Message From The Chair

Here at the department, we have much to celebrate!
A program with full accreditation, passionate and talented faculty, committed students, excellent staff and facilities, and ongoing commitment to excellence. These are only some of the many characteristics that make the Department unique. We received full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) in May 2018! We are proud of the program curriculum, and all faculty, staff, students, clinical instructors, and community partners who collaborated during this accreditation process. Congratulations to all for this achievement! Here at the department, we do not rest on our laurels, and we are busier than ever! One of the visions I have in serving the local PT community and bringing the Department to the forefront entails bringing quality professional education to Fort Worth. We've hosted three post professional courses this year. For PT month this October, we are hosting three courses for the local PT community and our valued clinical instructors. We would love for you to join us to celebrate the profession and avail of these courses on pain, vestibular rehab, and pediatric management on Oct 9. Details for upcoming courses are available on our website. We celebrate the scholarly activities of faculty and students. Look for us at the TPTA Annual Conference in San Antonio this October! In addition to presentations and abstracts throughout the conference, the department will have a booth at the exhibit hall - drop by to meet our faculty, students and staff. At CSM 2019 in Washington DC, UNTHSC will be well represented with faculty educational presentations; collaborative faculty and student efforts will be highlighted in several platforms and poster presentations. We sure have been busy!

Here at the department we also give thanks to our dedicated clinical instructors for your service in shaping the next generation of clinicians and colleagues. To our alumni, it is my sincere hope that you will stay connected with the university and us. Check back on the department website regularly for information on continuing education offerings, student events, or look for the next department newsletter. Let us know what you have been up to and let us celebrate you! You may send your news to me directly or to dpht@unthsc.edu. You are always welcome to come back to visit!

What an honor to serve this faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Please join me in celebrating our people and our achievements as we strengthen the UNTHSC DPT program.

With Warm Regards,
Myles Quiben, PT, PhD, DPT, MS
Associate Professor and Interim Chair

Dr. Miller, making an impact

Dr. Haylie Miller is doing work on campus and out in the community raising awareness on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Dr. Miller and her group received a local impact grant from Autism Speaks for their outreach in the Fort Worth Hispanic Community. Dr. Miller is also showing success through the students that she mentors and collaborates with; students Ivonne Pena Alejo and Karolina Kata have been awarded for their ASD research. Dr. Miller was also a Valubility member for July. A UNTHSC student, staff or faculty can be nominated for Valubility of the month when they go above and beyond living the university values. Dr. Miller was nominated for her efforts in the Autism community and on campus.
Dr. Schwarz inducted into NAP

Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Education, Dr. Brandy Schwarz recently was inducted as a Distinguished Fellow of the National Academy of Practice (NAP). This is an esteemed fellowship that requires individuals to have an exemplary career and dedication to interprofessional practice. NAP aims to: Recognize and honor the contributions of the nation’s leading healthcare practitioners through its constituent academies; Supports its distinguished members in developing and disseminating practices, models, curricula, and policies that enhance interprofessional collaboration in practice settings; Informs policymakers at the national and state levels regarding public policies that will improve access to health care and advance excellence in the promotion of health, and prevention and treatment of disease, injury, disability, and poor health. Dr. Schwarz is sure to make an impact through this fellowship.

Dr. Salem completes distinguished fellowship

Dr. Salem recently completed the prestigious Educational Leadership Institute (ELI) Fellowship with the American Physical Therapy Association. Dr. Salem is one of the first 100 physical therapists in the United States who completed this fellowship program, joining Interim Chair, Dr. Quiben, who previously completed the ELI fellowship in 2016. The yearlong fellowship is intended to develop innovative and influential leaders in physical therapy education who can function within a changing politico-socio cultural environment. The Fellowship is designed to facilitate the ability of participants to connect theory with practice and enable direct application of knowledge learned through the Fellowship to everyday work in physical therapy education and performance.
Health Profession Teaching Awards

Congratulations to Dr. Salem and Dr. Richardson! Both professors were honored with the Exemplary Teaching Award in the School of Health Profession Incentive for Fiscal Year 2018. Dr. Salem and Dr. Richardson work diligently in their courses to educate and engage students to assist them in becoming great future providers in our community.

