

Letter from the Chair

By MaryBeth Mandich PT PhD

Greetings to all alumni and friends of our WVU physical therapy program. As summer draws to a close, we look forward to seeing new faces but also think fondly of the past. I for one can't believe that it has been twenty-nine years since I started as a junior faculty member here and faced teaching my first class.

One thing that is a constant in all the years is that physical therapy as a profession continues to change and evolve. I hope that all of you treasure the profession as much as I do, and I hope that you are staying active somehow in representing the profession through this time of potentially dramatic change in health care. In perusing at least one of the bills in front of Congress, in over a thousand pages, I found no mention of rehabilitation or allied health. I am concerned that our very valuable expertise in helping improve patients' quality of life will be de-valued or overlooked.

The faculty of the Division continue to accrue an impressive record of accomplishments. Dr. Mia Erickson, with Dr. Utzman, published a textbook on documentation for physical therapists. The American Physical Therapy Association specialty practice sections each have journals, and we have two editors of those journals on our faculty: Dr. Swisher for the Cardiopulmonary Section and Dr. Erickson for the Hand Section. Dr. Utzman is finalizing work on the third part of his dissertation, to be submitted to *Physical Therapy*, our flagship journal. I gave a national presentation in Baltimore on integration of the ICF (International Classification of Functioning, Disability & Health) into pediatric practice across the lifespan. One of our newest faculty members, Tracy Rice, an alumnus of the Class of 1998, just received her board certification in Neurologic Physical Therapy and will be formally recognized at Combined Sections Meeting in San Diego. Dr. Krystal Thomas joined the faculty last October to establish a much needed practice in women's health physical therapy for the region. Dr. Dina Jones, who holds a joint appointment in the Division, continues to accumulate funding for her work, which emphasizes physical activity as a positive lifestyle intervention for arthritic disease.

Despite these successes on the part of current faculty, it has been difficult to obtain the funding for research start-up packages which attract scientists. With the change to the doctorate, accreditation continues to emphasize that physical therapy education programs have faculty who have extramural funding. We recently completed a cycle of a search in which we came

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Featured Alumni	2
Reunion Classes (1979, 1989, 1999)	4
2009 DPT Graduates	4
Message from Class 2010	5
New Awards	6
Message from Class 2011	7
Pathways Ceremony	8
Visiting Scholars	9

very close to recruiting a prominent scientist who studies neuroplasticity following brain injury in primates. We are ready to launch the search once again. This time, the search will be in conjunction with a 9 million dollar initiative on stroke which was announced in June on the part of West Virginia University.

As is mentioned later in the newsletter, one of our Division goals is to establish a post-professional residency. Our first residency proposed is in orthopedics. Faculty are working as we speak to develop the written parts of the required proposal and several clinics have been contacted to determine interest levels for mentorship sites.

As you read the newsletter, please note upcoming events, including the 2nd annual PT classic golf scramble on September 13th and the traditional alumni weekend football tent, which will be held for the Marshall game on October 17th.

We appreciate all of you who support the program as Clinical Instructors, guest lecturers, committee members and donors. We also appreciate alumni like Lori Lovern, featured later in the newsletter, who represent the profession with such passion and activism.

I hope this newsletter finds all of you well and that you enjoy hearing from us. We certainly enjoy hearing from you. Remember, more regular updates are available on the Division web site www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/pt. Please register and check the site regularly for news.

Alumni Weekend (Football Tent) –Beat the Herd

Come and join us for the Annual WVU Professional Programs Alumni Football Tent on **Saturday, October 17, 2009** prior to the **WVU v. Marshall** football game. The tent will be located in Tent City 3 (near the signal light on Don Nehlen Dr.). The start time will depend on the scheduled kickoff. Look for a registration form in the mail. You may also contact April Cukic at (304) 293-1320.

Featured Alumni

The WVU Division of Physical Therapy is proud of the outstanding contribution of WVU alumni to the Physical Therapy profession. In this issue we are highlighting the accomplishments of two outstanding alumni.

