

PTRS news

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY & REHABILITATION SCIENCE

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Letter from the Chair



Dear Friends:

As we look forward to springtime, we are busy reviewing recent accomplishments and drafting our new strategic plan initiatives in our continued pursuit of excellence.

The PhD program in Physical Rehabilitation Science and our entire research enterprise continue to grow. New post-doctoral fellow Valentina Graci joined us in October 2011 on the NIDRR-funded training grant received by Mark Rogers, PT, PhD, Vice Chair for Research. A joint DPT/PhD degree program designed to provide an avenue for those interested in combining clinical physical therapy training with research is in the final stages of approval.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Linda Horn as our newest full-time faculty member. Dr. Horn brings a wealth of clinical experience and has been an adjunct faculty member here since 1996. Dr. Roy Film was named part-time instructor in August 2011, providing a smooth transition of orthopedic teaching in the DPT program following the retirement of Dr. Roy Bechtel. We are delighted that both of our most recent retirees, Drs. Bechtel and Gadi Alon, are continuing to share their substantial wisdom and experience with the department.

I am pleased to share with you a small success toward the goal of increased PTRS involvement in campus-wide initiatives. President Perman has appointed me to the University's Interprofessional Education (IPE) Task Force. I am delighted that PTRS will be a part of advancing the University's efforts in IPE.

As a self-funded program, we rely on support from you, our alumni and friends, to sustain and grow our programs. Thus, I would like to especially thank those of you who have so generously contributed to the PTRS Strategic Endowment for the Future. This fund will provide financial security for the department in these times of economic turbulence, and will offer resources to seize new growth opportunities in future years. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to consider a gift to support this very important initiative. Also, if you are interested in contributing your knowledge and skills, please contact us.

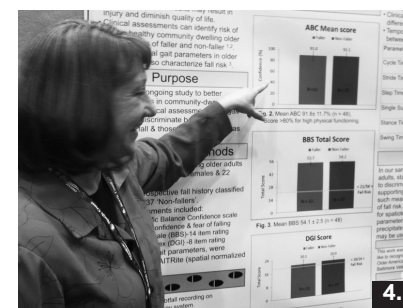
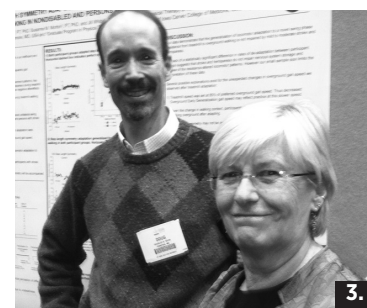
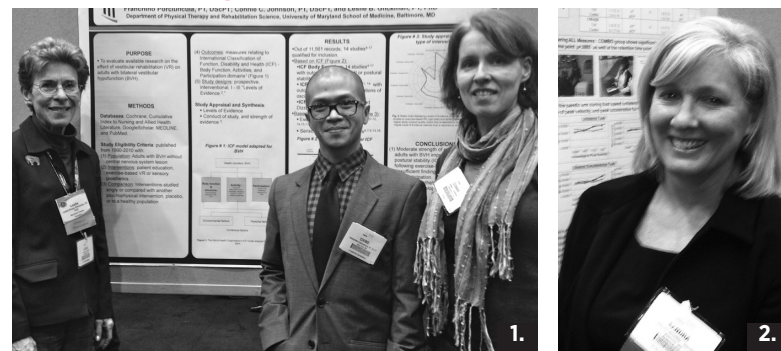
This spring our annual research day will take place on May 14, 2012. I hope to see you at this and many of the upcoming activities detailed on the back page.

On behalf of faculty and staff, thank you for your support and continued commitment to the department!