Upcoming CCU Events:

October 9, 2018 - National Physical Therapy Month Celebration and CCU
Details and Sign up here: [http://ce.unthsc.edu/live/4094](http://ce.unthsc.edu/live/4094)

November 3 & 4, 2018 - Kinetacore Functional Dry Needling Level 2
Details and Sign up here: [https://www.kinetacore.com/upcoming-courses/](https://www.kinetacore.com/upcoming-courses/)

February 9 & 10, 2019 - Kinetacore Functional Dry Needling Level 1
Details and Sign up here: [https://www.kinetacore.com/upcoming-courses/](https://www.kinetacore.com/upcoming-courses/)

March 1 - 3, 2019 - Herman & Wallace Pelvic Floor Rehab Level 1
Details and Sign up: [https://hermanwallace.com/texas-physical-therapy-continuing-education-courses](https://hermanwallace.com/texas-physical-therapy-continuing-education-courses)

LOOK FOR THE UNTHSC BOOTH AT TPTA
We will have goodies & info galore!
Our students are continually striving to achieve their academic, professional and personal goals. The School of Health Professions and Department of Physical Therapy was able to present several students with scholarly and performance awards at the 2018 graduation banquet. The following list includes students who received awards:

Dean’s Award for Scholarly Excellence in Clinical Practice - **David Dillard**
Dean’s Award for Scholarly Excellence in Research - **Madeline McEwen**
Outstanding Clinical Performance - **Colten Foster**
Outstanding Research Report - **Matthew Pennucci**
Outstanding Achievement in Physical Therapy Studies - **Kirstein Womack**

This year, our department was able to recognize an outstanding clinical instructor at our graduate banquet. The class of 2018 was able to nominate clinical instructors that made an impression on them during their rigorous clinical rotations. Many were nominated, but only one could win. Becky Jones, PT, from Medical City Denton won the Award for Outstanding Clinical Instructor. She is a long time Clinical instructor and supporter of the program and had multiple nominations. To quote one alumnus, “She was incredibly supportive and patient, and challenged me to push myself to be a better therapist and person.” Becky was honored at the graduation banquet, where she was able to join the students she mentored another time and provided them with a few more pointers before they entered the profession as licensed clinicians.
Clinical Instructor (noun)

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Definition: An experienced healthcare professional who teaches, develops, and refines a student’s clinical skills. A person who acts as a role model by implementing contemporary and forward-looking clinical practice and care delivery of students who desire to grow in health care.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is seeking Enthusiastic Clinical Instructors (CIs). As a Clinical Instructor for UNTHSC, in addition to obtaining continuing education credits for mentoring students during rotation, you will have the opportunity to utilize the extensive databases of the University library. The Department of Physical Therapy is also pleased to offer and provide educational and professional opportunities to valued clinical instructors, such as access to various on-site and online continuing education courses, for little to no cost.

For more information, please contact the Department of Physical Therapy’s Clinical Site Coordinator at 817-735-0146.
Welcome Class of 2021, Good bye Class of 2018

This past May we celebrated our graduating class of 2018. We had 45 DPT students walk across the stage into the professional world. Most graduates were ready had accepted jobs aced the board exam.

In July, UNTHSC welcomed 45 new DPT students to the DPT program, the Class of 2021 hit the ground ready to run. The Class of 2021 has already cemented their endeavor into the profession at their white coat ceremony on August 24th. Best of luck to all of our new students and alumni!

Prepare for National Physical Therapy Month

Be on the lookout for PT Month happenings around the UNTHSC Campus this October! Students, Faculty and Staff, will be planning events throughout the month to engage the profession and community in activities to promote physical therapy and wellness. PT students are already preparing to serve at multiple events throughout the area, including hosting a Kick-off event on campus October 1st and volunteering with community organizations to celebrate Physical Therapy Day of Service on October 13!

We hope to see you October 9th for the UNTHSC PT Month celebration and CCU event on campus, sign up at http://ce.unthsc.edu/live/4094

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