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FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

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Now that the DPT degree has become the standard for our profession, consumer expectations have risen to a whole new level. Our profession is responding to these higher expectations by placing more emphasis on research. We now need to be “evidence based” to assure our consumers that patient management

and treatment plans can be supported by our research findings.

Our school now offers a post-professional Doctor of Science Degree in Physical Therapy and a Ph.D. degree in rehabilitation science. The addition of these two research-oriented doctorate degrees require that we expand our research opportunity and capacity. Our faculty have now become very prolific researchers. We now have two research labs, and we recently obtained approval for space and personnel to operate our own “wet” lab.

The school continues to expand the spectrum of research that they can conduct. As this spectrum expands our need for additional research equipment has become paramount. Over the last few years several additional pieces of research equipment have been procured. This equipment has allowed our students and faculty to do research in an ever increasing number of areas.

The school has also made significant changes in the faculty and promotion standards and guidelines. The new guidelines require additional research and publications for rank promotions.

The school recently added another full-time researcher to the faculty. We are very fortunate that Lee Berk, Dr. PH agreed to become part of our team. Lee is assisting Jerry Petrofsky, Ph.D. JD, by overseeing some funded research as well as faculty and student research projects. Lee brings with him a very impressive resume which includes numerous publications in referred journals.

Under Dr. Petrofsky’s guidance, our research lab has secured grants and patents. The lab has an astonishing publishing record, averaging one publication per week. As faculty and alumni of the PT department, we can all be proud of the contribution our researchers are making to the body of knowledge in the scientific community.

Several departments in the school and other schools on campus are utilizing our research lab (SM, SPH). Grenith Zimmerman, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Research, SAHP, has been very supportive as we work to improve all aspects of our research endeavors. Even though we have made great strides over the last few years, we all see an even brighter future.

Below is a list of some areas in which our faculty have published. If you have questions relating to any area please feel free to contact the researcher directly at (909) 558-4632.

1. Fall Prevention & Geriatric Issues – Dr. Bruce Bradley
2. Gait, Balance and EMG & Blood Flow Studies Related to Diabetic Subjects – Dr. Everett Lohman
3. Risk Factors for Fractures in Menopausal Females & Physical Activities – Dr. Donna Thorpe
4. Exercise and Fitness – Dr. Nicceta Davis
5. Gait Balance and Motor Control and Autonomic Nervous System, Diabetes and Exercise & Thermo Regulations and P.T. Modalities – Dr. Jerry Petrofsky
6. Vestibular-Visual Environment and Balance – Dr. Eric Johnson
7. Wheelchair Seating and Positioning – Dr. Bonnie Forrester
8. Mind Body Medicine & Life Style Medicine – Dr. Lee Berk
9. Muscle Length and Balance – Dr. Joseph Godges

Sincerely,

Dr. Edd Ashley, PT, Ed.D
Chair of Physical Therapy

2008 CALENDAR

AUGUST:

CE Cruise to Mexico.....10-17

NOVEMBER:

National Allied Health Week....2-8

AWARDS

FEBRUARY 6, 2008
APTA IN NASHVILLE TN

*American Board of Physical Therapy
Clinical Certificates:*

Dr. Bruce Bradley, Natasha Ashley,
Dr. Tim Cordett, Dr. Eric Johnson,
Dr. Cathelyn, Dr. John Thomas

APRIL 19
ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET

Distinguished Alum: Joe Godges
Rising Star: Tim Cordett

MAY 21
AWARDS CHAPEL

PTA Alumni Award: Matthey Jarvis,
Aubrey Lintag, Gordon Moreland,
Iraisa Natera, Natasha Taylor
PTA Faculty Award: Lisa Ewan, Jose
Flores, John McKinney, Cory Rabb,
Lindsay Steele

PT Alumni Award: Kristopher Davies,
Gary Lawson, Kevin Spangenberg,
Eduardo Izquierdo

PT Faculty Award: Matt Sato,
Greta Bullock, Terrin Schmutz,
Matthew Isenberg

Randall C. Isley Memorial Award:
Josh Rowland

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Humanitec Graduation

March 8, 2008, marked the exciting completion ceremony for the Humanitec graduates at the Humanitec Rehabilitation College in Yokkaichi City, Japan. By taking classes from both Humanitec and Loma Linda professors, these occupational and physical therapy students were able to receive a bachelor's degree in health sciences from the LLU School of Allied Health Professions.

The LLU/Humanitec partnership began in 2000 at the request of Masayuki Ohashi, who is now chair of the Humanitec board. Mr. Ohashi read LLU's mission and was impressed by the University's work for the good of people and the community and not just for money. This inspired his confidence and trust that LLU would train his students honestly.

"Partnering with Humanitec, a non Seventh-day Adventist school that sought us out because of our mission, allows students to experience our values in an academic environment that upgrades their skills and helps them contribute to their profession when

they return home," says Dr. Craig Jackson, JD, MSW, Dean of SAHP. "I'm proud of our commitment to whole-person care and education."



