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Reconnect with OHIO Physical Therapy

Connection Form
Please complete our OHIO PT Connection form by clicking here so that we can build a stronger alumni community!

New Facebook Group
Join our Facebook group here, a place for students, faculty, and alumni to collaborate and share ideas, news and opportunities. Once you're a member, help others reconnect by inviting your classmates to join!

Annual Reunion
Plans are in the works for an annual fall reunion event in Athens. Be on the lookout for more announcements in the coming months.

Connect on Social Media:
Combined Sections Meeting

*February 15-18, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas*

**Connect with us at the conference!**

Please join us to network, reconnect with fellow alumni and catch up with your alma mater at the OHIO PT Alumni Reception.

**Thursday, February 16th, 6:30-8 p.m.**

*The Marriott River Walk Hotel*

Travis Room
889 E Market Street
San Antonio, TX 78205

No RSVP required. Questions may be directed to pt.alumni@ohio.edu or 740.593.1224. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Be sure to attend OHIO PT students and faculty presentations at CSM!**

**Poster Presentations Friday, 2-17, 1-3 p.m.**

- Anodal transcranial direct current stimulation in increased maximum isometric trunk extensor strength in healthy subjects.
  - Emily Ellerbrock, Cody Chabola & James Thomas, PT, PhD
Clinical education terminology: Comparison of program-assigned labels and student-reported experiences.
Andrew Lioi, Emily Kaufman, & Janice Howman, PT, DPT, MA

Poster Presentations Saturday, 2-18, 1-3 p.m.

- Talar dome articular cartilage thickness in individuals with and without ankle sprains.
  - Megan Gill, Johnny Kipp & Gary Chleboun, PT, PhD
- Reliability and concurrent validity of a 2D observational running gait assessment tool.
  - Kevin Yu & Robert Wayner, PT, DPT
- Determining the role of lumbar extensor moment during time to task failure.
  - Rachael Puthoff, Ryan Kaya & James Thomas, PT, PhD
- Implications of pelvic floor dysfunction in post-partum women with primary complaint of LBP: A Case Series.
  - Brooke Berlan & Betty Sindelar, PT, PhD
- Barriers to intensive pediatric PT in rural southeastern Ohio: A parent survey.
  - Patricia Koehl, Tyler McLean, Tobe Gillogly, MS, PTA, & Janice Howman, PT, DPT, MA

ANNOUNCING: New Assistant Director of Clinical Education Position

We are accepting applications and nominations for a full time assistant director of clinical education. This is a non-tenure clinical faculty 11-month appointment. This position will help us to better serve the needs of our students and the clinical sites. Working with Janice Howman, our director of clinical education, this person will be part of a dynamic team that will not only enhance the clinical experiences for our students, but have the opportunity to participate in clinical education research. For more information about the position and to apply, click here.

For questions/concerns, email Janice Howman, DPT, MA, Director of Clinical Education, or call her at 740.593.1614.

Class of 2017 Presents Capstone Research Projects
Congratulations to the Class of 2017, who presented their capstone research projects during a poster session in Grover Center on November 30, 2016.

First year students had the opportunity to learn from the third year students, who presented research on topics including cutting edge back pain research, clinical instructor productivity, developing a 2D running gait analysis tool, workers compensation and physical therapy, articular cartilage thickness of the talus, examining the effects of fish oil in rats recovering from an injury, and case studies related to patients seen on clinical experiences. The Class of 2017 began their final clinical education rotation in January and will return to Athens to graduate in April. We wish them all the best in their final semester and can't wait to see all that they accomplish!

Local Alumni Events

This fall, Gary Chleboun had the opportunity to meet with OHIO PT alumni in Cleveland for a social event (top photo).

He also visited Charlotte and Greenville in late October.
The bottom right photo shows Gary in Greenville with alumni from 1992, 1993, and 2015.

Thanks to those of you who have kept in touch and made these reunions possible! We hope to organize more regional social, professional and volunteer events this year. Please complete our Connection Form so we can begin to form alumni communities around the country!

Student Spotlight

Give Kids the World Program

OHIO PT Alumni Board Meeting
The Alumni Board had their quarterly meeting via conference call on January 13, 2017. They are working on creating a new leadership structure with a chair, vice chair, and secretary position. Other topics discussed included the Alumni Reception at CSM, having an alumni gathering at the OPTA Conference in March, and inviting board members to the annual graduation dinner to welcome graduates to the alumni community. Please contact us by email if you are interested in learning more or becoming a part of the Alumni Board.

Over the last week of winter break, six second-year OHIO PT students volunteered at Give Kids the World. Give Kids the World is a non-profit organization that provides weeklong stays for children with life-threatening diseases and their families in Florida, near all of the main attractions. At the Give Kids the World Village, families stay at villas and have a weeklong trip full of many events, all for free.

The students volunteered by operating carnival rides, serving food, and putting on pirate and princess parties. All of the students found the event inspiring, and it made them even more excited to begin their career as a physical therapist. The students met one family whose son was told he would never be able to walk, but PT was able to help him walk and run. Jesse Mehring said, “It was truly inspiring to see the gratitude of this wonderful family and the impact that I may hope to have in the lives of others as I pursue a career in PT.”

Several students from the Class of 2018 attended the Cleveland Clinic Sports Symposium November 3–5, 2016.

Be on the Lookout!
Look for the next edition of Connecting Point, the CHSP alumni e-newsletter, coming to your mailbox next month! Past

Scholarship Fund Donations
Click here for instructions on how to donate to any of the following scholarships. Thank you for your generosity!
Issues are available on the college's alumni page.

1. Cynthia Norkin Scholarship (Service and Leadership)
2. Joy Boyd Memorial Scholarship (Academic Merit and Professionalism)
3. Southpaw Enterprises Scholarship (Pediatrics)
4. Carole J. Marchal Scholarship (Pediatrics)
5. Po Hickenbottom Scholarship (Pediatrics)
6. OUTA Steve Trotta Scholarship (SE Ohio Resident/Nontraditional Student)
7. Trotta, Haste, Schulman Scholarship (Faculty Choice)
8. PT Student Support Fund (Student Research Projects)
9. PT General Fund (Multipurpose)
10. Botswana Fund (Yearly Student Study Abroad Trip)

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Alumni Apparel

This summer, new OHIO PT apparel will be available for purchase. Be sure to check the alumni newsletters and our social media accounts for updates!

OHIO PT Alumni T-shirts are available for purchase through the Bobcat Store. View and purchase the black shirt here, and the heather gray shirt here.