Faculty Celebrations, Accomplishments and Projects

APTA Emerging Leader Award presented to UNTHSC Faculty

DPT faculty member, Evan Papa, PT, DPT, PhD, recently received the 2017 Emerging Leader Award from the Education Section of the APTA. This award is presented annually to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary service to the profession and APTA. Dr. Papa was selected due to his effective leadership qualities. The APTA education section was quoted on his abilities and accomplishments: “Dr. Papa shows great promise for future contributions to the mission and vision of the APTA, as a clearly emerging leader and has already embraced and exemplified these works as an early career professional and educator”. The university and department are very proud to have Dr. Papa on faculty.

Another Acknowledgment of Excellence for Our Faculty

Myla “Myles” Quiben, PT, DPT, PhD, was awarded a national honor for her excellence in academic teaching. The American Physical Therapy Association presented Dr. Quiben with the Dorothy E. Baethke-Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching during this past NEXT Conference & Exposition. This award is given to educators who are actively engaged in formal education for upcoming physical therapist professionals and show exceptional teaching effectiveness and distinct expertise in the academic setting. Dr. Quiben was the ideal candidate for this award. Dr. Quiben is committed to educating her students and preparing them for real world scenarios and is known for utilizing a holistic approach. In her courses, Dr. Quiben combines active learning and simulations to help her students understand the complex patients and situations they will face. Weather she is teaching our students or instructing practitioners continuing education, Dr. Quiben continues to show her commitment to the field and her community.
Productive year for the Autism and Developmental Disorders Research Team

Various types of research are conducted by our faculty and students on the UNTHSC campus. Physical therapy faculty, staff and students serve on the Autism and Developmental Disorders Research Team. It has been a productive and exciting time for the Autism and Developmental Disorders Research Team—a division of the UNTHSC Human Movement Performance (HMP) Lab. In July, Dr. Haylie Miller received an NIH K01 award (K01-MH107774) totaling over $940k for a 5-year longitudinal study of visuomotor integration and attention in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This grant will fund continuation and expansion of ongoing work in the HMP Lab using virtual reality, mobile eye-tracking, and motion capture to study functional movement in ASD.

The Autism and Developmental Disorders Research Team also recently published two peer-reviewed papers and presented 5 posters at local, state, and international meetings. Dr. Miller had first-author oral presentations accepted at 4 international meetings (International Meeting for Autism Research, International Conference on Virtual Rehabilitation, International Society for Posture and Gait Research, Developmental Coordination Disorder Meeting), led a workshop on eye tracking and virtual rehabilitation at the International Conference on Virtual Rehabilitation, and gave a talk on ASD to the community at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History’s Science on Tap event.

Summer Presentation at Annual ACSM meeting

Eric Arguello, PT, DPT, PhD presented a poster at the annual American College of Sports Medicine meeting. The ACSM is the largest sports medicine and exercise science organization, its members include various disciplines that are dedicated to advancing and integrating science into exercise. Dr. Arguello shared his research on physical activity and perceived stress among student physical therapists.
UNTHERSC Presence at World PT Congress

Several UNTHERSC Faculty and students made their way to South Africa this July for a convention. The World Confederation for Physical Therapy held its annual Congress Program in Cape Town, South Africa early this July. Faculty, Alumni and students attended the program to network, present posters and facilitate discussions, platforms and seminars. Topics covered by the UNTHERSC attendees included: Neurology, effects of animal-assisted therapy on dementia, auditory input contribution on balance, postural control, Applied interprofessional collaboration, Intercultural effectiveness in physical therapy education, smart walker, and other various topics. Check out the full list of presentations and events from the WCPT Congress at: http://www.wcpt.org/congress

Newly Published Case Report

UNTHERSC’s Mike Richardson, PT, DPT, along with two other physical therapy professionals, recently published a case report in the Physiotherapy Theory and Practice Journal. Dr. Richardson’s case report Using an exercise program to improve activity tolerance in a female with postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome: A Case Report, was published this June. In the case report, the subject demonstrated clinical meaningful progress after the “reconditioning training”. Check out Dr. Richardson’s article, along with other great reads in the international journal, Physiotherapy Theory and Practice.
UNTHSC DPT 2017- 2018 Clinical Instructor Educational Support Program

The University of North Texas Health Science Center Department of Physical Therapy is pleased to offer an Educational Support Program designed to provide educational and professional opportunities to our valued Clinical Instructors (CIs).

Supervise 2 student clinical rotations during the 2017-2018 Academic Clinical Year and you will receive the following:

- Complementary admission to the spring “afternoon of CCUs” event at UNTHSC
- Complementary registration for an APTA CI Credentialing Course to be held at UNTHSC
- $100 towards a continuing education course or textbooks through the APTA

UNTHSC DPT Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award

The University of North Texas Health Science Center Department of Physical Therapy will honor a physical therapist in April of 2018 with our Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award. The recipient of the award will receive:

- Educational Support Program benefits
- Recognition at the UNTHSC graduation banquet
- Complementary registration for the 2018 TPTA Annual Conference
- Complementary APTA membership dues for 1 year

The UNTHSC Academic Clinical Year for 2017-2018 includes the following student clinical rotations:

- Clinical Practicum I: October 30 – December 8, 2017
- Clinical Practicum II: August 7 – September 29, 2017
- Clinical Practicum III: October 9 – December 8, 2017
- Internship: January 8 – March 30, 2018

Thank you for supporting our students and our clinical education program!
For Questions, please contact Brandy Schwarz: brandy.schwarz@unthsc.edu
Upcoming UNTHSC CCU Events:

- **Neuroscience Summit: Advancing the Knowledge of the Brain and Spine**
  7.25 CCU -- 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM -- September 9, 2017
  Register and learn more at: http://ce.unthsc.edu/live/2618

- **Interprofessional Clinical Management: Diabetes**
  .50 CCU -- Online - opportunity
  Register and learn more at: http://ce.unthsc.edu/activity/2342

- **Multifactorial Risk Assessments and Evidence-based Intervention to Address Falls in Primary Care**
  1 CCU -- Online – Opportunity
  Register and learn more at: http://ce.unthsc.edu/activity/2291

- **2017 Grand Rounds: Elder Abuse- Prevention, Detection and Diagnosis, and Care**
  1 CCU -- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM -- Aug. 23, 2017 (Face to face or live webinar)
  Register and learn more at: http://ce.unthsc.edu/live/2942

- **2017 Grand Rounds: Impact of Abnormal Swallowing Patterns in the Elderly Population**
  1 CCU -- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM -- Aug. 23, 2017 (Face to face or live webinar)
  Register and learn more at: http://ce.unthsc.edu/live/2944

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**2017 Student Awards**

Our DPT students work hard year-round to achieve academic, professional and personal goals. As we wrapped up the academic year 2016-2017, the department and school was able to present several students with scholarly and performance awards. The following list includes students who received awards during the 2017 graduation banquet:

- **Randall Williams** - Dean’s Award for Scholarly Excellence in Clinical Practice
- **Kimberly Mabutas** – Dean’s Award for Scholarly Excellence in Research
- **Richard Evans** – Outstanding Achievement in Physical Therapy Studies
- **Phillip Edwards** – Outstanding Clinical Performance
- **Hesper Fang** – Outstanding Research Report

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Good Bye DPT Class of 2017, Welcome DPT Class of 2020

This past May we celebrated our graduating class of 2017. We had 42 DPT students walk the across the stage, ready to embrace the professional world. This July, our department welcomed 46 new DPT students to campus. The class of 2020 seems eager to start their physical therapy educational journey. Good luck to all of our students and alumni!