Steve George PT, PhD

Dr. George received his bachelor's degree in PT from WVU in 1994. He received a MS in orthopedic physical therapy and a PhD in rehabilitation science from the University of Pittsburgh in 1997 and 2002, respectively. He then completed a post-doctoral fellowship in the Center for Pain Research and Behavioral Health at the University of Florida in 2004. Dr. George is currently an Associate Professor at University of Florida in the Department of Physical Therapy. His primary research interests involve the utilization of biopsychosocial models for the prevention and treatment of chronic musculoskeletal pain disorders. Dr. George has received research funding from numerous sources including: NIH, DOD, and the Foundation for Physical Therapy.



"Authored over 55 peer-reviewed publications"

Dr. George has authored over 55 peer-reviewed publications and has received several awards including: Eugene Michels New Investigator Award, Jack Wessel Excellence Award for Assistant Professors, and the John C Liebeskind Early Career Scholar Award. Despite Dr. George's education and training at both Pitt and UFL, he remains a faithful Mountaineer. We are proud to call him a WVU PT alum.

dedication.

Lori Lovern PT, OCS

Mrs. Lovern received her bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy from West Virginia University in 1985. She has practiced in Morgantown, Bluefield, and Princeton West Virginia. She earned Board Certification as an Orthopedic Clinical Specialist in 2000. Lori is the owner of OCV Physical Therapy in Princeton, WV. She is current President of West Virginia Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. Lori has served the West Virginia Physical Therapy Association in numerous capacities including: President, Treasurer, Legislative Committee Co-Chair, Federal Affairs Liaison, and a Delegate in the APTA House of Delegates. Lori has served as a faithful WVU Clinical Instructor for many years and is always willing to take a student on short notice. Lori's service to the Physical Therapy profession and West Virginia University makes Lori a tremendous professional role model for our students. The faculty would like to thank her for her time and



"Current President of West Virginia Chapter of American Physical Therapy Association"



Physical Therapist Opportunities for new grads and experienced individuals at Charleston Area Medical Center!!

General Hospital
Level I Trauma Center
Academic Teaching Facility
Stroke Center of Excellence
JOINT CAMP TOTAL JOINT PROGRAM

TBI/SCI Programs
JCAHO/CARF Accredited
Inpatient Medical Rehabilitation
Inpatient Acute Care Therapies

Full Time, Part Time and Per Diem Positions Available

CAMC Offers:
Competitive salary
Recently Increased Sign-On Bonus Comprehensive Benefits Package

Weekend Shift Differential
On Site Continuing Education
Clinical Teaching Opportunities
Multidisciplinary Setting

For more information on these career opportunities, please contact Employment Services at 304-388-6054 or 1-800-323-5157. For immediate consideration, visit our website at www.camc.org and complete an online application.

CAMC will conduct a drug test and background check on all new hires.

Equal Opportunity Employer

Reunion Classes

The following WVU PT Classes are celebrating milestones this year.

Class 1979

Sharon Bolden, Larry Cassis, Debbie Costianes, Vicki Cox, Catherine Foster, Barbara Husson, Vicki Jordan, Pamela Laboda, David Lee, Keith Leffel (deceased), Linda Lloyd, Nancy McClure, Elaine Matthews, Nancy Rauschmayer, Susan Rawlings, Jeffery Schwarz

Class 1989

Ann Brady, Matt Darmelio, Jeff Goode, Kara Goodwin, Laura Herring, Doug Hibbs, Barb Irish, Mike Kessler, Kevin Kirk, Amy Lambert, Juanita Loy, Jennie Moore, Blair Morris, Diane Ombres Chris Sevick, Rebecca Smith, Ralph Utzman, Caren Werlinger

Class 1998–1999

Heather Allen, Amy Dunlap, Tracy Casto, Dallas Dunn, Rebecca Gunter, Andi Geary, Diana Higgins, Gretchen Lane, Joy McDowell, Wendy Morgan, Lisa Mullett, Susan Mullett, Andi Willis, Jaime Rolle, Natalie Staton, Jodi Sutphin

2009 DPT Graduates

Congratulations to the newest graduates of the WVU Physical Therapy Program (Class 2009).

