The featured speaker for the 2009 Leader in PT lecture series was Dr. John D. Childs. He presented “Physical Therapists Rescue General Motors from the Brink of Bankruptcy” on April 2. He met with faculty, DPT students and the OSU residents prior to his presentation. On April 3 and 4 he presented a CEU course sponsored by the OPTA. Dr. Childs is an Associate Professor and Director of Research in the U.S. Army-Baylor University Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy. He was selected for this honor based on his career accomplishments and dedication to the advancement of the profession. Dr. Childs has published over 60 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 70 abstracts related to orthopedics, biomechanics, and manual physical therapy in leading peer-reviewed journals, including Annals of Internal Medicine, Spine, and Physical Therapy. His work has been featured in numerous national print and television media outlets.

Student Activities
Second year students are coordinating the 2nd Annual Funfitness Musculoskeletal Screens for Special Olympic athletes during the Summer Games on June 27th. If clinicians are interested in volunteering, contact John DeWitt at john.dewitt@osumc.edu.

First and second year students held the First Annual Thera-Ball in February to benefit the Foundation for Physical Therapy. They raised over $900 and the students have their sights on an even larger event next year.
International Research Presentation

Drs. Anne Kloos and Deb Kegelmeyer from the Ohio State University Division of Physical Therapy attended the European Huntington’s Disease Association (EHDA) Physiotherapy Working Group in Cardiff, Wales in February. They presented preliminary findings from their on-going research project that investigates the use of the video game “Dance Dance Revolution” to improve balance and gait in patients with Huntington’s Disease. This project is supported by a 2008-2009 Clinical Research Award from the Huntington’s Study Group and the Huntington’s Society of Canada. Second year student, Nora Fritz accompanied Drs. Kegelmeyer and Kloos. She reports, “Attending an international conference was not only a fantastic way to network, but also a great way to become more involved in PT as a student; I could contribute information as well as learn from the top researchers in Huntington’s Disease research. It was a one of a kind opportunity. I am so grateful to Drs. Kloos and Kegelmeyer as well as to the EHDN for this experience,” she added.

Residency Update

The OSU Nisonger Center Pediatric Residency Program, recently became the second APTA credentialed clinical residency. Congratulations to Helen Alexander, PT, MPH who led the efforts and the entire group of faculty, clinicians and Lindsey Alfano, the first resident who contributed to the successful application and site visit. Required site visits for the geriatric and neurologic physical therapy residencies will take place this quarter with the goal of increasing the number of credentialed residencies at OSU to five.

Faculty Updates

Dr. Deborah Givens will be receiving the Bette Ann Harris Distinguished Alumni Award from the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Institute. This award is the highest honor given to Alumni by the Institute and is given in recognition of:

- Expanding and refining the scientific basis for clinical practice through research and scholarship
- Contributing to new models of practice to foster provision of effective, affordable and ethical health care
- Contributing significantly to advancing the mission, reputation and standard of the Institute.

Dr. Givens will receive the award on May 2nd at the Harvard Medical School Quadrangle.
Alumni Updates

Cora Huitt, PT, MA, BCiA-PMDB, OSU 1972, is the owner of Women’s Health Physical Therapy, Inc in Richmond VA. She received the certificate denoting her practice as the second APTA clinical residency program. corahuitt@aol.com

Barb Settles Huge, PT, OSU 1981, lives in Fisher’s, IN. She has practiced in women’s health for over 25 years. In April 2009, she and her husband Dan will return to Sosua, Dominican Republic for another mission trip with their church. They sponsor two children and are grateful for their ability to continue with this volunteer work. Their daughter, Amber, will be married in August.

Yvonne Golightly, PT, OSU 1998, is finishing a PhD in Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She continues to research osteoarthritis and her dissertation is on joint injury and OA.

Donna Redman-Bentley, PT, PhD, PT Certificate, OSU 1970, is a Professor of Physical Therapy and Associate Dean for Research in the College of Allied Health Professions, Western University College of Health Sciences in Ponoma, California. She specializes in orthopedic physical therapy and is involved in the rehabilitation of animals. She presented two posters at this year's CSM.

Sean M. Hayes, PT, OSU 1996, is clinical director of First Colony Aquatic and Rehab Center in Houston, Texas. He and his wife Ashley welcomed son Walter Payton Hayes on January 16, 2009. jafopt@yahoo.com

Michele Hribar, PT, OSU 1984, is the Coordinator of Outpatient Satellites at the Cleveland Clinic South Pointe Hospital. She and her spouse Joseph live in Sagamore Hills and their son Joseph Jr. is a freshman at Ohio State. mhribar@roadrunner.com

Kate Grace, PT, OPA, OSU 1979, visited OSU recently during a trip to Ohio in which she was conducting continuing education courses. She presented an optional session to students and faculty on patellar femoral dysfunction. She is the president Kate Grace Physical Therapy, based in La Jolla, CA. Her clinic has been recognized as one of the Top 50 Women owned businesses in San Diego and has received the distinction of being a ‘recommended expert’ from the American Coaching Academy. Kate and her colleagues have developed the OnTrack®, a method for treating patellar femoral dysfunction. www.kgpt.com