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Letter from the Chair



Ellen Wruble Hakim, PT, DScPT; Dr. Rodgers; and School of Medicine Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA.

Dear Friends:

As the season changes to spring and summer, we are reminded that we are also experiencing other changes at many levels – globally, nationally, within our state, within our campus, and within our department.

Our world is more tightly connected than ever before as evidenced by the economic

crises experienced all over the world during the last few years. Our country is in the midst of grappling with a dysfunctional health care system as well as economic strife. Our state budget deficits have necessitated budget cuts that have directly impacted our campus and our department. As of last summer, our campus has a new President, Jay Perman, MD. He has stressed inter-professionalism, the importance of working collaboratively across disciplines, and of civility in the workplace. We are pleased that Dr. Perman will speak at our curriculum day on April 21st, 2011, as his interest in inter-professionalism presents us with new opportunities.

Two important changes in leadership have occurred in PTRS. Ellen Wruble Hakim, PT, DScPT is now a faculty member at the University of Delaware, but happily she will continue teaching with us in a part-time faculty capacity. Leslie Glickman, PT, PhD, Director of Post-Professional Programs, is Interim Director of the entry DPT program while a national search is being conducted. Clinical Education has transitioned leadership to Anne Reicherter, PT, DPT, PhD. Former Director of Clinical Education, Karen Gordes, PT, DScPT, is now in an expanded teaching role for the DPT curriculum. We also are pleased to welcome three new faculty members: Janet Hale, DPT; Kelly Westlake, PT, PhD; and Doug Savin, PT, PhD.

The PhD program and our research enterprise continue to grow. Several new post-doctoral fellows will be joining us thanks to the new NIDRR-funded grant received by Mark Rogers, PT, PhD, Vice Chair for Research. We are developing a joint DPT/PhD degree program that we hope will be approved by the summer. Two of our faculty members, Anne Reicherter and Lauren Jones-Lush, PhD, were selected to participate in a campus workgroup for the new UMB Strategic Plan. Since we are in the last year of our existing departmental strategic plan, we will start work on the new one in the fall.

Through all of these changes and challenging times, our continued success is a credit to the dedication, hard work, commitment and expertise of all of our faculty, staff, volunteers, alumni, and friends that make it possible for PTRS to continue to provide high-quality

education and research. Special congratulations to Karen Sack and Terry Heron as they complete 30 and 40 years, respectively, of service to the university!

We continue to be grateful for the highly qualified associated faculty who support the DPT curriculum. If you are interested in contributing your knowledge and skills, please contact Leslie Glickman (lglickman@som.umaryland.edu).

I hope to see you at our upcoming activities. Our annual Research Day will take place on Monday, May 16, 2011 at Noon in the MSTF Auditorium & Atrium, 685 W. Baltimore Street. We are delighted to have two of our most recent PhD graduates, Doug Savin and Matt Scherer, as speakers.

At this year's PTRS Pre-commencement we will celebrate the last official group commencement for the DScPT program. In existence for more than 10 years, we anticipate adding 25 more students to the total number of graduates of the program, bringing the number to over 100. This unique distance education program was one of the first in the country and attracted licensed therapists from across the US. The students' goals were to enhance their professional development, specific job-related skills, or to learn new skills. All of the students have been extremely pleased with their accomplishments, a true feat for many with full-time employment and multiple competing personal and professional priorities running parallel to their educational pursuits. In recognition of this special year, we have invited all graduates of the DScPT program to join us in celebration of our final year with a tribute luncheon in the department at noon on May 19, followed by the Pre-commencement ceremony at 2:00 in the School of Nursing auditorium. If you have not contacted us about your plan to attend these events, please email Terry Heron at theron@som.umaryland.edu.

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 Jane Satterfield, '64, and 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.

