



Clinical Site Spotlight: Mercy Franciscan Hospital

In each newsletter, we highlight a facility that has made a significant impact on our students and our clinical education program. In this issue, we're pleased to recognize **Mercy Franciscan Hospital Mt. Airy**. The talented staff at Mercy Mt. Airy has consistently provided our students with a challenging, stimulating and positive experience. Students have complimented the staff on their ability to teach and their passion for patient care. Tracy Schweder, PT, CCCE, has also been a guest presenter for our students. She always takes the time to assure the students are getting what they need and has stepped in to cover cancellations on multiple occasions. The staff also has been essential to our growth as a program by providing us with helpful feedback to better prepare our students academically. Thanks to all of the staff at Mercy Mt. Airy!

Pictured at left: Denise Mahan, PTA; Jennifer Horn, PT; Amy Ulm, PT; Tracy Schweder, PT, MHS; Donna Leahy, PT.



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EL-DPT Admission for the Class of 2011

First priority applications are due **September 1, 2007**.

Applications will be accepted thereafter based on class availability until the final deadline of **January 1, 2008**.

Complete admission instructions and information can be found at our Web site: www.msj.edu/dpt.

Upcoming Clinical Internships

- MPT students
- May 21-July 13
 - July 16-September 7
- DPT students
- August 20-November 9 (outpatient orthopedics)

Letters to clinical facilities have already been sent for this internship as well as for 2008 internships.

If you have not received a letter or have any questions, please contact us.

With Our Thanks

As the 2006-07 academic year winds down, we have been preparing our 2007 MPT class to join you for their final clinical experiences in May while our DPT students will get their first taste of full-time clinical training beginning in August. We are excited to offer them the opportunity to work under the quality supervision you, our clinical instructors, provide. To acknowledge your importance to our Physical Therapy Program, we have instituted new benefits for clinical instructors. Any physical therapist who serves as a clinical instructor for a Mount PT student will have full access to our library for the entire year following the student's clinical internship. Each January, letters will be sent to those clinicians who are eligible. Clinicians will be able to use the Mount library onsite as well as search MEDLINE and other databases from home including access to many free, full text articles through December of that year.

Leaders in Our Profession

The College of Mount St. Joseph's PT faculty have not only been hard at work in the classroom but also leading our profession. Three of our faculty members were elected to leadership positions in the Ohio Physical Therapy Association (OPTA). **Jeanine Gunn, PT, DPT**, was elected President-Elect of the OPTA. Jeanine began serving her one-year term on January 1 and will become OPTA President January 1, 2008. Additionally, **Mary Romanello, PT, ATC, PhD, SCS**, was elected as Chair and **Karen Holtgreffe, PT, DHS, OCS**, was elected as Vice Chair of the OPTA Southwest District. Additionally, Dr. Romanello was also elected to serve as an Ohio Delegate to the APTA National Assembly. Congratulations to Dr.'s Gunn, Romanello and Holtgreffe. We look forward to their strong leadership.



Students Travel to Texas

Kelly Moore, Kristen Russell, Julie Fisher, Carissa Metz, and Alison Reid from the MPT Class of 2007; **Shari Pulskamp** and **Jackie Kramer** from the DPT Class of 2009; and Dr. Tonya Apke traveled to Dallas to attend the APTA National Student Conclave (NSC) in October. The students attended meetings, listened to presentations, explored the exhibit hall, participated in an open forum with APTA President R. Scott Ward, and voted in the election of Student Assembly officers. It was a great opportunity for them to meet other students and network with physical therapy professionals. One student even joined the acute care section after meeting and talking with the section president!

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Faculty News

Tonya Apke, PT, DPT, OCS, has two upcoming CI credentialing courses scheduled for April 20-21 at the University of Cincinnati and May 4-5 at Sinclair Community College. If you are interested in attending, please contact us.

Lisa Dehner, PT, PhD, presented "Evidence for the Use of Dietary Supplements and Medicinal Herbs to Treat the Symptoms of Menopause" at APTA's Combined Sections Meeting in Boston on February 17.

Marsha Eifert-Mangine, PT, ATC, EdD, successfully defended her dissertation "Comparing Learning and Satisfaction with Continuing Education of Physical Therapists using Traditional and Online Formats" and graduated with a Doctor of Education (EdD) degree from the University of Cincinnati on December 9th.

Ann Fritch, PT, MSPT, MS, NCS, displayed a poster presentation "An Innovative Lower Extremity Bracing System For a Child with Low Tone" at the OPTA Fall conference.

Karen Holtgreffe, PT, DHS, OCS, served as a lab assistant for Dr. Bill Boissonault during his seminar "Differential Diagnosis: Treat or Refer the Patient?" hosted by the OPTA on September 29-30 in Columbus. Along with Dr. Dehner, Dr. Holtgreffe presented a seminar on "PT Management of the Complex Patient with Cardiopulmonary and Endocrine Disorders" at the OPTA Fall Conference.

