Faculty Research a New “Revolution” in PT

Faculty members Dr. Anne Kloos and Dr. Deb Kegelmeyer, whose research examines mobility issues in people with neurodegenerative disorders, received the 2008 Huntington Society of Canada Clinical Research Award. They will use this grant to conduct one of the first exercise intervention studies on patients with Huntington’s disease by investigating the effect of the video game, Dance, Dance Revolution, on balance and fall prevention. This study may lead to further mobility research with other populations and video games. If you are interested in hearing more about their research contact them at Kegelmeyer.1@osu.edu or Kloos.4@osu.edu.

OSU DPT Program Ranks In Top 20

The Division of PT ranked 19th out of over 200 programs in the recent US News and World Report Magazine evaluation of physical therapy education programs. This is the program’s highest ranking yet with a significant jump from 35th in the last report. Rankings are based on peer assessment, the quality of the faculty, the first time licensing examination pass rates for graduates and other factors. Not to be satisfied with this increase, Deborah GivensHeiss, DPT, PhD, OCS leads the entire faculty in a commitment towards reaching a higher ranking in coming years.

OSU Offers Transitional DPT Degree

OSU graduates who earned MPT degrees will be able to enroll in the transitional DPT degree with classes beginning in January 2009. The full-time program takes 3 quarters to complete. Classes are held in Atwell Hall. This program will be available for 5 years before it is phased out. More information will be coming to our website soon.
OSU Graduates Achieve Excellence

For the second consecutive year, OSU PT graduates have achieved a 100% first-time passing rate on the National Board Examination. Students from 30 other PT programs also achieved 100% passing rates, placing OSU in the top 16%. The most recent graduates from the Class of 2007 included 11 MPT’s and 19 DPT’s. The DPT’s were the first to graduate from OSU with this degree.

Alumni Notes

Kristen Bacon has lived in Alaska since graduating in 1997. She works with children in schools, often flying into remote areas of Alaska. She is also a certified instructor in Halliwick therapy, a form of aquatic treatment for people with disabilities. Recently, Kristen has been considering relocating to Panama. She is developing plans to open a short term retreat style treatment center for families with children with disabilities where she will utilize her expertise in aquatics.

Michele Pinero Sveda, PT graduated in 2001. She practices at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus. She and co-worker Andrea Bradley developed the AutoStep, a walker attachment that facilitates reciprocal gait in children with neurological impairments. Read more about Michele on our website.

Carrie Green Sawalski and husband Mark graduated in 1997 and live in Greensville NC. Both work for the Moses Cone Health System. Mark is the acute care PT supervisor with special interests in geriatrics and bariatrics. Carrie became a ABPTS certified specialist in pediatrics this year and works with outpatients and in NICU follow-up clinics. She started Dancing Above the Barre for children with special needs. (We would like to apologize to Carrie for the 1979 graduation date misprint in the last issue of the Alumni Newsletter.)

If you would like to be included in the Alumni Notes, please fill out the online Alumni Newsletter Request form and tell us your story in the Family Facts section.

Faculty Updates

Click here for more complete information and faculty bios.

Dr. John A. Buford was selected as the 2008 recipient of the Award for Research from the Neurology Section of the American Physical Therapy Association. Dr. Buford’s principal research focuses on the coordinated control of movement by corticospinal and reticulospinal systems. He has had NIH funding to support his investigations continuously since 1994. Dr. Buford has helped develop the DPT/PhD program to blend into the SAMP PhD of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. This program is designed to help allied health professionals develop the skills to teach and lead scientific research programs in the allied medical professions.

Recent publications:
40 New Students Begin Their DPT Studies

On June 16, 2008 the program welcomed the second full DPT class since the transition from the MPT program in 2007. The class of 2011 has 29 women and 11 men. 38 are Ohio residents and 17 graduated from OSU. With an average GPA of 3.68 and an average GRE score of 1180, the faculty have high hopes for this new class.

Current Student Awards

Lynzie Travis was awarded the APTA 2008 Charlie Harker Internship in Government and Payment Advocacy which she will complete this summer prior to her graduation at the end of August.

2008 COM Scholarship Reception Honors PT Students

The PT division awarded $43,000 in scholarships to 13 students for the 2008-2009 academic year. The recipients were honored at a reception celebrating student scholarships for SAMP on May 28th at the medical center campus. Scholarships and recipients were:

- Gwen Moody Harre Endowment Fund
  Rhyan Barnett, Jenna York, Lauren Holt, Debra Nickoli, Catherine Graham, Casey Hoffman, Chelsea Ostrander and Kyle Amrine

- Gladys G. Woods Endowment Fund
  Erin Nett, Jennifer Hodges, and Sarah Kiraly

- Alumni Legacy Scholarship
  Sarah Kiraly, Sarah Miller and Chelsea Ostrander

- Donald Collins Memorial Scholarship
  Erin Nett

- John P. and Narcissa V. Stark Scholarship
  Raquel Santiago

Merida Update

10 more students will be traveling to Merida, Mexico in December. The students will be selling OSU PT fleeces to raise money for the trip. Please show your support by placing your order today.

Alumni Events

SAMP ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
Saturday, August 16, 2008
Time: 7:30 AM
Location: Glenross Golf Club
Featuring: Craig Kenzel
Registration due by August 1, 2008

2008 ALUMNI REUNION
Saturday, September 6, 2008
Details will be provided at http://amp.osu.edu
Event begins 3 hours prior to kick-off for the OSU vs. Ohio University game

Kristin Ostmann, Jessica Mull and Whitney Miller attend the Welcome Picnic hosted by the class of 2010.

(L to R) PT students Lauren Holt, Catherine Graham, Erin Nett and Sara Kiraly join Lynn and Rick Colby and Deborah Larsen at the scholarship reception.