Warm regards,

Mary M. Rodgers, PT, PhD, FAPTA
George R. Hepburn Dynasplint Professor and Chair

PTRS Well Represented in Chicago



1. **Leslie Glickman, PT, PhD**, and **Connie Johnson, PT, DScPT** (along with 2010 DScPT graduate **Franchino Porciuncula**) - "The effect of vestibular rehabilitation on adults with bilateral vestibular hypofunction: A systematic review"
2. **Sandra McCombe Waller, PT, PhD, MS**, and **Jill Whitall, PhD** - "Sequencing bilateral proximal and unilateral task oriented arm training improves arm and hand function in patients with moderate severity chronic hemiparesis" (Dr. McCombe Waller, who is pictured here, also presented "Postural orientation influences corticospinal excitability to the representation of the arm")
3. **Doug Savin, MPT, PhD**, and **Jill Whitall, PhD** - "Step length symmetry adaptation generalizes from treadmill to overground walking in nondisabled and persons with stroke and hemiparesis"
4. **Michelle Prettyman, DPT, MS** - Geriatrics Section: "Do clinical assessments discriminate between faller and non-faller community-dwelling older adults?"
5. **Mary Rodgers, PT, PhD, FAPTA**, - "Technopalooza: An Interactive Experience" and "Research Funding Symposium" **Not pictured: Anne Reicherter, PT, DPT, PhD** - "Promoting Development and Dissemination of Evidence-based Skills of Doctor of Physical Therapy Students" - Platform Presentation (Dr. Reicherter was also third author on the poster "Climbing injuries in rock climbers").

For the students' experiences at CSM, see page 4.

PTRS is Going Global!

As described in the Fall 2011 issue of Proficio, the department is developing a few global learning opportunities for the entry-level DPT students as part of our collaborative and partnership projects. The first initiative took place in September 2011 and was a one-week immersion experience for three second-year students. Here are some thoughts from two of the students who travelled to Suriname:



On our first morning in Suriname, host Dr. Tony Chang joined us for breakfast on the porch of our rented apartment.

CAMILLE REUTER, CLASS OF 2013

Suriname is a remarkable place unique for its wide array of ethnic groups; in fact Suriname is one of the only places in the world where you will find a synagogue located right next door to a mosque. I was amazed by the worldly knowledge that the Surinamese seem to exhibit; they know so much about the history and culture of the US and other countries. The people sometimes made me forget I was outside of the US, because we spoke of things as if we all grew up knowing the same culture. I think that the Suriname students will make fabulous clinicians because of their knowledge about and ability to relate to various cultures. They seem to have embodied cultural competence as a whole; I strongly believe that my immersion experience has given me the stepping-stone to obtaining cultural competence myself.

One of my favorite parts of the trip was visiting the Sunday markets. It was at these markets (the Chinese, Javanese, and flower markets) that I got my first glimpse of understanding what the people of Suriname are all about. I was spellbound by the friendliness, kindness, and joyousness the local people projected. The people were proud and excited to share their food, culture and stories with us even though it disrupted the flow of business.

I was amazed at how similar the Surinamese PT students were to me; we had similar tastes in pop culture (music, movies and television shows), sports and leisure activities, and dress/fashion. I was mentally prepared for differences, and

I found myself in awe of the similarities. When I start feeling stressed about my life or school, I remember that the Surinamese PT students are learning physical therapy and medical language in both English and Dutch! This trip was not a visit as a tourist; we were immersed in the culture, food, people, work, and daily life as if we were part of it. Being shown the culture from the inside out was the key to raising my cultural awareness.

CARA STANISZEWSKI, CLASS OF 2013

My first encounter with the friendliness and welcoming nature of the Surinamese people began as soon as I got off of the plane from America. I was greeted with open arms by the director of the physical therapy program at Anton de Kom University. He had been awaiting our arrival for over two hours because of our delayed flight! In addition, he had groceries waiting for us in the car because he knew we wouldn't have anything to eat the next morning. This is when I knew this was a unique country, where the people were extremely warm, kind, and accommodating.

I really enjoyed being able to interact with the students in Suriname. We were able to exchange knowledge and compare thought processes on different topics. It was also nice to see how the students were so hard-working and dedicated. I enjoyed the sense of community, which both students and faculty displayed towards one another.

The multiculturalism and tolerance of differences in Suriname were eye opening for me. There were so many different cultures in the community interacting with each other; people even adopted one another's customs, celebrations, beliefs, and garb. This encouraged my own exploration of cultures and beliefs other than mine.



On a visit to the local market, we chatted about the market and multiculturalism with two faculty members from the PT program in Suriname.

Based on this successful one-week immersion experience, we hope to have future projects for students through the internship blocks. For more details or to support and/or participate in any of our collaborative programs, please contact: Leslie Glickman, PT, PhD, PTRS' Executive Director of External Affairs, at lglickman@som.umaryland.edu.