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

Warm regards,

Mary M. Rodgers

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

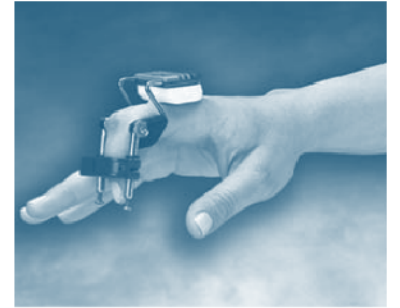
CLINICAL EDUCATION NEWS

As of January 3, 2011, Anne Reicherter PT, DPT, PhD, OCS, CHES assumed the responsibilities as Director of Clinical Education, as Karen Gordes PT, DScPT has transitioned to a greater teaching role in the Department. Anne is joined by our new administrative clinical coordinator, Deidra Stevens. Deidra will be largely communicating with our clinical partners to assist us with current and future student placements. Other transitions include Tonas Kalil

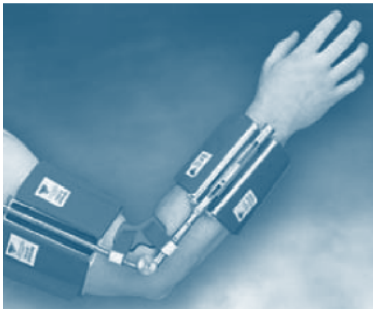
PT, DPT expanding his teaching role and Brian Smith, former Program Manager, off working on a special assignment. Information about our Clinical Education Program can be found at http://pt.umaryland.edu/clinical_education.asp. We look forward to continuing to work with you on our mutual goals of training future physical therapists. Thank you for all of your support!



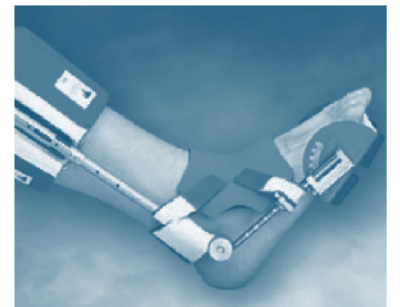
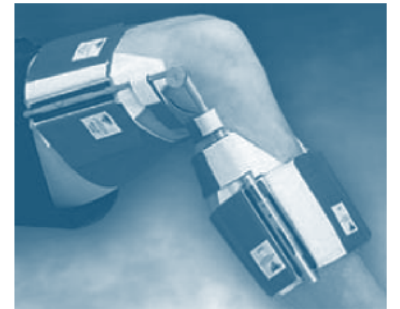
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Student News



Second year student **Tim Naugle** and his wife Alecia welcomed son Quinn in January 2011. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 20 ¾ inches long.

The Class of 2012 participated in MOVEMBER to raise money for the Prostate Cancer Foundation and LIVESTRONG. During the entire month of November, 2010, the men grew moustaches to raise money and awareness for men's health issues. Women were able to get involved by taking pictures of the progress of the guys' fuzzy lips and uploading them to the team's website (and by putting on their own fake 'staches).



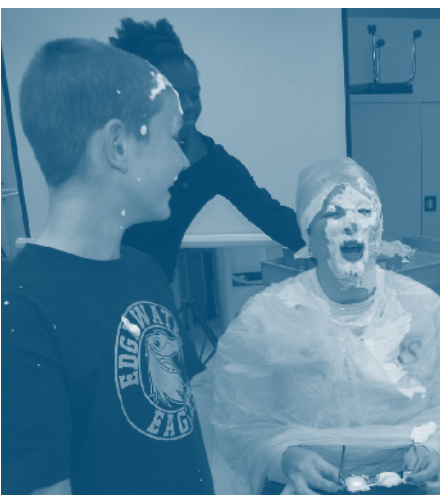
Mike Zarro, James Bickley, Dat Quach, Nick Gohn and Phil Wilkenson show off their charitable facial hair.



Ten members of the Class of 2013 and about 10,000 other warm-hearted people jumped into the Chesapeake Bay on January 29 to support the Special Olympics at the annual Polar Bear Plunge. The freezing team members were: Kevin Quail (our fearless leader!), Kyle Atwell, Lizzie Cavanaugh-Broad, Brad Eyler, Lexa Hamilton-Cotter, Tony Kuhl, Ashley Romm, Samantha Sadtler, Cara Staniszewski and Liana Sved.



