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Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science

The Chairs' Chatter

Greetings!

Fall is officially upon us, as is our busy time of the year.



Check out all the happenings in PTRS!

Mark & Mary

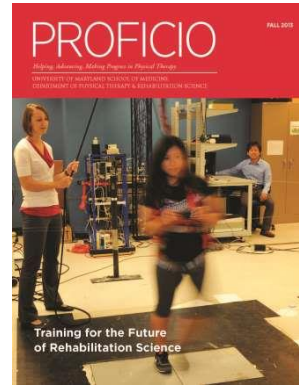
Department News

Proficio: Hot off the Presses

The Fall 2013 Edition of Proficio, the annual PTRS magazine, was recently printed. **To view a PDF of the magazine, click the image on the right.**

This magazine is printed once a year and provides departmental, student, research, faculty/staff, and alumni news and updates.

If you would like a live copy, please stop by Alex Ganzermiller's office (205-A)! Many of you are highlighted within the magazine!



Swim Across America

Thanks to **Vincent Conroy, PT, DScPT** who organized the PTRS team for Swim Across America. Nearly two dozen SPTs and Med students participated in this effort to raise money towards cancer research, prevention, and treatment.

Congratulations to the top team fundraiser, **Kathryn Pall, SPT '15** who raised over \$1300! Collectively the team raised over \$10,000 - great job!

It's not too late to support the PTRS team - donations are accepted until December. **To donate, [click here!](#)** Be sure to select an individuals name to support the cause on his/her behalf.



Balance Screenings

18 SPTs performed balance screenings along with other programs at the Baltimore County Department of Aging 5 K Run/Walk this past weekend. Special thanks to **Linda Horn, PT, DScPt, MHS, NCS, and Aynsely Hamel, MDE**, who were on site and assisted with this community project.

This was an effort in conjunction with National Falls Prevention Awareness Day (FPAD) observed on Sept. 22, 2013 to promote and increase public awareness about how to prevent and reduce falls among older adults.

Screenings at Lexington Market

Nine SPTs (**Timothy Wibisono, Tyiesha Brown, Karen Fletcher, Chelsea David, Michael Infantino, Faunice Jackson, Kiersten Marsheck, Ashley Thornton, Megan Warres**) and **Dr. Vincent Conroy** volunteered to perform screening procedures at the Student National Medical Association's annual health fair called CommUNITY FEST at Lexington Market this past Saturday, September 21, 2013.

Our students interacted with 40 participants and performed over 120 screening procedures which included blood pressure assessment, posture assessment, and extensibility testing. The event was hosted by Second year and First year medical students who offered the invitation for us to participate.



Farewell to Valentina Graci

Valentina Graci completed her post doc training on Friday, Sept. 16th.

She has accepted a post-doctoral research fellow position, working in the Dept. of Neurology under the direction of Dr. Jay Barton and Dr. Richard Macko. Her project will aim to understand how visual motion detection and emotion processing influence balance stability and the risk of falls in older adults.

Her e-mail will continue to be vgraci@som.umaryland.edu.

Class of 2016: Class Officers

The DPT Class of 2016 has voted and selected its class officers. Congratulations to the following:

President: Leslie Gartner
Vice President: Cassandra Hill
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Announcements

CAREER FAIR: OCT. 2, 2013

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Southern Management Corporation Campus Center
621 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, MD 21201
2nd Floor



Come stop by and say hello!

ALUMNI DAY: OCT. 2, 2013

4:30-6:00 PM: Award Ceremony and Alumni Networking Reception

6:00 - 9:00 PM: Florence Kendall Continuing Education Course

" Coding and reimbursement: Functional application for the physical therapist to remain current"

Instructor: Sheila Schaffer, PT, DPT, CHT

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3rd Floor

If interested in attending, please e-mail aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu.



**AN INTERPROFESSIONAL AND
INTERACTIVE CASE CONFERENCE**
Tuesday, October 1, 2013
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
SMC Campus Center
Room 349

Students and Faculty are welcome to join in a lively interprofessional case discussion about the case of the 92 year woman about to be discharged from the hospital who had been admitted 10 days ago to the hospital with a change in mental status and a fall.

Our very own faculty members, **Drs. Vincent Conroy** and **Linda Horn** will be participating in this program!

Please RSVP to Reba Cornman at cornman@umaryland.edu



Terry Heron, PTRS Academic Coordinator, is walking to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. She will participate in the walk on Saturday, October 5th in Bel Air, MD for the 8th year in a row! If you would like to help support her efforts to raise money for this cause - [Please click here](#)

Any donation is very much appreciated. If you have any problems with the webpage, please feel free to contact Terry at theron@som.umaryland.edu.



Abstract Submission Timeline

November 15, 2013 - January 15, 2014

Podium Presentations will be limited, so please submit early to the continuous review process.

February 15, 2014 - March 15, 2014

Review period for all podium papers and posters.

April 1, 2014

Last date for notification of acceptance for Podium or Poster Presentation.

Publication News



Larry W. Forrester, PhD, Associate Professor, was the lead author on "Clinical application of a modular ankle robot for stroke rehabilitation published in *NeuroRehabitation*, 33 (2013) 85-97 DOI:10.3233/NRE-130931. He was also co-author, "Changes in passive ankle stiffness and its effects on gait function in chronic stroke survivors," *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development*, 50(4):555-72, July, 2013 and "Anklebot-Assisted Locomotor Training After Stroke: A Novel Deficit-Adjusted Control Approach," *Proceedings*

of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2167-2174, 2013.



Anne Reicherter, PT, DPT, PhD, Associate Professor, Karen L. Gordes, PT, DScPT, Assistant Professor, and Leslie B. Glickman, PT, PhD, Assistant Professor co-authored "Creating disseminator champions for evidence-based practice in health professions education: An educational case report," in Nurse Education Today Volume 33, Issue 7, July 2013, Pages 751-756 Special Issue: NETNEP2012.



Kelly P. Westlake, PT, PhD, Assistant Professor was the lead author on, "Neural plasticity and implications for hand rehabilitation after neurological insult," published in Journal of Hand Therapy," Volume 26, April-June 2013, Pages 87-93.

Reminders



Have news to share?

Please send all updates and pictures to **Alex Ganzermiller**, Director of Alumni Relations and Development, aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu

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