, PT. Neuromuscular Plasticity Scholar Award, University of Florida, Human Movement Science
- Nora Fritz, DPT. Florence P. Kendall Doctoral Scholarship, CCTS TLI Mentored Research Program Grant
- Lynnette Montgomery, PT. Trainee Excellence Travel Award, OSU College of Medicine Biomedical Research Day and Neuromuscular Plasticity Scholar Award, University of Florida, Human Movement Sciences

Alumni who have received recent awards include:

- Jeff Buehner, PT, 1999, 2010, OSU, Allied Medical Professions Outstanding Graduate Student Award for 2010
- Nancy Cicirello, PT, MPH, EdD, OSU 1971, Jeanne M Fischer Distinguished Mentor Award, APTA Section on Pediatrics

We encourage alumni to submit updated information including notification of awards to: Alumni Newsletter Form

Alumni Updates

Laura Ackman Jesswein, PT, OSU 2007, is employed by Asante Health System and resides with her husband Ross in Talent, Oregon. laurajesswein@gmail.com

Nancy Cicirello, PT, MPH, EdD, OSU 1971, pictured above, is the latest in a trio of OSU physical therapists to receive the Jeanne Fischer Distinguished Mentoring Award. Currently, Nancy is a professor in the School of PT at Pacific University in Hillsboro, Oregon. Nancy has infused global health experiences throughout her career which has included volunteering with the Peace Corps, where she provided pediatric PT in the Fiji Islands of the South Pacific, as well as numerous other international service experiences. She has mentored students who are interested in global health work, community school therapists as a member of the Oregon Department of Education Regional Programs working group and, most recently, pediatric PT residents at the Oregon Health Sciences University and Child Development and Rehabilitation Center. Nancy noted that, “my mentorship stands on the shoulders of those who provided me quality mentorship. I am fortunate to have spent clinical time with past OSU Jeanne Fisher Award recipients Marian Chase, PT, MS, who was the Chief of Physical Therapy at The OSU Nisonger Center and Judith Gaiser, PT, OSU 1961 at DC Children’s Hospital during a clinical internship. Nancy’s contact is cicireln@paficu.edu