Rachael Houtman, Julianne Gaily and Brittany Bull get into the 'stache spirit.



On November 22, 2010, the first- and second-year classes sponsored the annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck Lunch. During this event, the fun new tradition of "Pie the Professor" put Vincent Conroy, Anne Reicherter and Steve Tepper in the hot seat. The most money was donated in Anne's name (thanks to some last-minute teaming up by Steve and Vinny!), and her son and daughter were more than happy to help with the pie throwing. \$300 was raised for the sponsoring classes.



Assistant Professor Vincent Conroy, PT, DScPT joined in the hair-raising fun.

CAPSTONE SUCCESS

Anne-Marie Fiala, DScPT 2010, is taking her capstone project a step further now that she's graduated. "Throughout my course work for the University of Maryland's DScPT program I knew that the culminating project lay ahead of me, and like many students, I spent a long time thinking about what idea would be worthy of a capstone project," she says. "Fortunately for me, the answer came from two courses offered for the DScPT program. In "PT as a Primary Care Practitioner," students learned about the APTA's Vision 2020 for physical therapists to be recognized as practitioners of choice for the "diagnosis of, interventions for, and prevention of impairments." In "Motor Control" we learned, among other things, about clinical exams that could be used to predict falls. Combining these two ideas inspired me to develop the Physical Therapist-administered Annual Adult Wellness Exam (PT-AAWE), a clinical exam designed to utilize the expertise of physical therapists in detecting preclinical mobility disability in well elderly.

The PT-AAWE is an exam that bundles evidenced-based tests of function so that the composite exam elicits a "snapshot" of the person's functional mobility status. Age- and gender-based normative data is available for many of the components, so that a participant can see where he/she stands compared to their peers. This template provides an easy reference for performing annual exams that allows the therapist track the trajectory of mobility with aging. The PT-AAWE includes an exercise prescription and referral form that can be individualized based on results of the participant's exam.

I am happy to say that while I graduated from the University of Maryland with my doctorate in May 2010, my completed capstone project has not been filed away to collect dust. Currently, the PT-AAWE is being investigated in a small pilot study, checking for the ease of administration of the PT-AAWE and comparing the results with normative data for each of the test components. The study will be completed in April 2011, and the results will be submitted to professional journals for consideration for publication.



Tameka Russell, DPT Class of 2010, married her sweetheart LaMarcus Duncan in October 2010. She now works as a PT at Star Physical Therapy in Clarksville, TN.

Julie Marchica, DPT Class of 2008, and her husband Andy are expecting twins on April 11.

Makenzie Mazin, DScPT Class of 2007, writes that "with mentorship from School of Medicine advisors Carole Lewis, Samuel Esterson and Leslie Glickman I was brave enough to enter the world of private practice. Solutions Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine, LLC, reached its two-year anniversary on 2/5/11, and we are looking to expand our current office space. Thank you to PTRS for helping propel my career into a different and very rewarding direction!"

Lindsey Nadeau Parker, DPT Class of 2007, and her husband, Chris Parker PT, MPT, welcomed a baby girl, Emily Brennan, on November 2, 2010. Emily was 8lb 1 oz and 21 inches long. She joins big sister Olivia, who is 2 1/2 years old.



Thuy Nguyen and Alexandra Senor Lockridge, DPT Class of 2009, stopped by for a visit with Angel Jackson last winter. Thuy was accompanied by her nephew Chase and Alex was accompa-

nied by her daughter Lena. Alex is now a PT in the Rehab Unit of Norman Regional Hospital in Norman, OK. Thuy is a PT at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Washington, DC.



Katie Baick, DPT Class of 1995, gave birth to Aiden Lewis Nguyen on January 25, 2011 at 5:39pm. He weighed in at 5 lbs 15.4 oz. and was 19 inches long. "I am loving Mommy-duty!!!!" Katie declares.



