

## Clinical Educator Award



The 2nd annual Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award is presented to **Phil Cadman**. Phil has been a PT for nine years and is the co-owner and director of Orthopedic Physical Therapy and Associates in Evendale, OH. Phil is an APTA member and an APTA Credentialed CI. The nominating student noted Phil's "amazing ability to tailor everything he does into a learning activity for me." Phil is dedicated to the profession, practices in a manner that models the pillars of Vision 2020, provides an excellent learning environment that is both challenging and nurturing and has a passion that is tangible to his students and patients. Congratulations Phil and thank you for your service to our students!

We also wish to congratulate our other nominees this year: Megan Schmitz from Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati and Kristie Wickline from Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton.

## Clinical Site Spotlight: The Christ Hospital of Cincinnati



The Christ Hospital is a 500-bed hospital with a 30-bed rehab unit and currently employs 14 PTs and two PTAs. Under the leadership of the CCCE, Carolyn Shisler and CIs who really care provide students with a well-organized clinical experience, guided by. Time and again, students' comments about their experience at Christ are overwhelmingly positive. The staff goes above and beyond with requests for student clinical placements, mini-clinicals, guest lecturing and input into our curricular development. A big thank you to Carolyn and the staff for all they do to contribute to the success of the Mount's PT program!



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## EL-DPT Admission Timeline

- **September 1:** First priority applications due. **We will continue to accept and review applications until February 1st based on class availability.**
- **October:** Selected candidates invited for on-campus interviews.
- **November/December:** Candidate interviews held at the Mount.
- **January:** Letters of acceptance are mailed to selected candidates.
- **February:** Deadline for selected candidates to accept admission.

## Letter from the Director

Hello, and welcome to our expanded newsletter. We changed the newsletter's format, giving you an admission timeline and highlighting program news on the front page. Since we last communicated, we welcomed our first Doctor of Physical Therapy class. Sixteen new students from a variety of backgrounds comprise our first DPT cohort. Inside the newsletter there is a section for faculty and student happenings. We added a section for Mount PT alumni to share their news. A page is reserved for clinical education news and happenings which will include a "spotlight" of one of our clinical sites. We celebrate you as vital members of our program. We are excited about the new changes and hope you enjoy reading them.

Some new and exciting happenings over the last year include:

- An articulation agreement with Ohio Northern University (ONU) Department of Biology. Allows automatic DPT admittance to two ONU Biology graduates who meet all the Mount DPT admission requirements.
- A new and experienced faculty member, **Janet Mulcare, PhD, FACSM** who comes to us from Andrews University. Dr. Mulcare has extensive experience in research and a successful history as a grant recipient. She will teach the DPT program's Research series and Exercise Physiology.
- Dr. Lisa Dehner, Dr. Karen Holtgreffe and Dr. Darla Vale are a part of a task force along with Paul Kocsis, Denise Donnelly and Denise French from Bayley Place to investigate a clinic partnership there. Discussions are ongoing with the Mount and Bayley Place administration.

## Faculty Member on a Mission!

By Ann Fritch, PT, MSPT, MS, NCS



I was lucky enough to spend a week with a spectacular team of OT, PT and SLP professionals volunteering in Guatemala. Guatemala is a beautiful, mountainous Central American country. Of its 12.6 million people, almost 56% are of European descent while 44% are Mayan, and it is estimated that 75% of the population lives below the national poverty line. Our team traveled to five orphanages and health care ministries serving children with special needs. We directly treated patients, educated staff and families, and distributed supplies and equipment. While there are some therapists and therapy services in Guatemala, they are currently inadequate to meet the need, especially in the poor or rural areas. One woman walked an hour each way carrying her 11 year old child on her back so that she might receive care. We were sometimes amazed and at other times dismayed by the conditions and resources of the places we went, but we were always impressed with the dedication of the staff and volunteers and the love and openness of the children. We left Guatemala with a sense of gratitude for the opportunity we were given to teach and to learn – but also for all that we take for granted here in the U.S.

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## Faculty News



**Tonya Apke, PT, DPT, OCS** completed her research project entitled "Examination of Student Clinical Performance in Acute Care With and Without Short-term Mini-Clinical Experiences" for her t-DPT in March. In addition, Dr. Apke was selected to participate in the APTA's "Train the Trainer" program and is now a credentialed trainer for the APTA CI Credentialing Program.

**Lisa Dehner, PT, PhD** was awarded a promotion with tenure to Associate Professor by the College in December. Dr. Dehner, in collaboration with Dr. Holtgreffe, presented the second course of their General Medical continuing education series, "Management of Patients with Pulmonary Disorders," on July 14th. Dr. Dehner also presented "Evidence for the Use of Glucosamine and Chondroitin Sulfates in Patients with Osteoarthritis," at the APTA's Combined Sections Meeting in February.



**Marsha Eifert-Mangine, PT, ATC, MED** published the chapter "Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction Using Ipsilateral Patellar Tendon Autograft" in the book *Rehabilitation for the Post Surgical Patient*. Professor Mangine also presented "Bone Healing from a Rehab Perspective at the 4th Annual Trauma 101: Fracture Care for the Community Orthopedist in May and "Post-operative Management of the Patellofemoral Patient" at the College and High School Athlete Sports Medicine Conference in June.



