

Clinical Site Spotlight



The clinical spotlight for this edition is **Carespring Healthcare Centers**. Carespring has several centers across Ohio and Kentucky whose staff consistently provides our students with quality clinical experiences in the skilled nursing home setting. Carespring's mission is "to listen for thoughts that can't be spoken and sounds that can't be heard." This compassionate philosophy definitely inspires our students to do the same. Students comment on the caring and compassionate PT, OT and nursing staff. This positive environment is conducive not only to learning the skills of PT, but also to encourage better communication, compassion and the willingness to go the extra mile for patients. In addition, students are also exposed to the administrative side of rehabilitation, which enriches their understanding of PT practice as a part of the total health care delivery at a successful skilled nursing facility.

The staff at Carespring has always been very willing to assist with clinical placements and/or to provide their expertise in our classrooms. Our students have observed and worked at the Carespring facilities in Erlanger, Ky., Ft. Thomas, Ky., Cincinnati, West Chester, and Springboro. We would like to thank John Muller, Chris Chirumbolo, Emily Walborn, Blake Broering, Nicki Logsdon, and Judy Meyer for being outstanding clinical instructors and role models!



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EL-DPT Admission for the Class of 2011

First priority applications were due September 1, 2007. However, applications will continue to be accepted based on class availability until January 1, 2008.

Visit www.msjeu/dpt for complete admission instructions and information.

PT Classroom "Without Walls"

For the 5th consecutive year, Dr. Lisa Dehner has asked her Geriatric Evaluation and Treatment students to develop and implement mental and physical activity sessions for the seniors at the Eldermount Adult Day Program.



Danette Ahrens MPT '07 assists Eldermount member Judy Cowels with her toss as Mary Lee Shea enjoys a break from the action.

Changing of the Guard

The DPT Program has lost a strong leader. **Dr. Mary Romanello** has decided to pursue other career endeavors. Mary will be continuing this year as a PT faculty member and as the director of the Faculty Development Institute. We will certainly feel the loss of Dr. Romanello's leadership, vision and tireless commitment to the success of the program and its students. For this year, **Dr. Karen Holtgreffe** will be assuming the position of interim director and **Dr. Lisa Dehner** will serve as the associate director. We are beginning the process of searching for a new, permanent program director and welcome alumni and clinician input. Please contact the program if you are interested in serving in this capacity.

Unfortunately, we are losing another valued member of the faculty. Dr. Tonya Apke left the program this month to become the DCE at Ohio State University. Dr. Apke has served as the ACCE at the Mount since 1998. Over the years, she has worked tirelessly to mentor students in their professional development, to help the program assess those behaviors and to advance the profession of PT through her leadership roles in the OPTA and APTA. Her presence will be sorely missed by the Mount faculty and students as well as by the Cincinnati clinical community.

Welcome New Faculty Members



Kevin Lawrence, PT, DHS, OCS, has joined the Mount faculty this year. Dr. Lawrence got off to a very busy start this summer finishing his teaching responsibilities at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pa., and beginning his course instruction at the Mount the following week. Dr. Lawrence earned his bachelor's degree in physical therapy from Marquette University, his master's degree in physical therapy from Virginia Commonwealth University, and his doctorate of health science from the University of Indianapolis. Dr. Lawrence is a board certified orthopedic specialist and brings 11 years of teaching experience. He will be responsible for teaching evaluation and treatment of the spine and hand, biomechanics and kinesiology and therapeutic exercise. Dr. Lawrence resides in Lawrenceburg, Ind., with his wife, Alice, who is a pediatric resident at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center. His son, James is a freshman at the Mount and his daughter Katelynn is a senior at The University of Mary Washington in Fredricksburg, Va.



Peter Mosher, PT, DPT, has joined the Mount faculty as the ACCE. Dr. Mosher is a Cincinnati native who is thrilled to be joining us and assisting in our students' clinical education. Dr. Mosher earned his DPT from St. Louis University and comes to us from a clinical position at Cincinnati Sports Medicine and Orthopaedics Center (CSMOC) in Montgomery. Dr. Mosher is a former NCAA cross-country runner and as such, he has a particular interest in gait mechanics, running injuries and prevention, and exercise performance. He has coordinated an orthotics program at CSMOC and has served as a consultant at Bob Ronker's Running Spot Health Clinics.

In addition to his ACCE role, Dr. Mosher will be assisting Dr. Karen Holtgreffe in exercise physiology. Dr. Mosher resides in College Hill with his wife Eileen who is a physical therapist at Good Samaritan Hospital.

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Faculty News

Teaching Awards



Mary Romanello, PT, ATC, PhD, SCS, received the 2007 Sr. Adele Clifford Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is named in honor of the late Sister Adele Clifford, a Sister of Charity and long time professor of biology and former president of the College. The Clifford Award is the highest honor presented to a member of the Mount's faculty.



Jeanine Gunn, PT, DPT, received the 2007 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year Award. The Adjunct Teaching Award is the highest recognition presented to a member of the Mount's adjunct teaching faculty. This award recognizes teaching performance and contributions to the academic department and the Mount.