Nicole (Tuttle) Sampson, DPT Class of 2009, and her husband Walter, welcomed twins on December 20, 2010. Hannah Elizabeth was 3 lbs. 14 oz, 17 1/2 inches long, and Ethan Thomas was 5 pounds 2 oz., 17 3/4 inches long. "They were both in the NICU for a little over a week but are home now and doing

well," says Nicole. "Currently Ethan weighs 9 lbs. and Hannah weighs 7 lbs. 11 oz."

Elisa (nee Goldberger) Travis, PT Class of 1993, has certainly been keeping busy. "After graduating I married Ben Travis and moved to Jerusalem, Israel where I worked at Hadassah Medical Center for two years and at Gan Harmony, an integration preschool with special needs kids, for two years," Elisa writes. "My first three children (2 girls and 1 boy) were born there. Subsequently, we moved back to the US and settled in Cincinnati, OH, and had four more children (all girls). After an 11-year hiatus from the field (I had to retake my boards!!!), I am happy to be back working part-time as a PT, doing home care and some pediatrics in the school setting. While my life is sometimes too crazy to describe, I am always grateful to UMAB for providing me with a solid PT degree that allows me to have the extra income so badly needed doing a job that I just love!!! I would love to hear from my fellow '93 classmates. I can be reached at betravis@zoomtown.com."



Rachel Joy, PT Class of 1986, and her husband Roy celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on June 30, and the next month they took a cruise to Hawaii to celebrate. Their girls, Shannon and Sarah, joined them for the getaway.

Sharon Dickmann, MPT Class of 1985, writes, "My husband & I live in Dripping Springs, TX, a small town west of Austin in the hill country. I completed the Certificate of Advanced Practice in Hand & Upper Extremity Rehab at Drexel University in Philadelphia and am in the process of completing my Post-Professional DPT there. Wish I could have done it through UMB! I passed the board exam in November, 2010 to become a Certified Hand Therapist. I've worked exclusively with upper extremity patients for around four years now & absolutely love it! I've treated everyone from rodeo riders & ranchers to professional musicians. Austin bills itself as the "live music capital of the world", and it is true. Lots of music of all varieties. I treat musicians fairly often, especially guitarists. They've inspired me to start learning to play - I find I'm not only having fun, but am gaining valuable insight. I still miss MD/VA, but we've really fallen for Texas!"

Deirdre Dolan Douglass, PT Class of 1979, writes, "We had a busy year planning for our daughter Eileen's wedding. She married Anderson Gonçalves, a Mechanical Engineer from Brazil, on September 4, 2010. 2011 will be eventful also, as our son, Andrew, graduates from the University of Georgia, and our youngest son, Eric, graduates from Georgia Tech in May. And our first grandchild is expected to arrive in September.

Steve Tepper, PT Class of 1979, has been happily married to Linda Paferi, PT Class of 1981, for 20 years. He now coordinates two tDPT programs, one at the University of Montana and the second at the University of South Florida. He is also President of Rehab Essentials, Inc., where he works with Dr. Don Hobart ("I dragged him out of retirement") and Terry Heron. Plus, he teaches the occasional course to students in our department. Steve recently went traveling with Tim Doyle, PT Class of 1989, to Lake Tahoe and Hanalei Bay, Kauai. "Life is good," he says.

Michelle (Block) Gordon, PT Class of 1978, is still living in Jerusalem, where she is continuing to teach dance and is also doing some choreography for a high school musical. "I'm about to start a job at the Jerusalem Physiotherapy Institute," Michelle writes. "It's a fascination combination, working as a P.T. and a dance teacher. I get to see the entire range of human capabilities. The two professions are complementary - being a P.T. makes me a better dance teacher and being a dance teacher makes me a better P.T."

Cheryl Resnik, PT Class of 1974, DPT, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Physical Therapy and also to the position of Associate Chair of the Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy at the University of Southern California.

