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# ***The Chairs' Chatter***



As the "heat" of summer begins, PTRS members are engaged in

some "cool" activities!

*Mark and Mary*

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## Department News



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### Presentation



On Thursday, May 22, 2014, PhD Student Ozell Sanders spoke in front of 11th grade students at the SEED School of Maryland. These students are part of the STEM after school programing which seeks to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to students in order to develop interest in pursuing STEM majors. Part of the presentation included sharing his own pursuits in becoming a STEM major during undergraduate as well as his current PhD experiences. He gave a brief overview of the department, highlighted some of the research he's currently a part of, and talked with interested students to provide fellowship for those seeking similar career paths.

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### Best PT Clinic in Ellicott City



Congratulations to **Dr. Roy Film!!** His private practice was recently selected as the Best PT Clinic in Ellicott City for the fourth consecutive year.

**Maryland Physical Therapy Specialists has been selected for the Best of Ellicott City Award for the fourth consecutive year** in the Physical Therapy Clinics category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA). The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community. Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the USCA and data provided by

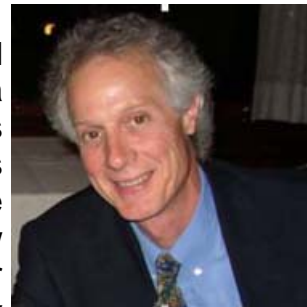
third parties. The U.S. Commerce Association (USCA) is a New York City based organization funded by local businesses operating in towns, large and small, across America. The USCA was established to recognize the best of local businesses in their community.



The image is a promotional graphic for Maryland Physical Therapy Specialists. At the top, it features three logos: the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists (OMPT) on the left, the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists (Diplomate) on the right, and the text "MARYLAND PHYSICAL THERAPY SPECIALISTS" in the center. Below the logos are four photographs: a person on a bicycle, a person hiking on a trail, a person swimming, and a physical therapist working with a patient. The central text reads "Our Mission is Simple" followed by "to help you return to an active lifestyle with the best possible outcome." At the bottom, it states: "At Maryland Physical Therapy Specialists you will work with a highly trained physical therapist who is board-certified in orthopedics and fellowship-trained in orthopedic manual physical therapy."

## Anklebot Program

**Dr. Larry Forrester's** research is currently featured on the American Veteran TV Show which is a nationally distributed program via the internet. This video is a brief clip describing some early results from their VA-funded anklebot studies with stroke survivors. It offers some nice testimonials about how much they have enjoyed using the robot and their perceptions on how it has helped them. The publicity is greatly appreciated - especially if it helps recruit more participants into any of their stroke studies - new referrals of patients to stroke research are always welcomed! Click [HERE](#) to see the video.



## Birth Announcement



Congratulations to David (DPT '14) and Kaeleigh Moffitt on the birth of their beautiful daughter, June Sonoda Moffitt, who was born on May 17th 2014 (their 6th year anniversary!!). Baby June was 6 lbs 10 oz and 18.5 in

long with ten fingers and ten toes! Though they are not getting much sleep, they have never felt more blessed.



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## Announcements



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### Support our Students



Thank you for your participation in our **Peace and a Cup of Joe** fundraiser thus far. **Peace and a Cup of Joe** will continue to donate 10% of any sale on Mondays during the month of June to the classes of 2015 and 2016. Just let your friendly cashier know that you are a proud part of PTRS. Whether it's breakfast, lunch or just a much-needed cup of coffee, every penny counts! Please plan to visit the great folks at **Peace and a Cup of Joe** on Monday, June 2 and every Monday during the month of June.

**Peace and a Cup of Joe** is located at 713 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD.

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### Have you Launched Your Life?

The campus has introduced a Launch Your Life Wellness Portal which is part of an exciting wellness program offered by UMB to help faculty and staff who want to improve their health. The portal is rich in tools and resources that will help you on your path to wellness! For more information, check out this link:

<http://launchyourlife.umaryland.edu>



## Call for Submissions



The 19th International Functional Electrical Stimulation Society (IFESS) "Powering the Human Body: Create to Rehabilitate," will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from September 17 - 19, 2014. Submission of special session and workshop topics is April 30, 2014, and submission deadline for full papers is June 30, 2014.

[International Functional Electrical Stimulation Society \(IFESS\)](#)

## DEADLINES!!

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



# 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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