Dr. Rebekah Aranda	Dr. Shelly Arthur
Dr. Lara Benninger	Dr. Shawn Bosley
Dr. Jessica Chafin	Dr. Christina Davison
Dr. Bobbi Jo Devericks	Dr. Dena Gossard Eye
Dr. Erin Fulmer	Dr. Mark Gibson
Dr. Kendra Hamilton	Dr. Blake LeBlanc
Dr. Michael Menear	Dr. Travis Mollohan
Dr. Andrew Morgan	Dr. Ashley Platte
Dr. Joseph Rasicci	Dr. Joshua Romage
Dr. Haley Rush	Dr. Lyndsay Shaffer
Dr. Jason Shreve	Dr. Manuela Trabert

Awards

Outstanding Student Clinician: Dr. Rebekah Aranda

Research Award: Drs. Christina Davison, Dena Gossard Eye, and Rebekah Aranda

Clinical Pathways Award: Dr. Lyndsay Shaffer

Basic Science Award: Dr. Lyndsay Shaffer



CAPTE Accreditation in 2011

In 2001 the Division of Physical Therapy was granted a full 10-year accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). With 2011 just around the corner, the faculty are starting to prepare for the next CAPTE site visit, which will likely occur in the fall of 2011. Students, clinical instructors, employers, and alumni are a vital part of the success of the WVU Physical Therapy program. Over the next two years we may seek your feedback related to your involvement in the education of our students. We thank you in advance for your willingness to help us in this process.

Please see *New Awards* on page 6

Message from Class 2010

By Christina Committee (Class President)

Hello again, WVU PT Alumni! The Class of 2010 is still hard at work, except now, the days of orthopedics practicals and looming comprehensive examinations are behind us. We have just one year left before we graduate, and it feels so good to be out in the clinics this summer putting our book knowledge to the test in the real world. The portion of the PT program we've undergone so far at WVU has been intensive, and although we may not like to admit it, it's probably for the best because we can at least go into our rotations with confidence that we've been prepared well.

In April, our family, friends, and professors gathered together at the Health Sciences Center to celebrate the receipt of our white coats—a symbol of what we've accomplished to date and a reminder to us of the ethical responsibility we are to uphold at all times. It was a nice chance for our parents to meet the friends and professors we talk so much about!

On Sunday September 13th, the day after the home WVU-East Carolina football game, the Class of 2010 is hosting the 2nd Annual PT Classic Golf Scramble at Mountaineer Golf Course. **Registration Deadline: Monday Aug. 24th** The WVPTA is our title sponsor again, and last year, there was a great turnout. If you like to golf and plan on being in Morgantown that weekend, sign up and stop on by—we'd love to see you. The proceeds go towards our professional development, including attendance at national conferences. For registration forms or more information, please see the Division webpage <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/pt/>.

Thanks to those alumni who continue to serve the University through your involvement as clinical instructors and contributors. It's people like you who help make our program better every year. Have a great summer!



Orthopedic Residency Program

Over the past two years, the Division has been carefully developing an orthopedic residency program. We are pleased to announce plans to start the first cohort of orthopedic residents in 2010. We have partnered with **Mountaineer Physical Therapy** in Summersville to start the program. We anticipate starting with 1-2 residents during the accreditation cycle. If you are interested in learning more about the residency program or you are interested in applying, please contact Corrie Mancinelli PT, PhD or Scott Davis PT, EdD, OCS for details. The orthopedic residency program will consist of a 1 year structured curriculum that includes on-campus and distance learning, participation in Orthopedic Grand Rounds and clinic with WVU Orthopedic Surgeons, surgery observation, teaching experience in Orthopedics or Gross Anatomy, 4 hours per week of supervised one-on-one training with a OCS credentialed therapist, and regular patient consultation with WVU orthopedic faculty. Residents will receive a competitive salary and benefit compensation.

Faculty Appointment

Krystal Thomas PT, MS, DPT

Physical therapist Krystal Thomas has returned to Morgantown to begin a new practice at WVU's Cheat Lake Physicians Office Center. Krystal specializes in:

- Rehabilitation of musculoskeletal conditions unique to women
- Evaluating and treating pain associated with pregnancy and postpartum recovery
- Urinary and fecal incontinence
- Urinary frequency and urgency
- Pelvic pain and pelvic floor dysfunction
- Rehabilitation after female surgeries
- Osteoporosis prevention and management

Krystal has a joint appointment in WVU's Division of Physical Therapy and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy and a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from WVU. She completed a Doctor of Physical therapy degree from Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA, with a focus in women's health.

Previously, Krystal practiced at Healthworks Rehab and Fitness in Morgantown. She joins WVU after having been in private practice in Charlotte, North Carolina since 2006.