Lisa Dehner, PT, PhD, presented "Connections of the Rostral Suprasylvian and Anterior Ectosylvian Sulci in Cat: Implications for Sound Localization" at the International Brain Research Organization's World Congress of Neuroscience in Melbourne, Australia in July.

Marsha Eifert-Mangine, PT, ATC, MEd, was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Greater Cincinnati YMCA's Y-Quest Equine Program in April 2007. The goal of this program is to develop a world class riding center serving diverse populations.

Ann Fritch, PT, MSPT, MS, NCS, was busy with her personal life. She married Marty McCormick on July 30, 2007 and became a stepmom to Mike, Mary Kate and Emily.

Karen Holtgreffe, PT, DHS, OCS, contributed to the fifth edition of "Therapeutic Exercise: Foundations and Techniques" by Carolyn Kisner and Lynn Colby. She wrote Chapter 2: Prevention, Health, and Wellness; revised and co-authored Chapter 7: Principles of Aerobic Exercise; and contributed to Chapter 11: Joint, Connective Tissue, Bone Disorders and Management.

Renee Loftspring, PT, EdD, presented a poster entitled "Simple Ways to Influence Attitude Formation and Change" at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center conference, *Navigating Educational Waters*, in May.

Mary Romanello, PT, ATC, PhD, SCS, published the paper "Integrating Cultural Competence in Physical Therapist Education: A Case Study" in the Journal of Physical Therapy Education, spring issue, 2007.

Student News

Welcome to the DPT Class of 2010



1st row: Emily Roflow, Katie Erb, Chelsea Rhodes, Molly Liedhegner
2nd row: Megan Dodge, Julie Montgomery, Carolyn Campbell, Sarah Dicks, Karla Roedel, Kristin Nuscher, Joyce Kwong, Suzanne Ibrahim
3rd row: Lauren Byrom, Shannon Baker, Missy Smith, Lisa Davis, Julie Stevens
4th row: Brandon Cordes, Jeff Reinstatler, Kevin Holder

Professional Activities



PT Day on Capitol Hill: Sarah Minges, Dr. Mary Romanello and Rob Dunham with Representative Steve Chabot and other OPTA delegates.

Rob Dunham MPT '07 and **Sarah Minges DPT '09** were the co-winners of the OPTA Advocacy Academy Student Essay Contest. Both students were invited to attend APTA Advocacy Academy and PT Day on Capital Hill, May 22-24, 2007. You can read Sarah's Advocacy Academy report in the July issue of OPTA Access.

Leanne Parks MPT '07 and **Jessica Hountz MPT '07** presented a poster entitled "How Effective are your Patient Education Materials?" at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center conference, *Navigating Educational Waters*, in May.

Kelly Moore MPT '07 was awarded the College of Mount St. Joseph's Silver Excellence in Leadership Award. Among her many other leadership roles, Kelly was SPTA president for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Rob Dunham MPT '07 was nominated for the Ohio PT Student of the Year Award for 2007. Congratulations Rob!

Student Awards

The PT Program annually bestows special departmental awards to students in the graduating class. Awards were given to the following students from the class of 2007:

Scholastic Award for Highest GPA: **Robin Stoneburner**

Outstanding Service Award: **Rob Dunham**

Outstanding Clinical Performance Award:

Jessica Hountz, Eric McEvoy and Katie Schwegmann

SPTA

SPTA officer election took place this spring for the 2007-2008 academic year. Congratulations to the following students:

President: Jackie Kramer

Vice-President: Alex Bertsch

Secretary: Sarah Minges

Treasurer: Nancy Herman

Activities Chairperson: Abby Kehn

OPTA Student SIG Representative: Amanda Boyd

PT Students Join the March of Dimes Walk America



The Mount PT students not only formed a walking team to raise money in support of the March of Dimes but they also led the 10,000 plus participants in pre-walk stretches.

Clinical Education

Farewell from Tonya Apke, ACCE

It is with both sadness and excitement that I will be leaving the Mount. It is amazing that I've been at the Mount for nearly 10 years. Time really flies when you're having fun! I have loved my time at the Mount and have truly enjoyed working with the students and clinicians and, of course, my colleagues here at the Mount. I feel really blessed to have been a part of building this great program. If you ever need anything you can find me in Columbus at OSU.

Clinical Educator Award

The 2nd annual Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award is presented to Eric Oliver, PT, director of operations at Orthopedic Physical Therapy and Associates. Clinical instructors are nominated by Mount students and chosen from a committee of faculty. Eric was described as a quiet leader who was able to seamlessly manage being a clinical instructor while also guiding two other newer therapists at the clinic. Eric's student comments, "He solicited learning from me on a different level than any other clinical instructor I have worked with." Eric serves as a model to students because of his high standards of PT practice as well as his involvement in the community. Congratulations Eric!

Alumni News

Becky (Kramer) Knoll '01 gave birth to son Nathan Thomas on April 24, 2007. Nathan joins his three-year-old sister, Elise. Becky is working part time for Mercy Health Partners in Western Hills.

Jennifer Bridwell '05 is currently working at Coastal Carolina Medical Center in Bluffton, S.C.

Keep in Touch!

We'd like to publish news about our alumni, clinics and clinical instructors in the PT Examiner. Please send us 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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