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***The Chair's Chatter***



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## Department News



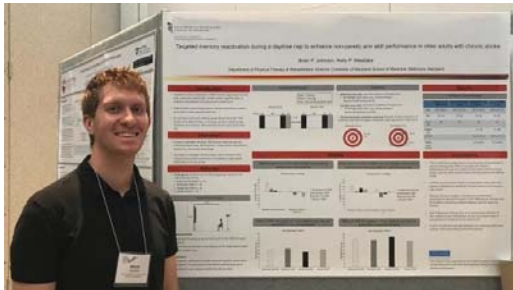
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### Scholarly Activities



**Brian Johnson, OTR/L**, Occupational Therapist, PhD Candidate, Graduate Research Assistant, recently reviewed a manuscript submitted to *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health*.

**Mark Rogers, PT, PhD, FAPTA**, gave an invited presentation at the Progress in Clinical Motor Control: Neurorehabilitation Conference which was recently held Penn State University on July 23 - 25, 2018. His presentation was entitled, "Posture-Locomotion and Clinical Motor Disorders Startled Off Balance: A Physiological Conflict in Aging".



**Brian Johnson, OTR/L**, Occupational Therapist, PhD Candidate, Graduate Research Assistant, was selected to receive a travel award sponsored by The National Science Foundation to participate in the Progress in Motor Control Student-Faculty workshop at Penn State University, July 23rd-25th. The workshop was part of the Progress in Clinical Motor Control: Neurorehabilitation Conference. At the conference, Brian presented a poster on July 24th, 2018 with **Kelly Westlake, PhD, MSc, PT**, Assistant Professor, entitled "Targeted memory reactivation during a daytime nap to enhance non-paretic arm skill performance in older adults with chronic stroke".

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## Community Service

The **Class of 2020** has been busy with community service during their Medical Issues Block. Students recently performed community health screenings at a variety of locations: St. James Terrace Apts (Baltimore City), Mount Clare Overlook Apts (Baltimore City), Patapsco Overlook (Baltimore Co), Hollins House (Baltimore City) and Catonsville Senior Center (Baltimore County). The health screenings included vital signs, balance screenings, foot screenings, musculoskeletal screenings, gait and functional mobility screenings, as well as whatever the participant needed. All of the health screenings took place in July, 2018 and there were 99 participants screened.



Another activity in Medical Issues is the Silver Fitness Exercise Group. This is the 3rd year, and second at Hollins House. Each group of students designs an exercise program that can be adapted for all levels of impairments. The exercise group was done for 10 weeks total and each group did two consecutive weeks. The residents really enjoyed the program and want us to come back. There were a total of 54 participants over the 10 weeks; 19 different participants with 3 attending > 50% of the sessions and one person attended 100%. We look forward to going back next year.



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## YouthWorks

YouthWorks is Baltimore City's summer jobs program, offering thousands of youth ages 14-21, five-week job experiences with non-profit, government, and private sector employers. On July 20th, 2018, a dozen students from the Summer Bioscience Internship Program (SBIP), at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), visited the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science. Nicole Willhide, MS, Director of Student Services (pictured below, left), along with UMB graduate student and SBIP program coordinator Devona Quasie-Woode, coordinated the visit which included a 20-minute video about the profession and a tour during an anatomy class where first-year physical therapy students were dissecting cadavers. Read more [HERE](#).





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## Thank You Donors

Thank you so much to our generous donors who welcomed the **Class of 2021!**

Your gift is truly appreciated and is contributing to the success of the next generation of physical therapist practitioners and scholars, who were so excited to hear Dr. Conroy read the names of the alumni and friends who donated in their honor.

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scholars to restore physical function and performance, prevent physical injury and disease, and promote physical wellness - a tradition of excellence!

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## Campus News/Events



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## School Supply Drive

The UMB Staff Senate Community Outreach Committee is collecting school supplies for James McHenry Elementary & UMB CURE Scholars.

**There is a box for donations located in Suite 115 of the Allied Health Building.**



To make a monetary donation please visit [HERE](#)

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## Funding Seminar

### Identifying Funding Sources for Faculty

Friday, August 3rd, 2018  
9:00 am  
MSTF Building, Room 316

The Office of Research Career Development is offering an interactive workshop that will assist faculty in identifying non-NIH sources of funding for their research.



Register [HERE](#)

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## UM Shuttle Changes

### UM Shuttle Stops Being Discontinued

In the coming weeks, the 701 BioPark/Midtown Medical Center shuttle will not service Stop 6 at Washington Boulevard and Emory Street. Likewise, the 702 Mount Vernon shuttle will not service Stop 24 at St. Paul and Saratoga streets.



[Learn More](#)

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## Have News To Share?




Please send news, announcements, updates and pictures to **Donna Bethke**, [dbethke@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:dbethke@som.umaryland.edu), to be included in an upcoming issue.

**Thanks for sharing!**

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