In her free time Krystal enjoys walking, antiques, traveling, reading, and spending time with her husband, Michael, as well as family and friends. She looks forward to renewing her involvement in the Women's Health Program for the Division.



Division Establishes New Awards

Sandy L. Burkart Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award

The Sandy L. Burkart Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award was created to acknowledge exceptional service to our students by a clinical instructor. This award bears the name of an individual who made a significant contribution not only to the success of the WVU PT program during the 26 years he served on our faculty, but also to the PT profession. Dr. Burkart is a founding faculty member of the Division and served as the second Chair from 1980-1996. In the early 70's he promoted the development of advanced orthopedic clinical specialization within the APTA and became a founding member of the first clinical specialty section of the APTA. For his dedication to teaching and promoting continued learning throughout one's professional career, Dr. Burkart received the coveted Outstanding Educator of the Year Award from the Orthopedic Section. The recipient of the first annual Sandy L. Burkart Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award is **Lisa Raber Ammons**. After Ms. Ammons graduated 1994, she took a position with Healthsouth Mountainview Rehabilitation Hospital in Morgantown. Presently, she is the Senior PT at that facility, and is the Stroke Team Leader. She has graciously accepted responsibility for clinical instruction of two WVU PT students annually for the past 14 years, and each year receives high scores on her evaluation of instruction. In addition, Lisa teaches the Stroke unit, which involves a considerable amount of time. Students consistently praise her for her teaching abilities, knowledge of neuro-rehabilitation and going the extra mile. She is an outstanding role model. We are grateful to Lisa for her dedication to the program.

Mary Lou Barnes Award for Distinguished Professional Service

The Mary Lou Barnes Award for Distinguished Professional Service was created to honor an alumnus of our program who has made significant contributions to the physical therapy profession through excellence in teaching, research, or service. Mary Lou Barnes was the creator, founder, and first Chair of the PT program at WVU. She wanted to develop a program that: **1)** would provide highly qualified physical therapists to serve the health care needs of the citizens of WV; and **2)** graduate physical therapy clinicians who would be inspired to be life long learners and contribute to our professional body of knowledge throughout their career. The recipient of the first annual Mary Lou Barnes Distinguished Service Award is **Sheyi Ojofeitimi**. Ms. Ojofeitimi is a 2001 graduate of the WVU PT program. She is a Senior Research Associate with the ADAM Center at Long Island University where she conducts biomechanical research. She has published 7 peer-reviewed articles related to musculoskeletal injuries in dancers, and has presented more than 25 platforms and/or posters at numerous national and international physical therapy meetings. Sheyi is a Senior PT with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and Cedar Lake Contemporary Dance Company where she provides backstage injury rehabilitation and prevention education. Sheyi also is a national leader in the APTA Orthopedic Section Performing Arts SIG. Sheyi has contributed greatly to the clinical education of physical therapy students, the research body of knowledge, and service to students and our professional organization.

Welcome Class of 2012

The Division is proud to announce our newest cohort of students who make up the class of 2012. This is the first year that the Division used PTCAS (Physical Therapy Centralized Application System) as part of the admission process. We received 258 applications of which 69 students meet the admission criteria. Thirty two students were accepted as part of the Class of 2012. The class consists of 16 females and 16 males with average overall undergraduate GPA of 3.60. Congratulations to the following new students:

Benjamine Adkins	Joshua Arbaugh
Steven Barrett	Matthew Bates
Brandon Beacom	Jeremy Bodkins
Brielle Cecil	Aaron Copeland
Joseph Cyphert	Nicole DeStefano
Bradley Dodson	Melissa Evans
Laura Foster	Sara Harvey
Ryan Hickey	Carrie James
Mark Karnoupakis	Jessica Link
Mary McClintic	Alexa Northcraft
Emily Paff	Renee Saffell
Ryan Santangelo	Tiffany Satzer
Jamie Simpson	Vanessa Schmid
Jenna Snyder	Julian Spraggins
Laura Stephens	James Swiger
Jeremy Whiteman	

Allegheny Chesapeake Physical Therapy

Allegheny Chesapeake is a private practice owned and operated by physical therapists. Our staff is passionate about providing high quality, compassionate care in the communities we serve. Join our rehab team in a supportive, patient-focused environment where you can feel pride in your work. Current openings are posted at www.AlleghenyChesapeake.com and include:

- **Physical Therapist: Full-time position at outpatient office in the Shadyside section of Pittsburgh. Competitive salary, medical/dental/vision insurance, life and disability coverage, flexible spending accounts, and a 401(k) Plan.**

When your body needs repair...

