



MPTA School News

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Oakland University

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Greetings from the faculty, students and staff at Oakland University. The semester has just come to a close and we are all looking forward to spring after a busy year. This year we were busy with a number of changes such as the development of a transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (tDPT) program for fall 2009, the implementation of the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) and the new web-based Clinical Performance Instrument (CPI). The transitional DPT coordinator is Dr. Chris Stiller and if you are interested in tDPT program requirements and application procedures please contact Dr. Stiller at cstiller@oakand.edu PTCAS pronounced "P-T-Kas" allows applicants to PT programs to use a single Web-based application and one set of materials to apply to multiple physical therapist (PT) education programs. Oakland University is planning to implement the use of the PTCAS this fall. Beth Black, ACCE, has been busy working with CCCE's and CI's to receive training on the web-based CPI. We have also been meeting with architects to plan the new Human Health Building which will be shared by the School of Health Sciences, including physical therapy, and the School of Nursing. The building is tentatively scheduled to open in the fall of 2012.

The DPT students have been busy with school and activities in the Graduate Student Physical Therapy Association (GSPTA). They have hosted a number of fundraisers to help send students to the National Student Conclave in Miami in October. Students have also found time to volunteer for service projects such as Relay for Life, to participate on the MPTA Student Relations Committee and to attend the MPTA Student Conclave. The third year students are preparing for research day which has been scheduled for Friday, May 29th 2009. This year we are pleased to have Dr. Tom Birk of Wayne State University as the visiting scholar and keynote speaker. Dr. Birk is a graduate of the Oakland University Physical Therapy program. He currently serves as Chair of the Department of Health Care Sciences in the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at WSU.

Faculty have also been very involved with research and a number of full and part time faculty including Dr. Jackie Drouin, Dr. John Krauss, Dr. Melodie Kondratek, Dr. Doug Creighton, Dr. Marie Pepin and Dr. Cathy Larson presented their research at Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) in Las Vegas. Three students, Danelle Preston, Tygre Whittington and Eleonora Kishelova, were also able to attend CSM and present along

with the faculty. Two DScPT students presented their research this semester and will be graduating this May. Congratulations to Dr. Selena Courtney-Koro on her research entitled “*Retrospective Case Series on the Use of KinesioTM Tape in the Treatment of Children with Obstetrical Brachial Plexus Injuries*” and to her committee members Dr. Chris Stiller (Chair), Dr. Melodie Kondratek and Dr. Marie Pepin. Congratulations also to Dr. Jodie Meikle who completed her study, “*The Effect of Low Velocity and Translatory Spinal Manipulation on Cervicogenic Headaches*” and to her committee members Dr. John Krauss (Chair), Dr. Melodie Kondratek and Dr. Xainggui Qu. While it has been a busy year it has been a rewarding one; now we welcome the new DPT students and begin planning for next year.