SEEKING MEN AND WOMEN

The **University of Maryland & Veterans Affairs of Baltimore** are conducting a research study to better understand **balance & prevent falls** as we age.



With your participation you will receive:

- Health evaluation
- Balance, step, strength, and/or flexibility exercises
- Compensation for your time



**For Information, please call the Baltimore VA/
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410-605-7179
Mention code: LIFT**

**You must be at least 65 years old and in good health
Participants will be seen at the Baltimore VA Medical Center and University of Maryland School of Medicine for approximately 41 visits for 1 to 4 hours of time per visit



Angel Chavez, BA, has joined Jeff Hawk in the Office of Technology Services as an IT Specialist. Angel comes to PTRS with over 10 years of experience in the IT arena in multiple roles, including Micro-

soft systems implementation and hardware and network support. Angel previously worked as an IT Support Analyst for Sabre Systems and was an IT Administrator at Ottawa University. Prior to his IT positions, Angel was a Cannon Crew Member in the U.S. Army and second in command to the Section Chief. Angel is a graduate of Ottawa University in Arizona, where he earned a B.A. degree in Information Systems. Angel replaced Pat Heffron, who left to focus on his graduate studies.



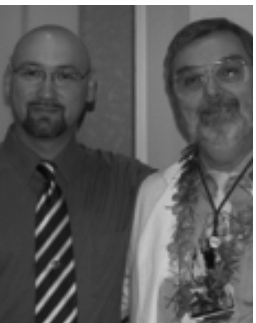
Valentina Graci, PhD, has joined the department in October 2011 as a University of Maryland Advanced Neuromotor Rehabilitation Research Training (UMANRRT) Post-Doctoral Fellow.

NEW ROLES



Linda Horn, PT, DScPT, joined the faculty as an assistant professor on March 5. Linda, who earned both her PT (1984) and DScPT (2007) degrees here, has served in the past as an adjunct instructor for the

department.



Roy Film, PT, MPT, formerly adjunct faculty, now has a part-time ~~instructor~~ appointment in the department as an instructor. He has been transitioning into teaching the course load that had been covered by Roy

Bechtel, who officially retired on November 1, 2011.



Toye Jenkins, MPT, has a new position as Research Lead Specialist for the department. Toye had been working as a PT trainer, mainly supporting the research studies of Jill Whitall, PhD, and Sandy

McCombe Waller, PT, PhD, MS.

Lauren Jones-Lush, PhD, assistant professor, has moved from PTRS to the Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, with her primary responsibilities being in the Graduate Program in Life Sciences (GPILS). However, she will maintain a secondary faculty appointment in PTRS, where she will continue to be involved in our PhD program.

HONORS & AWARDS



Congratulations to **Leslie Glickman, PT, PhD**, assistant professor, director of Post-Professional Programs and Executive Director of External Affairs! She was officially elected President of Maryland APTA on September 17, 2011 at the Maryland Chapter Meet-

ing and Student Conclave. This is an outstanding professional achievement that gives Dr. Glickman the opportunity to truly contribute to the advancement of physical therapy in this state.



Karen Gordes, PT, DScPT, successfully passed the comprehensive exams for her PhD program in October 2011. She is enrolled in the Public Policy program, with a concentration in evaluation and analytical methods, at

the University of Maryland Baltimore County.



In September 2011, **Chris Wells, PT, PhD**, received the "Commitment to Excellence: Safety and Quality Award" from the University of Maryland Medical Center's Rehabilitation Services in recognition of her outstanding

work and dedication to clinical excellence.

IN THE NEWS



Marlene King, executive assistant, was featured in the Baltimore City Cancer Program newsletter "Living and Loving Life," in a Spring 2012 story featuring reflections from breast cancer survivors.

VISITORS OF INTEREST

On Friday, February 3, 2012, **Margaret Campbell, PhD**, Senior Scientist for Planning and Policy Support at the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), U.S. Department of Education visited PTRS to meet post-doctoral fellows, mentors, and Executive Committee of the departmental post-doctoral training program titled, "University of Maryland Advanced Neuromotor Rehabilitation Research Training (UMANRRT)." This program is funded October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2015. Dr. Campbell met with the UMANRRT post-doctoral fellows: Valentina Graci, PhD, Shailesh Kantak, PT, PhD, and Patricia Young, PhD. Faculty members Drs. Mark Rogers, Mary Rodgers, Jill Whitall, Sandy McCombe Waller, Rob Creath, Larry Forrester, Michelle Prettyman, Doug Savin, and Kelly Westlake welcomed Dr. Campbell with introductions and research discussion. Lab tours with UMANRRT Program Director, Dr. Mark Rogers concluded Dr. Campbell's visit. Dr. Campbell complimented the outstanding progress of the new fellows.