1-800-NEW-SELF

• Allegheny • Butler • Cambria • Somerset

Message from Class 2011

By Francis Northrup (Class President)

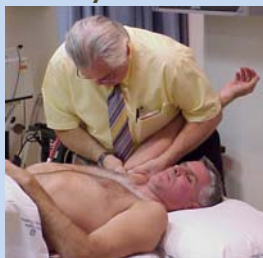
Greetings, WVU PT alumni, from the Class of 2011! My classmates and I are excited to lose the title 'first years' and to join the ranks of the all-knowing upper classmen. We can't wait to impart our infinite wisdom to the new students. They need to know which classes border on the impossible and to be warned about which textbooks are worthless! (Just kidding ... all of us have been thrilled to read every page of every chapter!) During our first year, my class members volunteered their all too precious free time for many good causes including Relay for Life, Dance Marathon, Morgantown hospice, Kid's Rock, mission trips to McDowell county, Adopt-a-Family, church groups, and more. Now that we have one year of experience under our gait belts, we're ready for an action-packed summer of classes, outdoor activities, and volunteer involvement. We're working hard under the fluorescent lighting in the classroom to prepare for the coming fall and for our four-week acute care rotation in January 2010. Outside the HSC, we are putting on our hard hats to help build a house under the guidance of Habitat for Humanity in the Morgantown area. Our class has also planned a car wash, cornhole tournament, and volleyball tournament to raise money for class funds. On behalf of the Class of 2011, I would like to thank you for your continued support of WVU PT. We appreciate the educational opportunities that you have provided for us. As students, we are proud to say we represent this tremendous program and we strive to uphold the reputation of WVU PT.



Class 2011

Kaitlyn Barr, Calvin Bensenhaver, Jared Bloom, Morgan Chambers, Nathaniel Chapman, Jessica Garcia, Candice Harshbarger, David Hayes, Noelle Isiminger, Melissa Karnack, Patrick Kennedy, Rachel Kolanko, Amy Lancaster, Mallory Lazell, Amy Lilly, Travis McClintic, Sarah Mohler, Amy Moore, George Nelson, Francis Northrup, Joshua Petersheim, Ashley Piatt, Heather Reinkevich, Lisa Rockey, Steven Saponznik, Ashley Small, Bethany Stemple, Megan Thomas, Ashely Wade

Faculty Clinical Practice



The faculty clinical practice has seen steady growth over the last year. The faculty who practice as part of University Health Services (UHA) provided over 750 outpatient visits this past year. All Division faculty practice 3 to 4 hours per week in the clinic either onsite as part of UHA or in local clinics or hospitals. The faculty practice has grown steadily despite no effort to advertise or seek referrals from local physicians. The faculty provide one-on-one hands-on physical therapy. We have received tremendous praise from our patients who appreciate the focused attention we are able to provide. The faculty have also made a number of referrals to local clinics based on individual patient needs and services.

Pathways Ceremony

The Class of 2010 celebrated their Pathway's Ceremony in April after passing the comprehensive examinations. The Pathways Ceremony serves to mark the transition from full-time didactic education to the clinical phase of the program. The keynote speaker this year was Sheyi Ojofeitimi MPT (Class 2001) who provided an upbeat and inspiring address. The Class of 2010 is hard at work in the clinic on their summer Rural Health Rotation throughout the state of West Virginia.



Pathways Award: Joey Swearingen

Keynote Speaker: Sheyi Ojofeitimi MPT



Sheyi receives Mary Lou Barnes Distinguished Professional Service Award

Basic Science Award: Left to Right: Bobby Oliverio, Dr. Waggy, David Felton, Jennifer Redmond, Lindsey Swaim, Joey Swearingen

Class 2010

Glenda Adamson, Tiffany Alexander, Krystal Arose, Lori Ann Cline, Christina Committee, Maegan Cook, Stephanie Fazio, David Felton, Danielle Friebe, Tiffany George, Brittany Hagerty, Casey Jackson, Kara Jewell, Jessica Kennedy, Eric Lawrence, Samantha Lyons, Aleacha McClintic, Anna Meckley, Bobby Oliverio, Janice Moon, Ashley Moyers, Rhonda Parker, Lauren Peet, Kelly Poling, Jennifer Redmond, Casey Robinson, Jacob Stevens, Lindsey Swaim, Joey Swearingen, Dana Toumi, Beau Wilson, Lindsey Wimer