Elizabeth ("Betty") Tuleya Knerr, PT Class of 1972, received the Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association Service Award for 2010. She was recognized for her strong commitment to mentoring those in her district to serve in leadership roles. She has served as a District Director, member of the PPTA's Board of Directors and Chair of the Chapter's Continuing Education Committee; a member of the Chapter Public Relations and Nominating Committees; an APTA Delegate; and has been a member and Chair of several Southcentral District's Committees. Betty is a Physical Therapist II at Penn State Hershey's Milton Hershey Medical Center, where she works primarily in pediatrics.

Jane Satterfield, PT Class of 1964, has very generously agreed to match dollar for dollar all gifts made to the PTRS Strategic Endowment for the Future received before June 30, 2011. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to increase your support!

IN MEMORIAM

Pam Weisman, PT Class of 1973, passed away last year, according to a note from classmate Cherry Koontz. No other details about her death were available. The department sends its condolences to her friends and family.

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 July 1, 2011

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 also 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://ptumaryland.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 Science: _____

Additional comments: _____

Faculty News

WELCOME

Deidra Stevens is a new clinical education assistant working part time in the Clinical Education office. Deidra joined the department in November 2010 and brings to this position 10+ years administrative experience in management, marketing, recruitment and community outreach.

Andrea Gaeta is a new clinical research assistant working in the labs of Drs. Jill Whitall and Sandy McCombe Waller. Andrea will be providing testing and data collection and reduction for a variety of research projects under the direction of Drs. Whitall and McCombe Waller. Andrea officially joined the department in December 2010.

Janet Hale, DPT, joined the department in January 2011 as an assistant professor. Janet is providing pediatrics teaching in the DPT curriculum and has been involved in adjunct teaching for a number of years.

Megan O'Connell, BS, has joined the department as a Clinical Research Assistant. Megan supports Dr. Larry Forrester in the human motor performance lab at the VA Medical Center with clinical research activities that investigate mechanisms of movement rehabilitation.

Kelly Westlake, PT, PhD, joined the department in January 2011 as an assistant professor. Kelly comes from the University of California San Francisco and will participate in teaching and research in the neuroscience area.

MAKING MOVES

Robert Creath, PhD, has been promoted from postdoctoral fellow to assistant professor

Leslie B. Glickman, PT, PhD, Assistant Professor, is now Interim Director of the Entry DPT Program. She is also continuing to work part-time as HVO Program Director for Suriname.

Lauren Jones-Lush, PhD, has been named an assistant director at GPILS (Graduate Program in Life Sciences) for the upcoming year. Additionally, Lauren and Anne Reicherter were selected to serve on the President's UMB Strategic Planning Workgroup for Theme #2: "Create a culture of diversity, inclusion, transparency, and accountability."

Marlene King has been selected by the Staff Senate Committee to represent the Staff Senate on the President's Diversity Advisory Council.

Congratulations to **Doug Savin, PT, PhD**. Not only did he successfully defend his dissertation in February 2011, becoming the newest graduate of our PhD program, but that same month he was also appointed as an assistant professor in the department. Additionally, in December 2010, Doug's manuscript "Bilateral adaptation during locomotion following a unilaterally applied resistance to swing in nondisabled adults" was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Neurophysiology*. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20943942>.

Karen Sack will be presenting a session at the NCURA (National Council of University Research Administrators) meeting, which will take place in New York City from May 1-3. She and Janet Simons, Director, Research Policy, UMB Office of Research and Development, co-wrote the session "Faculty Transfers – Coming and Going," which they will present on May 2.

The following staff members have reached amazing milestones here at the University of Maryland:

Karen Sack, administrator, will be getting her 30 years of service award this year. **Terry Heron**, academic coordinator, will be recognized for her 40 years of service. Congratulations to both ladies!

PUBLICATIONS

Faculty members **Roy Bechtel & Vincent Conroy** - along with **Scott Benjamin**, a graduate of the DScPT program - have recently published a new text called "Cram Session in Functional Anatomy." Published by Slack, it is now available on Amazon.com.

