

Dean's Update

May - June 2009

Faculty and Staff Award Luncheon

The 2009 Faculty and Staff Award luncheon was held on May 15. The following faculty and staff were recognized at the event:

- Dr. Karyl Rickard received the Indiana University Trustees Teaching award in recognition of her sustained record of funding and teaching excellence in the Pediatric Nutrition Program. Dr. Rickard was awarded \$987,650 to continue the Maternal and Children Health [training](#) grant for 5 years (2008-2013) making this the 35th successive year for this grant. This funding supports innovative pediatric leadership e-learning education which enables students from around the country to participate in a classroom format via the internet while in their homes. Dr. Karyl Rickard is recognized nationally for excellence in pediatric nutrition education.
- Dr. Peter Altenburger received the 2008 SHRS Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Altenburger has had a peer-reviewed journal publication, one abstract and three separate national presentations all related to his area of teaching expertise. In addition, he was a contributing author on a book chapter and a co-investigator on one funded internal grant.
- Dr. Sara Blackburn received the 2008 SHRS Excellence in Service Award in recognition of her extraordinary service to the school during a period of leadership transition in the School. In addition to her national and state service, and serving as the faculty organization Vice President and President, Dr. Blackburn continued her service to the school by serving on the SHRS Promotion and Tenure and the Awards Sub-Committees.
- Dr. Robyn Fuchs received the 2008 SHRS Excellence in Research Award for creating an independent line of research for which she is becoming recognized both nationally and internationally. She obtained an NIH K01 award for \$600,857; a grant from the National Osteoporosis Foundation for \$57,000, and 6 days of beamtime at the National Synchrotron Light Source which is funded by the Department of Defense for her research related to osteoporosis. During the 2008-09 academic year, she had three publications that were identified as top papers that made a significant impact in field. In total, she had 10 peer-reviewed publications of which she was first author of six publications.
- Ms. Brenda Lawless received the first SHRS Staff award in recognition of her outstanding contributions. She served as the Coordinator of a very successful SHRS-IUPUI Impact Campaign, organized the Impact Campaign Closing Celebration held in April 2009, and as a co-editor of the IMPACTS, the magazine of the School of Health and [Rehabilitation](#) Sciences.

May 2009 Commencement Exercise

The School's Commencement Ceremony was held along with the general ceremony on May 10, 2009 at the Indiana Convention Center. Thirty-two students were awarded the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy [degree](#) and thirty-two students received the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

TK Carl Professional Promise Award

The 2009 TK Carl Professional Promise Award was presented to Ms. Jennifer Gardner, a [graduate](#), receiving her Master of Science in Occupational Therapy during May 2009 Commencement. This award recognizes a graduating student who has demonstrated both academic excellence and promise to the profession.

SHRS Distinguished Alumni Award

The first SHRS Distinguished Alumni award was presented to Valerie Hill Hermann at the Alumni Brunch on Saturday, May 16, 2009. SHRS Alumni Board selected Ms. Hermann for this award because of her remarkable accomplishments. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy in 2004, Master of Science in Health Sciences [Education](#) in 2005, and currently enrolled in the PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. She is a resident of Lawrenceburg, IN and is employed as a research occupational therapist at the University of Cincinnati.

News from the Departments

The Department of Health Sciences

- After a national search, Dr. Christina Mushi-Brunt was hired as an assistant professor in the Department with a start date of August 1, 2009.
- The Indiana-Ohio Center for Traumatic Amputation Rehabilitation Research was funded for phase III, which starts June 1, 2009 and ends November 30, 2010. Dr. David Bodenhamer from the IU Polis Center will be PI and Dr. Joyce Mac Kinnon will be co-PI.
- Dr. Christina Mushi-Brunt has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Marion County Minority Health Coalition.
- Our three new undergraduate certificates (i.e., Gerontology, Rehabilitation and Disability Studies, Global Health and Rehabilitation Studies) have been approved by the University's central administration. They will go before the Board of Trustees at its June meeting. Several of the courses will be offered this fall.
- Three students have been accepted to begin the PhD program this fall. They are Michele Moore, Lamia Scherzinger, and Deidre Verdun.

The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics

- The Site Visit for the Dietetic Internship Program was held on April 19-21. We will receive the official site visitor report in June and will have 30 days to respond. The Commission on Accreditation of Dietetic Education will review the program accreditation materials and site visit report at their October meeting. We will receive official notification of accreditation on November.
- April 21 was Match Day for the Dietetic Internship Program. We filled 8 positions in the Dietetic Internship Program 2010 class through the computer match and by Thursday April 23 the class of 16 was complete. We received 60 first round (Computer Match) applications and an additional 158 applications thereafter.
- On May 11 students completed the e-Learning Graduate Certificate Program Leadership Development in Clinical Pediatric Nutrition.
- We received approval for special program fees for both the Dietetic Internship Program and the e-Learning Certificate in Leadership Development in Pediatric Nutrition.
- Dr. Judy Ernst will be returning to Kenya on May 27, 2009 to begin her summer fieldwork. Dr. Ernst is expected home in early August.
- Dietetic Internship Program class of 2009 will graduate on June 19, 2009.

The Department of Occupational Therapy

The ACOTE biennial report was completed and sent to ACOTE on April 22, 2009. This is necessary to maintain current accreditation.