Program Facts and Figures

Current Division Enrollment = 93 Total DPT Students

Student to Faculty Ratio = 9.7 Students to 1 Faculty

Graduation Rate = 97%

Mean GPA of Accepted Students = 3.69

Average Federation Board Score = 653 (> 600 passing)

First Time Board Pass Rate = 93%

Number of Admission Applications = 257

Number of Qualified Applications = 69



Spring Visiting Scholar

Chad Cook PT, PhD

Dr. Chad Cook, an internationally known author, researcher, journal editor, and Associate Professor from Duke University, visited the WVU campus in March to present a lecture to students, faculty, alumni, and local clinicians. Dr. Cook is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Manual and Manipulative Therapy*. He has published over 80 peer-reviewed publications and authored several well known orthopedic textbooks. Dr. Cook is also the 2009 winner of the Dorothy E. Baethke-Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching. Dr. Cook's presentation was titled: *Clinical Decision Making in Manual Therapy*.



Fall Visiting Scholar

Katherine J. Sullivan PT, PhD, FAHA

Dr. Katherine Sullivan is Associate Chair and Associate Professor in the Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy at University of Southern California. She is a Co-PI in the Locomotor Experience Applied Post-Stroke (LEAPS) trial, which is a multicenter funded research project that is examining the effectiveness of rehabilitation interventions specifically designed to improve walking in the first year after stroke. Dr. Sullivan presented an excellent lecture to a packed room of medical doctors, and physical therapy and occupational therapy faculty and students.



WVU Clinical Instructors

We would like to thank the dedicated clinical instructors who have provided full-time clinical education for our second and third year student over the past year. If you are interested in serving as a WVUPT Clinical Instructor, please contact Ralph Utzman PT, PhD or Mia Erickson PT, EdD, CHT.

Rene Arthur, MPT
 Melissa Billy, MPT
 Kevin Boring, PT, ATC
 Kathy Birmingham, PT
 Maggie Cooper, MPT
 Lindsay Dobbs, MPT
 Patrick Ellis, PT
 Robert Haas, MPT
 Don Heare, PT
 Jeff Herrick, PT
 Molly Herrick, PT
 Brandy Hudson, PT
 Christin Knell, MPT
 David Lee, PT
 Cheryl Leonard, PT
 Andi Mills, PT, DPT
 Christopher Moore, MPT, CSCS
 Heath Owens, PT
 Tracy Simpson, MPT
 Misty Smith, PT, DPT
 Mike Stagers, PT, MS
 Amanda Stuchell, MPT
 Eric Tarr, PT, DPT, OCS
 John Travis, BS, MS, PT, ATC
 Adam West, MPT
 Stephen Young, MPT, OCS

Faculty Earns Neurologic Clinical Specialization (NCS)

Congratulations to Tracy Rice PT, NCS (Assistant Professor) for earning clinical specialization in Neurologic Physical Therapy from the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. The Physical Therapy faculty now have individuals who are Board Certified in Cardiopulmonary PT, Hand PT, Neurologic PT, and Orthopedic PT.

See Alumni Donors on Page 11

A Very Active Year in Faculty Scholarship

By Anne Swisher PT, PhD, CCS

The PT faculty has been very busy in diverse areas of scholarship this year, ranging from studying clinical predictors of low back pain to looking at balance in survivors of traumatic brain injury. Major milestones include publication of a textbook, *Physical Therapy Documentation*, co-authored by Mia Erickson and Ralph Utzman and grants awarded by the CDC to Dina Jones for her work in arthritis and physical activity. Below are some of the highlights of publications in the past year.

Blaha, JD, **Mancinelli, CA**, Overguard, K. Failure of sex to predict the size and shape of the knee. *J Bone Joint Surg*, (In Press)

Davis DS. Teaching professionalism: A survey of physical therapy educators. *J Allied Health*. 2009; 38:74-80.

Davis DS, Anderson IB, Carson MG, Elkins CL, Stuckey LB. Upper Limb Tension and Seated Slump Tests: An Investigation of the False Positive Rate among Healthy Young Adults without Cervical or Lumbar Symptoms. *J Manual Manip Ther* 2008;16:136-141.

