Faculty from Mexico Strengthen Our International Experience

Alejandro Ojeda Manzana and Claudia Barrero Solis, two senior rehabilitation faculty members from the Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan (UADY) in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico visited the PT Division for two weeks in the fall. Their visit stemmed from discussions in 2007 and 2008 between them and Dale Deubler, MS, PT and Anne Kloos, PT, PhD, NCS, during the SAMP Global Health Service Learning course held in Merida each December. The focus of the visit was discussion of previously mutually identified interests in advancing the rehabilitation program and developing the first Master’s of Physical Therapy curriculum on the Yucatan peninsula. In addition to providing a lecture about the UADY rehabilitation program and an overview of the provision of physical therapy in Merida, the visiting faculty participated in a number of curriculum development discussions, attended classes and labs and discussed faculty research. Interviews and additional information about their visit and global health initiatives in SAMP will be the focus of the upcoming SAMP Alumni Newsletter.

Theraball 2010

The Foundation for Physical Therapy Service Learning group continues to raise money to support the Foundation’s work in funding physical therapy research. Held early in January, students, faculty and guests were treated to a mid-week event that was an instant cure for early winter quarter blues. The event raised nearly $1,000 for the Foundation. Each DPT student participates in an ongoing service learning project. The groups gain new members as first year students replace graduating students. While the Foundation for Physical Therapy is the only national group, the community partners and students have benefited from the continuity and sustainability of these projects.
Alumni News

In Memoriam
Nancy J. Patton (12/20/1937 – 7/20/2009) graduated from the Ohio State University with a B.S. in Physical Therapy in 1958. She received M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Anatomy from the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin, respectively. For over 33 years she taught anatomy and therapeutic exercise in a variety of physical therapy programs including Boston University, University of Wisconsin, University of Kentucky, and Cleveland State University, where she achieved full professor rank in 1979. From 1991-1995 she served as the Chair of Health Sciences and Director of the Physical Therapy Program at Cleveland State University. Nancy had numerous publications and contributed to the creation of the physical therapy generic abilities. She was a beloved colleague and friend to many and will be greatly missed by the physical therapy community.

Raymond Bilecky, PT, OSU 1978, is the owner and director of operations for Total Rehabilitation Specialists, Inc. He is the Chair of the PT Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers License Board and is the treasurer for the APTA Home Health Section. In 2009, Ray received the Meritorious Service Award from the Ohio Physical Therapy Association. Ray lives in Columbia Station, Ohio and can be reached at rbilecky@aol.com

Cynthia Whipple Rimko, PT, OSU 1992, is the owner and senior physical therapist at “Let’s Get Physical” Therapy Group. She resides with her husband Troy in Avon, Ohio and can be reached at cynthiarimkopt@centurytel.net

Linda Wilkins Markstein, PT, OSU 1982, lives in Middletown, Ohio and is employed by Neurodevelpmental Therapy Associates. Linda can be reached at lwmark@yahoo.com

Kevin Patterson, PT, OSU 1999, 2009, is employed at The Ohio State University Medical Center. In 2009, he received a Master of Science in Allied Health Management. He lives in Powell, Ohio with his wife Cindy and sons, Matthew and Christopher. He is a volunteer with the Cub Scouts. Kevin can be reached at Patterson.37@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Please stay in touch with us. You can update your information and share any news with us using the Alumni Newsletter Request Form.

Faculty Updates

Welcome Laura Schmitt

Please join the PT Faculty in welcoming Laura Schmitt, PT, PhD as an Assistant Professor in the Physical Therapy Division. Dr. Schmitt brings her expertise in ACL injuries, osteoarthritis, biomechanics and gait analysis to the teaching and research mission of the OSU School of Allied Medicine.

Dr. Schmitt obtained her BS (Psychology), MPT (2001) and PhD (2006) from the University of Delaware. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Sports Medicine Biodynamics Center at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center under the direction of Tim Hewitt, PhD. Dr. Schmitt currently has a grant from the NFL Charities to study the longitudinal clinical and biomechanical outcomes following ACL reconstruction.
CSM Highlights

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OSU Faculty and Student Platform Presentations and Posters

Education Section
Date: Friday, February 19, 2010
Apke, T. Advancing the Goals of Vision 2020 within a Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy Education Program through a Final Practicum Experience.
Poster Number: 1018

Kloos A, Apke, T, Harris L. Recruitment and Retention of Allied Medical Preceptors Using a Multifaceted Recognition Program.

Health Policy and Administration Section
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2010
Deubler D, Kloos A. Global Health Service Learning Course in Merida Yucatan: An interdisciplinary course. Global Health Reception.

Neurology Section

Fritz N, Kegelmeyer D, Kloos A, Kostyk S. The Effect of Video Game-Based Exercise on Dynamic Balance and Mobility in Individuals with Huntington's Disease.

Orthopedic Section
Date: Saturday, February 20, 2010


Sports Section
Recognition and Award Event
Friday, February 19, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
A memorial tribute to Lynn A. Wallace, PT, ATC, OSU Class of 1972 will be held. Lynn died in October 2009 following a lengthy illness. He was an instrumental member of the Sports Section and recipient of the Turner Blackburn Lifetime Achievement Award, the Section’s highest honor. Lynn’s legacy at OSU will continue through the Lynn Allen Wallace Scholarship in Physical Therapy.