

Welcome to this week's edition of



# ***The Chair's Chatter***

**5/7/13**

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Greetings!

Welcome to May - a busy and exciting month that includes graduation! Faculty and Staff will meet on Wednesday to continue progress on the Departmental Strategic Planning for PTRS. I am happy to share with you details of PTRS events and accomplishments in this edition.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2013 on their participation in the recent Pinning Ceremony on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you and congratulations to Dr. Leslie Glickman and Angel Jackson for delivering a meaningful and memorable Pinning Ceremony. The Class of 2015 presented themselves with poise and professionalism. It was evident that they had received a good background through Professional Issues and that the first year blocks have academically prepared them to move on in the program.

The Ceremony was well organized and many parents, spouses, and supporters expressed how much they appreciated the event. Thanks also to the "pinners" Dr. Susan Baker and Dr. Roy Film (who stepped into the role that is a tradition for Dr. Vinny Conroy, who had to be out of town). Thanks also to all faculty and staff who attended to show their support for our outstanding students.



The PTRS family is happy to welcome Donna Bethke to our team. Donna has joined us as the new Coordinator for the Chair's office. She comes to us with many years of University experience including 9 years as the Coordinator for the Mucosal Biology Research Center and 13 years as the Office Manager for the Center for Vaccine Development. Please stop by to say "hello" and introduce yourself!

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**THIS**



**WEEK!!**

Come to the PTRS research seminar on Friday - It is a great opportunity to see what research we have going on as well as speak with current PhD students. This Friday, Dr. Rob Creath, Assistant Professor in PTRS will be giving a talk entitled:

**“Self-triggered sensory-cued training alters correlations between vertical and horizontal ground reaction forces during step initiation in persons with Parkinson's disease.”**

Please join us this Friday, May 10th, 9:00AM-10:00AM in Room 219 of the Allied Health Building.



# RESEARCH DAY!!!

Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

1:00pm-5:00pm

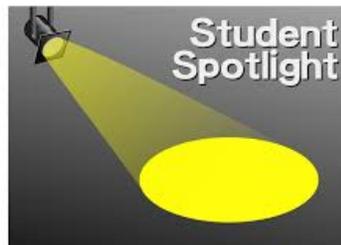
Southern Management Corporation Campus Center

620 W. Lombard Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Details can be found at <http://somvweb.som.umaryland.edu/absolutenm/templates/?a=2252&z=4>

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Kaci-DeWitt-Richards (class of 2014) will appear on the TV show, "The View," on May 16 at 11:00 am. The View is a national program geared towards women with several familiar regular participants such as Barbara Walters, Whoopi Goldberg, and Joy Behar.

Kaci will talk about her personal story of losing weight by an active lifestyle and healthy diet (70 pounds). For her, it is "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share my story with millions of other women and promote some of the major values of our profession."

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Please join us in wishing Kaitlin Riddle the best of luck in her new position as a Research Coordinator at the Clinical Trials Center at Kennedy Krieger starting May 27<sup>th</sup>. Her many excellent contributions and presence on our research team and in the department will be missed but we are excited for the new opportunities that will further assist her with her quest to become a clinical psychologist.