On September 18, 2011, Vincent Conroy, PT, DScPT, assistant professor, gathered a team of first- and second-year students to join him for the 2nd annual Baltimore Open Water Swim to Fight Cancer. The team swam three miles to honor the struggles of family members and friends who have battled this terrible disease and raised nearly \$6000 for the Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. Everyone on the team - called the International King C.R.A.B.S. (Cancer Research Assistance By Swimming) - had someone in their lives who had been touched by cancer. "We hope our contributions to Swim Across America and its mission will in some way help to put an end to this horrific disease and honor those who have struggled - and are struggling - with its devastation," Dr. Conroy says.

Top: Adam Gershowitz ('14), Kristen Brewer ('13), Sam Brewer, Amy Morlock ('13), Lizzie Cavanaugh-Broad ('13), Erica Bechtol ('13), Christine Daniellson ('14), Steven Rigby, Jennifer Sauers ('14), Melissa Book ('13), Monica Batkis-O'Donnell; Bottom: Vincent Conroy ('90, '05), David Moffitt ('14), Lane Salter ('14), Sara Pilosi ('14); Missing: Susan Conroy ('09), Liana Sved ('13), Kelly Sulek ('14), Kristen McMahon('14)

Students Visit the Windy City

The following first-year students joined faculty and PT colleagues from across the nation (and the world) for the Combined Sections Meeting in Chicago in February: Dillon Fink (APTA representative for his class), Katie van den Heuvel, Todd Phillips, Laura Whipple, Stephanie Franczak, Kaci Dewitt-Rickards, Michelle Veneskey, Heather Boehlke, Sarah Caffey, Elizabeth Sullivan and Thomas Massie. Second-year DPT student Lisa Ganassa was also part of the Maryland delegation. Below are some photos from their trip:



Waiting for the bus to the conference.



View of the "Bean"

Jay's Catering
 Jay's introduces
 Sports Grub,
 Homestyle Soups,
 Ice Cream Socials
and more.



Sharing a group lunch in between sessions.



Group picture as seen through the "Bean"



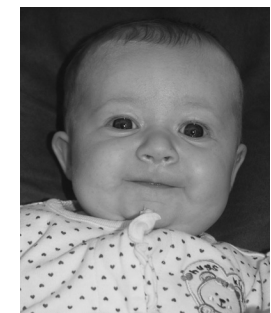
Lindsay Martin, DPT and Evan Crowell, DPT, both Class of 2009, are engaged to be married in May, 2012. Lindsay is currently in her third year as an outpatient PT at the VA Medical Center

in DC, specializing in amputee rehabilitation, with a part-time position at Walter Reed at Bethesda. Evan is currently in his third year working at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring, MD as an outpatient P.T. for retirees. The couple lives in D.C. and plans to wed in Chevy Chase, MD.



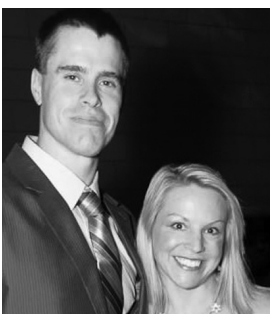
Krista Listmann (Graf), PT, Class of 2005, and her husband Matthew welcomed their second son, Colton Reid Listmann on December 19, 2011. Colton weighed in at 8lbs, 0.9oz! Big

brother Grason is so excited that "Colton came out!" and the family thoroughly enjoyed their early Christmas present from Santa.



Jill Marie Arnold PT, DPT Class of 2006, and her husband **Daryl Arnold, PT, DPT** Class of 2005, had their second child, Braelyn Marie Arnold, on August 11, 2011.

Braelyn joins big brother Ethan, who will be three in April.



Angela Wakefield, MPT, Class of 1998, completed her DScPT here in May, 2011. Angela also got engaged, and will marry Matthew Kubelle on August 17, 2012. "In preparation for our

upcoming nuptials, we are running two marathons (Hamptons & Long Island) this year.