Renee Loftspring, PT, EdD, is currently working with students on a research project related to quality of life and aerobic exercise for persons with multiple sclerosis.

Mary Romanello, PT, ATC, PhD, SCS, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure by the College in December. Additionally, Dr. Romanello presented the course "Communicating Across Differences: Enhancing an Ethic of Care" with Karen O'Loughlin, PT and displayed a poster presentation "Physical Fitness Testing in Elementary and Middle Schools: A Descriptive Study" with Mount graduates **Erin Ankenman, Cari Rave** and **Marci Walicki** at the OPTA Fall Conference.

Student News

PT Classrooms "Without Walls"

For a second year, **Dr. Karen Holtgreffe** included a community project in her PT 526 Applied Orthopedics (Spine) course. MPT students provided: free scoliosis screenings for the 5th-7th grades at St Paul's School Florence; ergonomics assessments for Mount staff; an arthritis education program at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse; and *pro bono* evaluation and treatment of individual patients from the community.

Jessica Hountz and **Kelly Edwards**, MPT Class of 2007, presented "Alzheimer's Disease: Implications for the Caregiver" to the staff of Eldermount Adult Day Care and their advisor, **Dr. Lisa Dehner** on November 8th as a part of their Research Practicum course.



Kim Smagac and Diana Grilliot, MPT Class of 2007, presented "Autism: Diagnosis, Treatment and Implications for the Classroom" to the staff of Monroe Elementary School and their advisor, **Dr. Lisa Dehner** on November 13th as a part of their Research Practicum course.

Professional Activities

MPT Class of 2007 students **Danette Ahrens, Leanne Parks, Kelly Edwards**, and **Diana Grilliot** attended the OPTA State Conference and Student Symposium held in Aurora, Ohio. The students participated in the Hot Topics open forum, the general assembly meeting and attended multiple break-out sessions during the day, including a luncheon with the OPTA leadership.

MPT Class of 2007 students **Leanne Parks, Kelly Edwards, Kelly Moore, Rob Dunham, Jena Rutter**, and **Felicia Thacker**, as well as DPT Class of 2009 students **Alex Bertsch** and **Sarah Minges**, attended the OPTA Leadership Conference in Columbus in March. The annual Leadership Conference provides students and clinicians with a unique opportunity to meet one-on-one with a leader in the OPTA and learn valuable information about how to become involved and develop leadership skills for the future.

Student Awards



Andrew Beardslee DPT '09, was awarded a graduate scholarship from the Association for Professionals in Aging. This award is given annually to two students enrolled in fields of study leading to a career in aging. Judging criteria included: personal character and merit and academic achievement as demonstrated through leadership in school, civic and extracurricular activities. Congratulations Andy!

SPTA



In service to the community, SPTA sponsored booths at two area parks on Oct. 14 and 15th in celebration of this year's theme for PT month, "Moving You to Better Health." One group of students and faculty set up at the Loveland Bike Trail during their Small Stacks event and another group went to Miami Whitewater Forest. In keeping with the focus of bicycle fit and safety, students

handed out APTA brochures and bike reflectors, and answered the bike fit/safety questions for attendees.

Also in October, SPTA held a basket contest and raffle on campus to raise money for the Pitt-Marquette Challenge. They earned and donated over \$500!

Alumni News

Heather (Wolfgang) Fronk '00 has been living in Honolulu, Hawaii for the past 5 years. Heather currently works at Queen's Medical Center and serves as secretary of the Hawaii Physical Therapy Association's Board of Directors. Personally, she has added to her family, giving birth to Gabriela Nicole on April 3rd, 2006. Heather can be reached via email at hwolfgangfrank@hotmail.com.

Jody (Lampe) Raugh '01 is a Physical Therapist II at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and is living in North Bend, Ohio.

Kelly (Swink) Deppen '02 was married on September 16th, 2006. She currently works for Concept Rehabilitation in Piqua and Covington, Ohio.

Jamie (Bayliss) Webb '05 is FCE trained and certified and running the CARF program for Westside Novacare.

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.

Complete and mail this form to:

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Getting Involved

The PT Program often gets requests to participate in various high school career fairs representing the profession of physical therapy. While we would like to participate in all of these, it is not practical. In light of this, we thought perhaps some of our alumni may have an interest in getting involved. Any interested alum should contact Dr. Loftspring at renee_loftspring@mail.msj.edu. Additionally, if you are an alum of a Greater Cincinnati area high school and already serve in this capacity, or would like to develop something at your high school, please contact us so we can coordinate your activity. Thank you for your consideration!

Clinical Education

This summer will mark the end of the MPT Program internships and the beginning of the DPT Program internships. We have expanded the time students are in the clinic from 30 weeks to 46 weeks with the goal of improving skills, confidence, problem solving abilities, and their appreciation of their professional role. As such, we will be updating the Clinical Education Handbook this Spring and it will be sent out to each clinical site upon completion. Please feel free to contact Tonya Apke anytime with questions or concerns pertaining to clinical education, at (513) 244-4697 or via e-mail at tonya_apke@mail.msj.edu.