Anne Reicherter, PT, DPT, PhD, wrote an article called "An Analysis of the Readability of Educational Materials on the Consumer Webpage of a Health Professional Organization: Considerations for Practice" that will be published in the *Internet Journal of Allied Health Sciences and Practice* in July 2011.

Leslie Glickman, PT, PhD, Director of Post-Professional Programs and Assistant Professor; Doris Yin Kei Chong, DScPT, Class of 2009 and Paz Cabanero-Johnson, PT, DscPT, Assistant Professor, published "Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy from a physical therapy's perspective: A case report" in the *Journal of Acute Care Physical Therapy*, 1(1): 4-13. Leslie also co-authored "Supported standing: A systematic review of the literature" in the *Journal of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, 3(3), 197-213.

Alumni Day/ Kendall Symposium



1. Steve Tepper, PT, PhD, Clinical Professor and Mary Rodgers, PT, PhD, Department Chair and the George R. Hepburn Dynasplint Professor of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science welcomed back Jonathan M. Cooperman, PT, DPT, MS, JD, Class of 1979. Jonathan not only presented this year's Kendall Lecture, he was also named Alumnus of the Year for 2010.



2. Evan Crowell, Lindsay Martin and Thuy Nguyen from the DPT Class of 2009.

3. Clinical instructor Roy Film with second-year students Dat Quach & Martha Baron and first-year students Stephanie Stover and Liana Sved.

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, 2011. 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.

Gifts made to the PTRS Strategic Endowment for the Future before June 30, 2011 will be matched, dollar for dollar, by Jane Satterfield, PT, Class of 1964. Take advantage of this amazing opportunity to DOUBLE the impact of your gift!



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.



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Calendar of Events

March

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Admissions Open House

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Allied Health Building, 100 Penn Street

April

Friday, April 15, 2011

Pinning Ceremony

3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Davidge Hall, 522 W. Lombard Street

Pinning celebrates completion of the first year of the DPT program. Name badges, lab coats and department pins are given to students. Students invite their family and friends and refreshments are served following the ceremony in the SMC Campus Center.

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Curriculum Day

Allied Health Building, 100 Penn Street

Associate faculty are welcome to join core faculty in examining the eDPT program and planning for future initiatives. UMB President Dr. Jay Perman will speak. RSVP to jjohnson@som.umaryland.edu.

Friday, April 29, 2011

Accepted Students' Day

10:00 am

Allied Health Building, 100 Penn Street

Meet the next DPT class. All are welcome.

May

Monday, May 16, 2011

Research Day

8:00 am until 12:00 Noon

MSTF Auditorium and Atrium

Recent PhD graduates Doug Savin and Matthew Scherer will present their research work.

Thursday, May 19, 2011

PTRS Pre-Commencement and Awards Ceremony

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

School of Nursing Auditorium, 619 W. Lombard Street

Tickets required. DPT, DScPT and PhD graduates will be honored. A reception will be held in the MSTF Atrium immediately following the ceremony.

Friday, May 20, 2011

UMB Graduation

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

First Mariner Arena, 201 W. Baltimore Street

Faculty are asked to arrive by 2:00 pm to line up for the procession.

June

Wednesday, June 1 and Thursday, June 2, 2011

New Student Orientation

Allied Health Building, 100 Penn Street

Sunday, June 5, 2011

Seventh Annual Wheelchair Basketball Challenge

1-4pm

SMC Campus Center Basketball Court

PTRS students will play the MD Ravens wheelchair basketball team to raise money for the MD Ravens Physically Challenged Sports Program and the Kennedy Krieger Institute.

Wednesday through Saturday, June 8-11, 2011

APTA Annual Conference

National Harbor, 163 Waterfront Street, Oxon Hill, MD

Join us for the PTRS Alumni Reception at 5 pm. on Friday, June 10, 2011. Look for more details later this Spring on the PTRS website.

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