Davis, DS, Mancinelli, CA, Petronis, JJ, Koenn, ME, Dalton, D, Huffman, B. Predictors of Disability among Employed Non-Acute People with Low Back Pain. *J Orthop Sports Phys Ther* 39: A96-A97, 2009.

Kelley GA, Kelley KS, Hootman JM, **Jones DL**. Exercise and health-related quality of life in older community-dwelling adults: A meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. *J Applied Gerontology*. 2009;28(3):369-394

Westby MD, Kennedy D, **Jones DL**, Jones A, Doyle-Waters M, Backman C. Post-acute physiotherapy for primary total knee arthroplasty. (Protocol) *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* 2008, Issue 2. Art. No.:CD007099. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007099.

Lee CE, **Jones DL**. Measuring health in patients with cervical and lumbosacral spinal disorders: Is the 12-Item Short-Form Health Survey a valid alternative for the 36-Item Short-Form Health Survey? *Arch Phys Med Rehab*. 2008;89:829-833.

Swisher AK; Sciaky A; Campbell AA; Lowman JD. Cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy specialty practice: Determining the current status. *Cardiopulmonary Phys Ther J* 19 (1):11-16, 2008.

Swisher AK, Moffett K. The effect of individualized coaching on physical activity levels and quality of life in children with cystic fibrosis. *Ped Pulmonol suppl* 31:385, 2008.

The faculty have also presented at many conferences and meetings, including state and national-level meetings such as the WVPTA, APTA's Combined Sections Meeting, Annual Conference and international gatherings. This visibility for WVU and the Division elevates our prestige significantly.

Current research projects are equally diverse, including studies of:

Balance and gait in children with autism

Balance in people with traumatic brain injury

Attitudes related to exercise in adults with cystic fibrosis

Prevalence and severity of upper quarter problems in women with breast cancer

Prevalence and severity of neck and shoulder problems in people with head and neck cancer

Functional activities in obese individuals

Effect of partial body weight support on vital signs in people with claudication

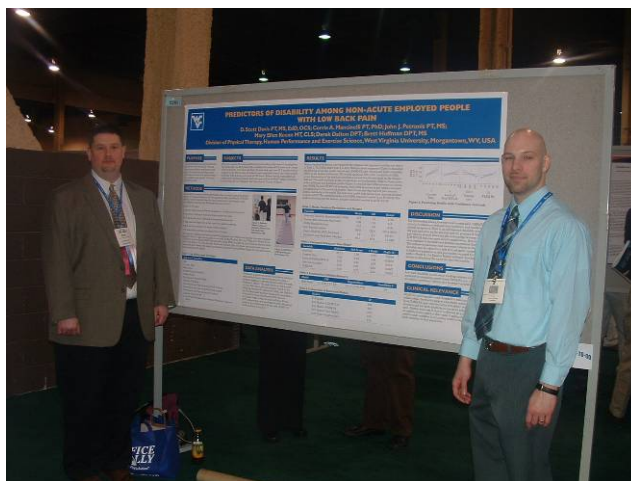
Validation of functional balance tests

Norms for functional tests for sport

Linking outcome tools to the ICF model

Assessing educational needs of physical therapists related to breast cancer rehabilitation and Parkinson disease.

These projects often involve DPT students and some of the projects are funded through federal organizations, including NIOSH, the CDC, and private foundations, such as the Arthritis Foundation.



Brett Huffman '08 and Dr. Davis '88 present poster at CSM, Las Vegas

Please see *2nd Annual Golf Scramble*
on page 12

Gifts to the Division

The Division would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their financial support over the past fiscal year. Your gifts are greatly appreciated and essential to our educational mission.

Dr. and Mrs. John M. Akester
 Ms. Lisa R. Ammons
 Mr. and Mrs. G. David Brumfield
 Dr. and Mrs. William R. Cawthorne
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Dobbs
 Mr. Thomas J. Druge
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Holden
 Mrs. Cheryl W. Hull
 Mr. Eric A. Melody
 Mr. Mark A. Rankin
 Mrs. Cathy L. Rozmus
 Mrs. Katherine P. Wiley
 Dermatology Centers, Inc.
 Kanawha Realty & Development Corporation



Division Supporters

This has been a difficult year for our economy and we recognize the financial strains that are associated with everyday life. If you are fortunate enough to be fiscally able, we welcome your financial support.

