

PTRS WEEKLY CHAIR'S MEMO 4/23/13

Greetings!

As part of our strategic plan, we are working with external consultants to improve general internal operations. Communication is one of the themes, and I like their recommendation to have a weekly chair communication that goes to faculty, staff, post-docs, DPT students and PhD students. This is the inaugural edition, and I am hopeful that some of you creative souls can come up with a catchy title☺ I plan to send these out every Tuesday, so please send me any items you would like to see included in future editions.

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Congrats to Ranuka!

The soon-to-be-official “Dr.” **Renuka Roche** successfully defended her dissertation, entitled “**Auditory motor adaptation in children with and without developmental coordination disorder (DCD)**” on Thursday April 11, 2013! Her advisor is Dr. Jill Whitall. Congratulations Ranuka!

Congrats to Alex!

PTRS Director of Alumni Relations and Development, **Alex Ganzermiller**, successfully defended her thesis last Thursday (4/18/13) “**Staying Connected During Crisis: A Look into How Universities Communicate and Notify their Campus of Emergencies**”. Alex will obtain her Masters of Science in Communications Management from Towson University in late May. Congratulations Alex!!!

2013 Interprofessional Patient Management Competition (IPMC)

Please join me in congratulating this year's team, including our own Laura Arnett, for their outstanding performance in the 2013 Interprofessional Patient Management Competition (IPMC)! Kudos to Dillon Fink and Jessica Minacapelli for doing an excellent job in their team presentations too!

The IPMC is a campus-wide competition that is an interactive, team-based analysis of clinical situations for a healthcare team. It aims to promote collaboration between professional students from different healthcare disciplines while students practice their patient care skills. Six interdisciplinary teams participated in the first round (patient case write-up) on March 28th at the School of Pharmacy. The top three teams advanced to the second round (oral presentations) held on the evening of April 8th. Faculty judges included our own **Dr. Linda Horn**, who represented our department so well. This competition is sponsored by the University Student Government Association (USGA), School of Pharmacy SGA, Phi Lambda Sigma, and the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy (SSHP). It is organized by the SSHP at the School of Pharmacy.

**Congratulations to the University of Maryland
Interprofessional Patient Management Competition
2013 Winners!**



Team 2

Jennifer Drossner (Dental)
 Ian Clark (Law)
 Stephanie Schmitz (Medicine)
 Somer Andries (Nursing)
 Michael Leung (Pharmacy)
 Laura Arnett (Physical Therapy)
 Adrienne Kilby (Social Work)



Congratulations to **Sharon Benyowitz**, DPT Class of 2014, who delivered a healthy baby girl on Tuesday 4/16 at 8:35 PM. Esther Alyssa Benyowitz is 7.4 lbs and 22.4 inches long. Both mother and baby are doing well!

We hope to see Esther Alyssa in future DPT baby labs☺



DPT Curriculum Day 4/17/13

Core faculty members participated in DPT Curriculum Day which had a focus on DPT curricular threads. The DPT curriculum committee, chaired by Dr. Tonas Kalil, did a great job with planning and execution. It was a productive meeting with lots of valuable faculty input and insights that will set the stage for some very positive change and for our preparation efforts toward accreditation self-study.

DPT Admissions Update

	2013	2012
Applications received	785	712
Applicants invited to interview	144	206
Applicants offered admission	85	111
Enrolling	59	68

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Week!!

Employee Benefits Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment period started April 16th and ends May 1st. For information on the open enrollment short plan, and new health care enhancements, click on the HR link:

[http://hr.umaryland.edu/benefits/FY13 Short Plan Year/Enroll Make Changes.html](http://hr.umaryland.edu/benefits/FY13_Short_Plan_Year/Enroll_Make_Changes.html)

Administrative Professionals Day - Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Administrative Professionals Day highlights the important role of our administrative staff. To show our appreciation for the work that they do, the administrative staff will each receive a gift card for lunch at Peace & Cup of Joe! To learn more about the history of this day, please open this link: <http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/administrative-professionals-day>

Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar - Friday, April 26

This week's Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar will feature a presentation by Dr. Cheng-Chieh Lin, a candidate for a position in the PTRS UMANRRT Post-doctoral Training program, sponsored by NIDRR. The title of his talk will be: **"The impact of Parkinson's disease on coordination of walking and heading direction during navigation."** Please plan to join us **Friday, April 26, 9-10 AM**, room 211 of the Allied Health Bldg (PTRS) for what promises to be a very interesting presentation.

Accepted Students' Day will be held on **Friday, April 26**. This is a pre-orientation event for the DPT Class of 2015. All are welcome to mix&mingle and have coffee with the new class. We will meet in room 150 of the SON 9:30 – 10:00 am. Please wear your "welcome" smiles☺

TO OUR STUDENTS:



ON EXAMS!!!!