Our Mission: To create the future of physical therapy through discovery, leadership, and education.

Fundraising Update

➢ Thank you to the Class of 2008 for their generous donation of lab equipment and contribution to the Alumni Legacy Scholarship. Funds generated by the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund are awarded to DPT students each year.

➢ Within the past several months the Alumni gifts have been used to purchase over $3,000 worth of much needed laboratory materials and equipment. Items purchased include: Semmes Weinstein filaments; weights and storage racks; balance discs; Thera-Bands®; pediatric test kits and materials.

   Thanks to everyone who has supported us in 2008.

Private gifts make a significant difference in enhancing our academic and professional programs. Your continued gifts to the Division are essential as we strive to become one of the top 10 PT programs in the US.

To make a donation to the scholarship fund (#480178), development fund (#307895) or lab fund (#311372) visit the Give to OSU web page and click on Make A Gift.

For additional development and alumni information contact Julie Conry at 614-366-0229 or julie.conry@osumc.edu.

Students Design Practicum Experiences

As part of the new DPT curriculum, students now spend the last 8 weeks prior to graduation completing an individually designed practicum to develop skills and knowledge in areas of special interest. Members of the Class of 2008 took this opportunity to explore diverse areas related to the practice of physical therapy. Examples of their experiences include working in Government Affairs at APTA headquarters, in the research and development division of a large medical and rehab products manufacturer, and in a facility in Uganda with a therapist from the World Confederation of Physical Therapy.

Fritz is the Division’s First DPT/PhD Student

Nora Fritz, DPT Class of 2011, is the first physical therapy student to enter the combined DPT/PhD program. She will earn a DPT in 2010 and continue her studies by completing the requirements for the PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Science. She is working with Drs. Kloos and Kegelmeyer in conducting a research study with patients who have Huntington’s disease using video gaming to determine the clinical effects of this type of intervention. Nora’s career plans include blending clinical practice with people who have neurological disorders and clinical research with these individuals. Nora is receiving partial funding from a graduate fellowship fund recently established by private donors to the division.

OSU Offers a DPT Completion Program

The PT division is offering an opportunity for MPT alumni to earn a DPT degree by completing additional coursework. The program is offered on a full or part-time basis and must be completed by 2014. Only those who graduated from the OSU program with their MPT and who currently hold a PT license in Ohio are eligible. Please visit our web page for more information.

Save the Date

Annual OSU PT Reception to be Held at CSM in Las Vegas

Please join OSU faculty and students on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 from 7-9 in the Tropics B Reception Hall at the Mandalay Bay Resort. Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available. Mark your calendars now for the opportunity to connect with your colleagues and meet our students.
Service Learning Courses Gain Recognition

*US News and World Report Magazine* recently ranked OSU as the 19th best public university in the US due to the strength of service learning, to which the PT division has significantly contributed. Each DPT student participates in a service learning course held in conjunction with the Columbus Physician’s Free Clinic in Columbus. In addition, students can choose to participate in an elective service learning course in global health that takes place in Merida, Mexico. These two programs were selected for inclusion in the 2007-2008 Diversity Report published by the OSU Office of Minority Affairs. These two courses are partially funded by grants and gifts. Thank you for helping us continue these important programs and gain this recognition for outstanding service learning courses. Click here to read the Diversity Report.

Alumni Notes

Shelly Graf, PT, 1983, is a Rehabilitation Team Leader at The OSU Medical Center. Shelly continues to be active in the OSU Alumni Band. She is one of only two female drum majors. She was the featured drum major during Alumni Band halftime show during the OSU-Troy football game.

Lindsay Alfano, DPT, 2008, is completing The OSU-Nationwide Children’s Hospital pediatric residency. As a LEND (Leadership Education Excellence in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities) trainee at OSU’s Nisonger Center, she will complete several academic courses on leadership and advocacy and serve on clinic teams. Next summer she will be a teaching assistant in the Division and assist with pediatric coursework.

Jackie Metro, DPT, 2008, is completing a geriatric PT residency through OSU and Freedom Home Health. Her responsibilities include patient care in homes and wellness clinics, teaching, and research. She is an OSU PT lab assistant for the second year neurologic/geriatric labs and recently presented a lecture in wellness and fitness. She will be working on a variety of projects focusing on osteoporosis.

*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.*