Class Plans for CSM Trip

The Class of 2011 raised several thousand dollars with a golf outing to help fund their trip to APTA Combined Sections Meeting in San Diego in February 2010. Charles Starr, event chair, noted that the combined efforts of the class were the reason for the event’s success. Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed to this event. The division uses the PT Development fund (307895) contributions to further assist students with travel costs to CSM.

Graduate Student Receives PT Foundation Support

Lynnette Montgomery, a PT who originally trained at Queensland University in Australia, has been awarded a PODS I scholarship from the Foundation for Physical Therapy to continue her PhD studies in Dr. John A. Buford’s lab. Montgomery is learning combined neuroanatomy and neurophysiology approaches to study the combined contributions of cortical and brainstem systems for the control of the upper extremity during reaching. This one year, $7,500 award provides salary support and a modest supply budget to help Montgomery offset the costs of her education as a full-time PhD student.

Specialization Update

The recent edition of the graduate interdisciplinary specialization in global health is good news for DPT students who are seeking additional knowledge and experience in worldwide health issues. This specialization is in addition to the SAMP research specialization and the graduate specialization in early interventions. Currently, there are two students participating in the global health specialization, seven students in the early intervention specialization and two students in the research program.

Faculty Member Wins Photo Contest

Jennifer Link, PT, DPT, PCS who has taught several courses during the past few years, has won a photo award in the annual photo contest sponsored by the Global Health Initiative. Her award winning photograph depicts teaching exercises to nursing home staff in Merida, Mexico thorough the use of a picture board. Congratulations, Jen!
DPT Class of 2012

Forty-four new DPT students began classes this quarter. Their average undergraduate GPA was 3.8, the highest GPA of any Division class. Their GRE scores averaged 1170/1600 with 4.5/6 on the analytic writing test. Over half of the new students graduated from OSU.

Cara Whalen, pictured on the left, is the first member of the class to decide to pursue the combined DPT, PhD degrees. She also is planning to complete a global health specialization. As part of the specialization, she plans to complete an independent study of health care systems in England in March 2010.

Alumni Updates

For more news about alumni and to help stay connected, join the OSU Physical Therapy Program Alums on Facebook. Thanks to Wes Lauderback, MPT, 2006 for starting the page.

Congratulations to two members of the class of 2007: Crystal Seamon, PT, DPT, OCS, TC, is a Board Certified, Orthopaedic Physical Therapist Specialist. Andrew Naylor, PT, DPT, SCS, is a Board Certified, Sports Physical Therapy Specialist.

Michele Bolocanoff Hribar, BS, 1984, lives in Sagamore Hills, Ohio and is employed by Cleveland Clinic/South Pointe Hospital as a coordinator of outpatient satellites. Mickey and Joe have one son (Joseph, Jr.) who is an OSU undergraduate. Proud moment: Jr. made the ESPN web site, painted scarlet with a big white "O" on his chest at his first OSU-Michigan game at the Shoe! Go Bucks!
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Nicole Cetovick Kessler and Zeb Kessler, both from the class of 2002, live in Powell, OH. They are expecting their first baby this September. Nicole works in the Ross Heart Hospital and the Neuro Recovery Network, while Zeb works at the Ohio Therapy Institute. nicoceto@yahoo.com

Craig Voll, BS, 1998, received the 2008-2009 Health and Kinesiology Outstanding Engagement Award from Purdue University. He and Corry have 3 children: Ryan (7), Casey (5) and Hannah (2). Craig is finishing a PhD in Pedagogy at Purdue University with his dissertation focusing on the socialization process of students pursuing a health care profession.

Chris Maurer, DPT, 2008 is employed by Riverside Methodist Hospital lives in Worthington.