Karen (Harding) Wakefield, MPT, Class of 1997, wrote in after reading about the retirement of Roy Bechtel, PT, PhD: "I just wanted to wish you well with your upcoming retirement. When I read

about it in this fall's Proficio, I could hardly believe it. I know you will be greatly missed in this P.T. program. I also wanted you to know how much of an inspiration you were - and still are - to me as an orthopedic manual physical therapist. I have many fond memories of "the advanced group" staying after lab to pick your and Jon Laking's brains! I currently work for Shore Health System, which is part of UMMS. The outpatient clinic I work at and oversee just received the highest customer satisfaction scores of all the outpatient facilities on the Eastern Shore, and this has been consistent throughout the entire year (each quarter). Directors of the other clinics actually asked what we were doing that they weren't, which would account for the disparity in scores. My answer was that I used skilled manual therapy as my primary assessment and treatment tool, and the patients see, and feel, the results! I still love what I do, and I credit that passion to you and all that you taught me while I was a student, and later a T.A., of yours."

Jamey Schrier, PT, DPT, OCS, Class of 1995, writes, "My wife and I are celebrating our 10th wedding anniversary in June 2012. My practice, Schrier Physical Therapy, continues to grow and do well. In addition, I am starting a new business that will help Private Practice Owners with their operations, marketing and overall management of their practice. We're scheduled to launch in March 2012. My kids, Jack and Gracie, are in second grade and kindergarten and are always providing excitement in the household."

Dina (Schoeller) Adams, PT, Class of 1986, was married on February 18, 2012. "My blended (think Brady bunch) family consists of four boys and one girl, ages 18-23, all in college," says Dina, who continues to be employed with NovaCare Rehabilitation as the Regional Director of Maryland and D.C.

Bill Bowling, PT, DPT, Class of 1980, writes "after I left UMB in 1980, my wife (Suzie) and I moved to Florida, where I worked at a large hospital for four years, had a private practice for 11 years, and then went back to the hospital, where I have worked ever since. I have developed some expertise in manual therapy and taught that subject as an adjunct in the PT program at FAMU when they lost a full-time instructor. We also had and raised two beautiful kids (Ruth and Jonny), who will both graduate from college this year. When the empty nest hit, I went back to school at Rocky Mountain School of Health Professions and got a DPT in 2009. I still do some teaching of Electrotherapeutic Point Stimulation (ETPS), which is a

system combining DC current and acupuncture developed by a Canadian acupuncturist. Also, I'm pursuing certification in Frequency Specific Microcurrent and developing my technique in Medical Biomagnetism. Medical Biomagnetism was developed by a Mexican Physician named Isaac Goiz Duran. I took this class in May 2010 and it has been life-changing. It involves using magnets to pick up electrical charges precipitated by local abnormal changes in pH of the body. It fits nicely within the parameters of PT practice. There is much info on the web if any of my colleagues wish more information on these systems or they could contact me at billbowling@embarqmail.com. Having just turned 60, I have no thoughts of retirement and am as just as enthusiastic about helping people get their lives back together as I was in 1980 as a recent graduate. Also, my classmates will be glad to know that I have expanded my wardrobe to include other colors of shorts beside blue! Wishing everyone the best!"



Paul Brager, PT, Class of 1973, and **Nancy Vogler, PT** class of 1968, have "recently relocated to the more relaxed location (not to mention tax haven) of Lewes, Delaware near the beach," says Paul.

However, in semi-retirement, both remain active. "Nancy just took on some clinical outpatient PT responsibilities at one of the Beebe Hospital Outpatient centers. When not treating patients, she is now finding time to test her creative side by taking up painting. She has just completed her fourth work of art." Paul says he "is the chairman of the board of directors of my homeowners association, volunteers to help others navigate the medical system as a patient advocate, helps other physical therapists move into or expand in the private practice arena, and occasionally guest lectures or assists teaching courses at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore (UMES) PT program." When not hanging out at the gym, Paul and Nancy continue to travel and see the world together and recently returned from trips to France, the Netherlands, and the Baltic.

Ethel (DeCoursey) Elliott, PT, Class of 1971, completed her DPT degree from the University of Montana in December 2011.

Rodney Schlegel, PT Class of 1964, was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions on August 6, 2011.