Small gives help to purchase teaching supplies and equipment, while large gift can be tailored to support student scholarships. Please feel free to let us know how you would like your gift used.

Make Checks Payable to:
 WVU Foundation (Physical Therapy)
 One Waterfront Place – 7th Floor – P.O. Box 1650 Morgantown, WV 26507-1650
<http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/development/som/>

For Large Gifts, please contact Mimi Smith Wilson
 Director, Major Gifts
 WVU School of Medicine
 P.O. Box 9008
 Morgantown, WV 26506
 (304) 293-7046 (o)
[mswilson@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:mwilson@hsc.wvu.edu)

Class Donation

The Division would like to thank the Class of 2009 for donating 10 treatment stools for the plinth lab. The stools are coming in handy this summer with several second year lab courses.

Alumni Reception, Las Vegas CSM

We had a nice Alumni Reception this year at Combined Section Meeting in Las Vegas. Alumni, Faculty, and Friends of the Division who attended include:

Claudia Gazi '81	Bill Hanlon	Stephanie Blosser '08
Brian Armstrong '07	MaryBeth Mandich	Marisa Perdomo
Corrie Mancinelli '85	Scott Davis '88	Anne Swisher '88
Blake LeBlanc '09	Shawn Bosley '09	Burt Reed '94
Ashley Platte '09	Josh Romage '09	Ralph Utzman '89
Brittany Hagerty '10	Lindsey Wimer '10	Sheyi Ojofeitimi '01
Dave Pariser '83	Dawn McClelland	John Forester
Karen Jenkins '90	Brett Huffman '08	

WVU Physical Therapy Faculty

MaryBeth Mandich PT, PhD Professor and Chair
 John J. Petronis PT, MS Professor and Assistant Chair
 William T. Stauber PT, PhD Professor
 Corrie A. Mancinelli PT, PhD Associate Professor
 Anne K. Swisher PT, PhD, CCS Associate Professor and Graduate and Distance Ed Coordinator
 Ralph Utzman PT, MPH, PhD Associate Professor and Academic Coordinator of Clinical Ed
 D. Scott Davis PT, MS, EdD, OCS Associate Professor and Director of Professional Ed
 Mia Erickson PT, EdD, CHT, ATC Associate Professor and Academic Coordinator of Clinical Ed
 Carol Waggy PT, PhD, CHT Assistant Professor
 Tracy Rice PT, NCS Assistant Professor
 Stephanie Blosser PT, DPT Adjunct Assistant Professor
 Krystal L. Thomas PT, DPT, MS Assistant Professor
 Dina Jones PT, PhD Adjunct Assistant Professor

WVU Physical Therapy Staff

Kristen Mullins, Program Assistant II
 Char Dubois, Admin Associate/Clinical and Fieldwork Education
 Brenda Wolfe, Academic Advisor
 Toni Burbridge, Academic Advisor



Front Row: Mia Erickson, Kristen Mullins, Tracy Rice, Anne Swisher, Corrie Mancinelli Back Row: Dina Jones, Ralph Utzman, Carol Waggy, MaryBeth Mandich, Scott Davis Missing from Photo: John Petronis, Bill Stauber, and Stephanie Blosser

West Virginia University
Division of Physical Therapy
PO Box 9226
Morgantown, WV 26506

Phone:
(304) 293-3610

Fax:
(304) 293-7105

E-Mail:
kmullins@hsc.wvu.edu

2nd Annual PT Classic Golf Scramble

Location: Mountaineer Golf Course

Date: September 13, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM – Shotgun start

Help support the WVU PT Class of 2010

Cost: \$45 per person

Includes: 18 holes, Green Fees, Cart, Food, & Fun

Registration Deadline: Monday Aug. 24th

Registration Forms Located at:

<http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/pt/>

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

<http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/pt/>

Advertisement

If you would like to place an employment ad for a physical therapist position in future editions of the WVU PT Newsletter, please e-mail dsdavis@hsc.wvu.edu

¼ Page \$50

½ Page \$75

Full Page \$150

Thank you to **Alleghany Chesapeake Physical Therapy** and **Charleston Area Medical Center** for your support of the WVU PT Newsletter.