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***The Chair's Chatter***



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## Department News



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### 2015 Alumna of the Year



Proud to announce the 2015 Alumna of the Year recipient: **Cheryl Resnik**, PT, DPT, Class of 1974. Dr. Resnik is currently the Associate Chair and Associate Professor of Clinical Physical Therapy at the Division of BioKinesiology and Physical Therapy and the University of Southern California!

***Congratulations, Dr. Resnik!***

We will be presenting this award at the annual **PTRS Alumni Day**, which is TWO months away! Save the Date: **Wednesday, October 7, 2015!** Stay tuned for more information.

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### Burn Camp

The Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp, founded by **Drs. E. Tonas Kalil** (PTRS Assistant

Professor, Class of '85) and **Linda French** (PTRS Adjunct Faculty Member and Class of '85) was held last week and provides programs to support the physical, psychological, and social needs of young burn survivors. The primary program is a weeklong, residential summer camp in the mountains of Virginia for young burn survivors ages 8-18. Here the children get to do all kinds of great summer camp activities like swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, hiking, and sports. The teenagers also participate in adventure activities such as rock climbing, caving and canoeing. All these programs allow the kids to be kids again and to find that just because their skin is scarred that they can still have fun and do great things. In addition, the Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp has a Winter Camp program just for teens, a young adult program and a post high school scholarship fund.

Picture below are PTRS faculty, staff, alumni and current students who chose Burn Camp as their PPO (Professional Practice Opportunity).



Top Row: Jonathan Stacey ('08), Patrick Schneider ('09), Dr. Tonas Kalil, Alexander Per Dieu, Chad Woitas, Rob Scheeler, Nelson Almeida, Ryan Macatugal  
Middle Row: Dylan Dunne (Staff), Debra Lei, Brooke Dean, Marissa Aron, Jessica Bates, Bree Eliades, Blair Udem, Deidra Stevens (Staff)  
Bottom Row: Jamie Frank, Nicole Shires, Alyssa Hixon, Patricia Almeida, David Morris, Christopher Li, Brittany Freels, and Linda French (front)

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## Funding Award



**Brian Johnson**, PTRS PhD Student, has received a Qualtrics Behavioral Research Grant from Qualtrics.com. The grant will provide up to \$3,000 to **Drs. Westlake, Whitall, Mccombe Waller**, and himself for the project entitled, "Development and testing of a bimanual assessment measure (BAM)".

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## Conference Presentation

**Mary Rodgers**, PT, PhD, FAPTA, FASB, George R. Hepburn Dynasplit Professor and Director of External Affairs, presented at the 39th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Biomechanics (ASB). Dr. Rodgers participated in a student session at ASB titled: Careers Round Table Discussion where she presented the topic: "NIH Funding/Grant Writing".



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## UMB Night at the Ballpark



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## Education Leadership Conference 2015



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## Additional Meeting Deadlines

For additional meeting deadlines, visit <http://pt.umaryland.edu/research.asp> and select the "Research Events Calendar" file.



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## Reminders

Have news to share?



Please send news, announcements, updates and pictures to **Donna Bethke**, [dbethke@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:dbethke@som.umaryland.edu), by Monday at 5 PM to be included in the current week's issue.

Thanks for sharing!!!!

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