Herschel Budlow, PT, Class of 1962, writes, “2012 is a milestone year for me. Fifty years since graduating from the University of Maryland School of Physical Therapy (and 50 years of continuous clinical practice), my 55th high school reunion in May, and - as my wife says - 54 years of being the ‘original gym rat.’ With two sons and seven grandchildren, my semi-retirement years are quite busy and active. I hope to emulate my mentor, the one and only William Neill III, and practice until my 80th birthday.”

Gone But Not Forgotten

Geoffrey David Huggins, MPT, Class of 1997, died unexpectedly at his home in Chapel Hill, NC, on August 11, 2011. He was only 46 years old. Since graduation, David had been working for years as a clinician in North Carolina. Recently, he also completed his Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the University of Montana.

Susan Griffin Parisot, PT, Class of 1987, passed away on March 10, 2011 at her home in Spokane, WA, after a battle with breast cancer. A memorial website was established in her honor at: <http://memorialwebsites.legacy.com/susanparisot/homepage.aspx>



N O M I N A T I O N F O R M

Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science

Alumni of the Year

Deadline for Nominations is May 1, 2012

The Alumni of the Year is awarded to an individual who is a graduate of the University Of Maryland School Of Medicine’s physical therapy program, to recognize outstanding achievements in the physical therapy profession. The award is based on contributions/achievements in the areas of academics, administration, clinical practice, research, community service, professional associations, and involvement in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science.

Candidates need not excel in every area, and self nominations are welcome. (Optional - please provide a copy of the nominee’s CV or resume to assist the committee during this process.)

Thank you for helping us recognize our outstanding alumni!!

Nominee: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Nominator: _____

This form can either be submitted electronically, by email, by US postal mail, or dropped off at the Department.

- **Electronically** - go to our webpage at: <http://pt.umaryland.edu>. The link is under PTRS News & Events.
- **Email** - send to Terry Heron at theron@som.umaryland.edu.
- **US Mail** - mark to the attention of Terry Heron at University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, 100 Penn Street, Room 115-C, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201.
- **Dropoff** to Department at room 115-C in the Allied Health Building, located at 100 Penn St.

Please provide brief comments in the appropriate categories indicating the reasons for the nomination.

Academics: _____

Administration: _____

Clinical Practice: _____

Research: _____

Community Service: _____

Professional Associations: _____

Awards/Recognitions: _____

Involvement in the Department of Physical therapy and Rehabilitation Medicine: _____

Additional comments: _____

Alumni Reception

On October 11, 2011, a reception was held to honor the 2011 Alumnus of the Year, retiring assistant professor Roy Bechtel, PT, PhD. Alumni of all ages returned to campus to catch up with each other; say farewell to Dr. Bechtel and Gadi Alon, PT, PhD, who retired in January; and take advantage of a the annual Florence Kendall Continuing Education Symposium, an annual event that offers alumni free continuing ed courses on a variety of topics in physical therapy.



We're Counting on You!

The Department of PTRS needs your support! We rely on our alumni each year to continue to build scholarship funds, expand academic programs, upgrade technology, provide student activities and offer free continuing education programs. If you have not yet made your annual fund gift, please do so by June 30, 2012. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated and helps to strengthen the reputation for which the Department of PTRS has been known for over 50 years.

We have also recently created the PTRS Strategic Endowment for the Future. This fund will provide income to the Department of PTRS and bridge any unforeseen financial gaps, ensuring that our tradition of excellence will continue no matter what the economic climate. All contributions to this Fund will be endowed, providing annual support to the Department in perpetuity.

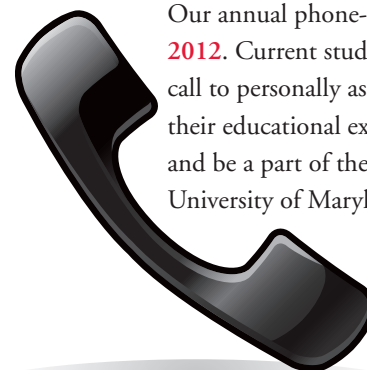


Give Now

Go to www.fundformedicine.org or call Irene Amoros, Associate Director of Development at 410-706-8550 to make a gift today! Your support of both the annual fund and the PTRS Strategic Endowment for the Future is greatly appreciated!

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of The 1956 Society or making a tax-wise planned gift, contact Karen McGuire, Director of Campaign Planning and Programs at 410-706-8688 or kmcguire@som.umaryland.edu.

