

Welcome to this week's edition of



# The Chair's Chatter

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**Lots of good news in PTRS this week!**

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**Alexandria L. Ganzermiller, MS:** Alex received her Masters in Science in Communications Management from Towson University last week!! She successfully defended her thesis entitled "Staying connected during crisis: A look into how universities communicate and notify their campus of emergencies."

**Karen L. Gordes, DScPT:** Karen passed her PhD proposal defense last week and is now officially a doctoral candidate in the UMBC Department of Public Policy, Evaluation and Analytical Methods! The title of her dissertation proposal is "An evaluation of the Impact of Obesity Related Legislation".

**Crystal Massie, PhD, OTR:** Crystal was selected to participate as an NIDRR ARRT Fellow in the Young Investigators Symposium at the 2013 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine meeting, *Progress in Rehabilitation Research*, to be held at Walt Disney Resort, Florida, November 12-16, 2013. A total of seven ARRT Fellows were selected for this special event out of a pool of 15 who were nominated.

**Kelly Westlake, PhD, PT:** Has been awarded a 2013 UMB-UMBC Seed Grant. Her application entitled, "*Independent Vector Analysis to Investigate Cognitive Neural Networks after Stroke: A Comparison between Two Rehabilitation Interventions*" was one of 6 applications awarded out of a pool of 42 grants.



DPT student, Jessica Minacapelli (DPT class of 2014), was featured in a report from Fox News which ran a story about her Grandfather's decision to donate his body to science and how his decision was prompted by hearing Jessica's account of her experiences in the DPT Anatomy lab! The session aired on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10pm. Here is a link to the story if you missed it: [http://www.foxbaltimore.com/news/features/cover-story/stories/vid\\_938.shtml#.UbdCHPUZueY](http://www.foxbaltimore.com/news/features/cover-story/stories/vid_938.shtml#.UbdCHPUZueY)

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PTRS was represented by 2 teams at the Campus' 28th Annual Charity Golf Tournament held on May 23 at Oakmont Greens in Hampstead, Maryland. One team was comprised of Vincent Conroy, PT, DScPT ('90, '05), Jack Rund PT, MBA ('90), Rob Satriano SPT3 ('14) and Adam Gershowitz, SPT3 ('14). The second team was comprised of Josh Plummer SPT3 ('14), Bobby Esbrandt SPT3 ('14), Todd Phillips SPT3 ('14) and Corey Wager SPT3 ('14). Team Plummer recorded a 6 under par 66 and finished tied for first in the B flight classification only losing out in a tie breaker that occurred on the eighth hole. Team Conroy recorded a 2 over par 74 and finished in the middle of the pack. This year proceeds of the tournament benefited the Francis King Carey Law School.

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