- Four OT faculty and two recent alums (Class of 2008) presented at the AOTA Annual Conference in Houston on April 23-26.
 - **Dr. Fisher** was invited as a panelist for “Developing a Research Enterprise: Dialogue for the Future of the Occupational Therapy Profession”
 - **Dr. Liu** “The Effect of Progressive Resistance Strength Training on Physical Function in Older Adults”
 - **Dr. Schmid**, Kristen Doster, MS, OTR and Amanda Gwaltney, MS, OTR “ Post-Stroke Fear of Falling in Acute Care Hospital Setting”
 - **Dr. Schmid** “Preventing Secondary Stroke in the VA: The Role of Occupational and Physical Therapists
 - **Dr. Schmid** “Development of a Clinically Useful Post-Stroke Fall Risk Screen: Self Management of Blood Pressure After Stroke”
 - **Dr. Schmid** was invited as a panelist for “Latest OT Research: Innovative Research and the Career Paths of Scientists”
 - **Dr. Scott** “Win-Win Situations: Student Completion of Evidence-Based Reviews for Practitioners”
 - **Dr. Scott** “Recovery Post-Liver Transplantation: How Performance Capacity Returns in the First Twelve Months”
- Seven Advisory Council members attended the Department’s Annual Advisory Council Meeting on April 29th.
 - Anna Dusick, MD, OT Riley Hospital for Children
 - Susan Chatam, PTA, OTR, Healthcare Therapy Services, Inc.
 - Nancy Cannon, OTR, CHT, The Indiana Hand Center
 - Shelly Johnson, MS, OTR, OT Manager, Clarian Health Partners
 - Jacob Kean, PhD, SLP-CCC, Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana
 - Susan Parry, MHS, OTR, Indianapolis Public Schools
 - Karen Stroup, PhD, Community Outreach, Riley Hospital for Children
- The Second Year Student Research Day held on May 1 was very successful. A total of 85 people were in attendance.
- On May 2nd, six alums from the OTA Class of 1989 had a reunion in the OT classrooms.
- On May 16, seven OT alums attended the SHRS Alumni Celebration. They were from the Classes of 1969, 1974, 1977, 1994 and 2004.
- OT faculty visited colleagues at the University of Southern Indiana on May 13th. The visit went very well. Faculty discussed admissions, research activities, and curriculum issues including simulation labs.
- 36 new OT students will enroll in the program on Monday, June 29th.
- Sharon Pape, MS, OTR, will assume the permanent Academic Fieldwork Coordinator’s position on July 1, 2009.
- Louise Watkins, Assistant to the Chair, was elected to the Staff Council representing the staff at SHRS.
- The Needs Assessment for interest in the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) shows interest. 867 surveyed with 339 responding (40% return) – 14 indicated they would begin ASAP. Another 67 indicated strong interest and wanted more information.
- All graduates of the Class of 2009 received several job offers before graduation.

The Department of Physical Therapy

- The IU PT Student Marquette Committee culminated their fundraising efforts for the Georgia State-Marquette Challenge for the support of the Foundation for Physical Therapy Research this April. The Committee submitted a total amount of \$4,000.00 which earned them an honorable mention spot in the competition.
- The Department conducted its annual Open House on Friday April 17th. This year’s event was extremely successful with over 30 prospective students and family members in attendance. Faculty, staff and current DPT students all participated in the event.

Research Presentations

- Dr. Amy Bayliss, Amanda Whitaker, DPT and Leann Edwards, DPT presented their poster entitled “***Community Perceptions of Service Learning within a Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program***” at the International Service Learning Conference in Statesboro, Georgia.
- Dr. Fuchs, Elisa van Eyk, Brandon McGaughey, SPT, and Frank Klene, SPT presented their research entitled Skeletal imaging Techniques for Animal Models at the annual IUPUI Life-Health Science Internship Program Poster Sessions.

IUPUI Research Day

The Department of Physical Therapy was well represented at the first IUPUI Research Day with 3 student poster presentations and one faculty platform presentation.

- Dr. Warden provided a platform presentation entitled “***Exercise during growth builds bigger (and stronger) bones for a lifetime.***”
- Dr. Bayliss and Bethany Holder, DPT presented their poster on “***Outlooks and Opinions of Practicing Physical Therapists on Direct Access in Indiana: A Pilot Study.***”
- Dr. Bayliss, Amanda Whitaker, DPT and Leann Edwards, DPT presented their poster on “***Community Perceptions of Service learning within a Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program.***”
- Dr. Bayliss, Prof. Loghmani, Frank Klene, SPT, Sean Hassett, DPT, and Evelina Gundeck, SPT presented their poster on “***Case Study: Treatment of Trochanteric Bursitis Utilizing the Graston Technique®.***”

Awards

- Elizabeth Bogenschultz, SPT was awarded the IN-APTA Physical Therapy Scholarship for 2009.
- Elisa van Eyk – Dr. Fuchs’ Life-Health Sciences intern – was named in the Top 10 Outstanding Female Students. Her goal is to enroll in our DPT program.
- Andrew Strong – Department of Physical Therapy Work Study Student was named Outstanding Male Student at IUPUI 2008-2009.

Faculty Academic Year Accomplishments 2008-2009

- The faculty published 14 journal manuscripts.
- The faculty were involved with \$1M in active research funding as PI.
- The faculty submitted funding applications as PI totaling \$2.8M.
- The faculty were included as Co-I on funding applications totaling another \$3.7M.

Upcoming events

June 29, 2009 – OT Student Orientation

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