Call Me



Our annual phone-a-thon will take place on **April 3, 4 & 5, 2012**. Current students will be giving you, our alumni, a call to personally ask for your financial help in improving their educational experiences here. Please answer the call and be a part of the future of physical therapy at the University of Maryland!



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Calendar of Events

March 21, 2012 | Open House

Potential DPT students are invited to attend an open house to learn more about our degree programs. This event will take place 9am to noon in the SMC Campus Center, 621 W. Lombard St.

March 22, 2012 | APTA of Maryland Student Advocacy Day

Please join our students for the APTA of Maryland's Student Advocacy Day in Annapolis, where they will visit with our Maryland legislators. This visit gives students an opportunity to join in the discussion about legislation that is important to physical therapists. This event is mandatory for first year students, as it is a part of Professional Issues II. Second-year students are also encouraged to attend. Refer to the APTA of Maryland website for more details (<http://www.aptamd.org/Changetheworld>) or contact Leslie Glickman (lglickman@som.umaryland.edu). We welcome your participation in this event!

April 3, 4, 5, 2012 | Phone-a-thon

Students will be calling alumni and friends of the department to ask for their financial support this fiscal year. Volunteers are needed. For more information, contact Irene Amoros (iamoros@som.umaryland.edu).

April 14, 2012 | Center for Integrative Medicine Health & Wellness Conference

The Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine is sponsoring a conference at the Hilton at Camden Yards

featuring Dr. Andrew Weil as the keynote speaker. There will also be 25 in-depth sessions on topics such as food as medicine, holistic pain relief, stress management and movement-based therapies. The conference has been approved by the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for 0.6 CEUs. For more information, contact Rebekah Owens (rowens@compmed.umm.edu).

April 20, 2012 | Pinning Ceremony

Please join our second-year students, families, friends, and colleagues for the PTRS Annual Pinning Ceremony, an academic milestone in the lives of PTRS. The formal ceremony, held in Davidge Hall, begins promptly at 3:00 with a procession of students, followed by a brief presentation by each student about the meaning that the Ceremony holds for them at this point in their academic career. At the close of the Ceremony, we host a reception at the SMC Campus Center. For more details, contact Leslie Glickman (lglickman@som.umaryland.edu) or Angel Jackson (ajackson@som.umaryland.edu).

April 25, 2012 | Curriculum Day

Please join us for the PTRS Annual Curriculum Day from 2-6:30 pm in the Presidential Board Room, located at the Saratoga Building, 220 North Arch Street, 14th floor (above the Saratoga Garage). This is a time when we, as a department, focus on the curriculum and have an opportunity to network with external stakeholders who participate with us in educating the next generation of physical therapists. The agenda will include

presentations, plus formal and informal information sharing about our programs and impact. For more details, contact Aynsley Hamel (ahamel@som.umaryland.edu)

May 14, 2012 | Research Day

Richard L. Segal, PT, PhD, FAPTA, Department of Allied Health Sciences, Division of Physical Therapy, School of Medicine, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has accepted our invitation to serve as the Keynote Speaker. Rick is Professor and Director of the Physical Therapy Program at UNC and is Co-Interim Director of the newly formed Rehabilitation Engineering Center (REC) of the Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering, an academic department co-located at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University. His research focuses on adaptive plasticity of the interaction of spinal circuits and the musculoskeletal system in health and disease. The program will take place from noon until 4pm in the MSTF auditorium.

May 17, 2012 | Pre-Commencement

The PTRS Pre-Commencement and Awards Ceremony will take place at 11am in the School of Nursing Auditorium. In addition to May graduates for all programs, the Pre-Commencement ceremony includes July and December grads from the previous year. A reception will be held in the MSTF Atrium immediately following the ceremony.

May 18, 2012 | Commencement

Graduating students are invited to participate in

the University of Maryland Graduation, which is being held at 2pm at the First Mariner Arena.

June 6-9, 2012 | APTA Annual Conference

PT 2012, APTA's Annual Conference & Exposition, encourages you to belong, interact, and connect! Join your peers, recognized experts, and leaders for three days of valuable, relevant, invigorating professional development and networking. This year's conference will be held in Tampa, FL. See <http://www.apta.org/AnnualConference/Overview/> for more information.

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