**Ann Fritch, PT, MSPT, MS, NCS** has received approval for her doctoral dissertation proposal from Virginia Commonwealth University and is applying to the institutional review boards (IRB) at the College and at Children's Hospital to begin the data collection phase.



**Karen Holtgreffe, PT, DHS, OCS** completed her doctoral degree in May from the University of Indianapolis. In addition to presenting with Dr. Dehner (see above), Dr. Holtgreffe published the article "Twice weekly Decongestive Physical Therapy in the Management of Secondary Lymphedema of the Lower Extremities" in the August issue of *Physical Therapy* (86:1128-1136). In collaboration with Dr. Loftsprung and MPT students, Dr. Holtgreffe is currently recruiting patients to examine the effects of MIRE therapy on stage II-IV pressure ulcers.



**Renée Loftsprung, PT, EdD** completed her doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Cincinnati in June. In addition to her work with Dr. Holtgreffe (see above), Dr. Loftsprung is also working with MPT students to examine how an aerobic exercise program affects the quality of life of persons with multiple sclerosis.



**Mary Romanello, PT, ATC, PhD, SCS** published the article "Information Literacy in Athletic Training: A Problem-based Approach" in *Athletic Therapy Today*, (2006; 11(3): 40-43).

## Student News



*The Mount PT Program announces its inaugural DPT Class of 2009. First row: Abigail Kelm, Valerie Edgington, Shari Pulskamp, Miranda Vogel, Nancy Herman, Silvia Pumacayo Delgado, Andrea Gindele, Alexander Bertsch. Second row: Emily Sumner, Robert Schwab, Jackie Kramer, Amanda Boyd, Amy Kislung, Charles Sweeney, Sarah Minges, Andrew Beardslee.*

### Student Awards

Awards were given to the following students from the graduating MPT Class of 2006:

*Scholastic Award:* **Melissa Miller and Christy Brassfield**

*Professional Service Award:* **Jesse Neiheisel**

*Clinical Performance Award:* **Melissa Miller and Michelle Michels**

The following students from the Class of 2007 were awarded Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Science degrees with honors.

*Cum laude:* **Brandon Bentley, Robert Dunham, Diana Grilliot, Jessica Hountz, Jason Hugentobler, Erin Kiely, Alison Reid**

*Magna cum laude:* **Kimberly Smagac**

*Summa cum laude:* **Kelly Moore, Christina Nemec, Robin Stoneburner**

## SPTA

The Student Physical Therapy Association (SPTA) elected officers for the upcoming 2006-2007 academic year:

*President:* **Kelly Moore**

*Vice President:* **Diana Grilliot**

*Secretary:* **Alison Reid**

*Treasurer:* **Carissa Metz**

*'07 Class Reps:* **Kristen Russell, Robin Stoneburner**

*Committee Chairs:*

Activities: **Felicia Thacker**

Continuing Education: **Eric McEvoy**

Membership: **Kim Smagac**

Nominations: **Connie Klein**

Public Relations: **Julie Fisher**

Ways and Means: **Amanda Hauck**

WebCT: **Rob Dunham**

**Mandy Fessler and Amber Reising, '06, and Kelly Moore, '07,** participated in "Climb the Carew" event to raise money for the American Lung Association.

**Class of 2007 students Kelly Moore, Rob Dunham, Bob Hammergren, Diana Grilliot, Katie Henlein, Jason Hugentobler and Professors Mary Romanello, Tonya Apke, and Jeanine Gunn** attended the APTA's Eastern Region Leadership Development Seminar in March.

**Matthew Hull, '06, Diana Grilliot, Amanda Hauck, Kelly Moore and Christina Nemec, '07,** were acknowledged

by the College for their outstanding service to the campus ministry program.

## Alumni News

Per recommendations from Mount MPT graduates Kelly Greve and Kit Hoffmann who serve on our external advisory board, we have added the alumni news section so we can learn about the exciting happenings in our graduates' lives. Please refer to the form below and as it says, keep in touch!

## Clinical Internships

Thanks to all of you who contributed to another successful summer of clinical internships! We truly appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to providing quality experiences for our students. This year our students again completed clinicals in cities all across the country. We even had our first international clinical set up at a sports medicine facility in Toronto, ONT in Canada! The diversity of these experiences greatly impacts the students' professional development, leading to very rich and spirited discussions back at school! As always, please feel free to contact Tonya Apke, ACCE, at (513) 244-4697 or at [tonya\\_apke@mail.msj.edu](mailto:tonya_apke@mail.msj.edu) with questions or concerns pertaining to clinical education, especially as our program transitions to the DPT.

## Keep in Touch!

We'd like to publish news about our alumni, clinics, and clinical instructors in the *PT Examiner*. Please send us your information about births, marriages, job changes, and/or any activity or accomplishment (for example: presentations, publications, community service, etc. Also, please include your contact information.

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