

Campus News

The College now has a brand new Sports Complex!

The Mount's web site has been redesigned. Take a look!
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Clinical Dates

Summer 2005:

- Internship I
May 16-June 24
- Internship II
June 27-August 19

Program News

First and foremost, we are honored to announce that **Mary Romanello PT, ATC, SCS, PhD** accepted the program director position in July. Mary was an adjunct professor for the first few years of the program and was formerly the Athletic Training Program director. She brings incredible talent, experience and leadership to our PT program at a very pivotal time.

This academic year is a busy and exciting one for us in Physical Therapy. In mid October, we had a combined site visit from the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Both governing bodies visited us to evaluate our proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program and hopefully will grant us approval to implement it beginning in May 2006. Included in this proposal and site visit was our MPT to DPT Completion program. When approved, this 2-4 semester program will be offered for a limited time (Fall 2005 through Summer 2009) exclusively to College of Mount St. Joseph MPT graduates who wish to earn their DPT. We will be able to formally announce both programs after the OBR/HLC grants its approval which we hope will be sometime in January 2005.

Additionally, at the end of January, we are scheduled for our re-accreditation visit from the Commission for Accreditation for Physical Therapist Education (CAPTE). CAPTE requires a program review (self-study) and evaluative site visit five years after initial accreditation and every 10 years thereafter.

Although it is a very busy time, the faculty have been working tirelessly to ensure that these proposals and visits go smoothly and successfully. We are confident that we will be educating and developing the best physical therapists for years to come!

Clinical Education

Site selection for summer internships occurs this month. The Class of 2005 will be selecting one neurorehabilitation or skilled nursing facility and another experience of their choice. The Class of 2006 will be selecting an inpatient/acute care site as well as an outpatient orthopedic facility. Confirmation letters will be sent to clinical sites by the first week of November. If you are no longer able to accommodate our students, please let us know as soon as possible so that they may be reassigned. Confirmation letters will also be sent by the first part of December to those clinical sites that were not selected. However, we may still call you if we have cancellations. We appreciate your dedication and willingness to educate the physical therapists of the future.

October is PT Month!

The Mount's PT students and faculty have planned several events to celebrate PT Month this year. At the October 16th Lions football game, PT students handed out the American Physical Therapy Association's "Couch Potato Tips" brochure. Please visit www.apta.org for your own copy of the brochure.

In partnership with Novacare, the Student Physical Therapy Association (SPTA) is sponsoring "Cervical and Lumbar Spine: Clinical Practice." Proceeds go to the Marquette-Pittsburgh Challenge Fundraiser for the Foundation for Physical Therapy.

Faculty News

Please help us welcome several new people to our PT instructional team:

Renee Gaines-Loftspring PT, MEd has joined us as an assistant professor. Renee was an adjunct professor for eight years at the University of Cincinnati. She has two bachelor's degrees, in education and physical therapy, a master's degree in education and is currently writing her dissertation toward an EdD with an emphasis in curriculum and instruction. Renee's clinical background is primarily adult neurorehabilitation. Her teaching responsibilities include basic therapeutic procedures and neurorehabilitation. **Duane Brus BS, DPT** joins us as an adjunct faculty member. Duane received his DPT from Creighton University. He also has a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science from the University of Nebraska. His specialty is orthopedic practice and he is currently the Therapy Manager for RehabWorks. He is co-teaching Therapeutic Exercise with our other new adjunct faculty member, **Jeanine Gunn BS, DPT**. Jeanine comes to us from California, where she received her DPT from the University of Southern California and was the executive clinical director at Casa Colina Rehabilitation Hospital. She currently owns her own consulting practice and is very active in the Ohio Physical Therapy Association (OPTA).

We are also tapping into our vast alumni source for expertise:

Last Spring, several alumni assisted Marsha Eifert-Mangine with practical examinations in Applied Orthopedics. Additionally, **Matt Ernst MPT, OCS, Class of 2000**, was hired to assist in Surface Anatomy lab in the spring. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to demonstrate to our current students the success of our alumni!

The faculty have been busy in our community. Here are a few highlights:

Lisa Dehner published "Cross-modal Circuitry between Auditory and Somatosensory Areas of the Cat Anterior Ectosylvian Sulcal Cortex: A 'New' Inhibitory Form of Multisensory Convergence," in *Cerebral Cortex*, a prestigious neurobiology journal. Lisa also presented "Dietary Supplements and Medicinal Herbs for Women's Health: An Evidence-based Review" at the Association of Women's Health Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses Regional (OH & KY) Conference. **Mary Romanello** participated in the National Conference of Clinical Educators in St. Louis, Missouri October 1-3, 2004. The theme of the conference was "patient-centered practice." Mary contributed to the conference with her presentation entitled "An Ethic of Care: Going Beyond Benevolence." **Carolyn Kisner** presented a Spinal Stabilization workshop to a group of physical therapists from Brazil and Mexico in Chattanooga, TN, July 26th, 2004. **Marsha Eifert-Mangine** has lectured in several continuing education seminars for Novacare and **Karen Holtgreffe** presented the continuing education course "Rehabilitation

Considerations for Patients with Complex Medical Problems" sponsored by Mercy Health Partners.

Student News

Jessica Biedenbender, Class of 2005, was selected to perform a clinical rotation at Cincinnati Shriners' Hospital this summer. Shriners' requires students to apply for their clinical rotations. Jessica had a phone interview and also spent a day observing the therapists and getting a feel for the types of patients she would see at Shriners'. She also had some "homework" to do before the clinical, as Shriners' expects students to study selected material before the clinical. Congratulations and good luck to Jessica!

Two students are currently conducting research in our community:

Jeffrey Krecting, Class of 2005, with the help of advisor Marsha Eifert-Mangine, is participating in a collaborative research project including the University of Cincinnati department of Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, NovaCare Rehabilitation, and Children's Hospital Sports Medicine and Biodynamics Center. The project examines changes in gait parameters and function following Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation (ACI) in patients with chondral defects.

Kerri Ketterer, Class of 2005, and her advisor Karen Holtgreffe are conducting a single subject design examining exercise parameters in patients with Fibromyalgia.

Erin Ankenman, Jaime Bayliss, Jennifer Bridwell, Sara Hagedorn, Jeff Krecting, JoAnn Tippenhauer, and Shannon Turner, Class of 2005, will be representing the College of Mt. St. Joseph at the National Student Conclave in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 22-24th.

The SPTA is running a fundraiser at the Rookwood Max & Erma's restaurant (2631 Edmondson Rd.) on Tuesday, November 2nd. Twenty percent of sales that day will benefit the SPTA and the Mount's PT Program. Patrons need to turn in a special ticket for identification as a Mount fundraiser. If you are interested in joining us, please call 244-4890 and we'll send tickets to you.

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