Heather Reifsnnyder
Connection Magazine

PT Faculty and Alumni Awarded American Board Certificates

The American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) awarded several SAHP faculty and alumni with their clinical certificates at the APTA combined sessions meeting on February 6, 2008, in Nashville, Tennessee.

PTs must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements to sit for the specialist certification examinations: 1) current licensure to practice physical therapy in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands; and 2) evidence of a minimum of 2,000 hours of direct patient care in the specialty area, 25% of which must have occurred within the last three years. Additional specific requirements

are required by each specialty area.

PTs must pass the specialist certification examination and be recognized by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties to use the designator. The certification is effective for 10 years, after which re-certification is required.

Congratulations to all those who received clinical certificates!

Natasha Ashley, Geriatrics
Dr. Bruce Bradley, Geriatrics
Dr. Tim Cordett, Neurology
Dr. Eric Johnson, Neurology
Dr. Cathelyn Timple, Neurology
Dr. John Thomas, Orthopedics

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ALUM PROFILE: Mark Wegener

Since 2003, Dr. Mark Wegener, Doctor of Physical Therapy and graduate of Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions, has owned a business called Balance Rehabilitation, an Orange County-based physical therapy treatment center. This center is one of only a small number to specialize in the physical assessment and treatment of neurological, vestibular and balance disorders. Dr. Wegener believes in treating the whole person and takes a multidisciplinary approach to his courses of treatment, using a team of highly trained therapists, and state-of-the-art equipment to deliver the highest quality of care.

His desire for this type of specialized service started while he was working on his doctorate at Loma Linda University, and practicing at two prominent Southern California PT facilities. Dr. Wegener noticed that a number of patients seeking physical therapy treatment were suffering from neurological, vestibular and balance problems. "It was through these experiences," says Dr. Wegener, "that I realized the need for an outpatient clinic providing sophisticated equipment and properly trained staff to facilitate these targeted needs."

Dr. Wegener has a bachelor's degree in Life Sciences and a doctorate and master's degree in Physical Therapy from Loma Linda University.

*Information taken from the
Orange County Register
www.ocregister.com*



First Randall C. Isley Award Given to PTA Student

On May 16, 2007, Randy Isley (PTA '66) was honored by the School of Allied Health Professions, the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program, and numerous former colleagues and friends by the establishment



of a scholarship in his name. Almost exactly one year later, the first recipient of this award, Josh Rowland, was presented a plaque and a scholarship at the Annual Awards Chapel in memory of his outstanding legacy. Randy's wife, son, and daughter were in attendance to congratulate the recipient.

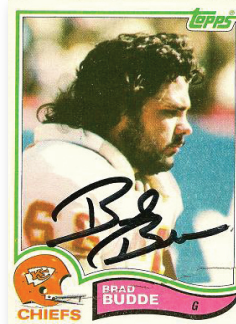
Randy was unable to continue working when he was diagnosed with a rare and life-threatening illness known as primary amyloidosis. He passed away in November of 2007.

This award was established because of Randy's strength and love for his career, and for his inspiration to those who knew and loved him. His friends, colleagues, former patients, and family all knew that Randy was a perfect person to receive this honor because of the impact he made in many people's lives.



ALUM PROFILE: Brad Budde

For seven years in the NFL, Brad Budde tried his best to inflict pain on defensive linemen. That's part of the job for a guard. For most of the last 14 years, Budde has been trying to help people work through their pain as a physical therapist.



"When I played, I received treatment by a physical therapist in Southern California," said Budde, who played for the Chiefs from 1980 to 1986. "I went home after the first day and told my wife that's what I wanted to do after my career."

A few years after he retired, Budde returned to Southern California and pursued his master's degree at Loma Linda University. Since graduating in 1994, he's been a home physical therapist, treating his patients in their homes.

"Growing up in the NFL, I knew the National Football League and I knew it meant 'not for long' and that I'd eventually have to get a real job," said Budde, son of Chiefs' Hall of Famer Ed Budde.

But at a time when many professional athletes have a tough time adjusting to life without the game, Budde keeps re-creating himself. He recently finished writing his first book, *Everyday is Game Day*. Budde also launched a company called GameDay Communications, through which he offers leadership training seminars.

*Written by Matt Fulks
The Kansas City Star
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ALUM PROFILE: Oscar & Fern Boismier

Mr. Boismier, graduate of the Physical Therapy class of 1950, is thrilled to announce that he and his wife, Fern, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July of 2007. They are soon approaching 61 years of marriage from their wedding date of July 27, 1947.



In celebration of their 60th anniversary, their son, Jim, and his wife, Maria, took them on a three-week vacation to Portugal and Spain. Their other son, Gary, and his wife, Marilyn, took them on an 18-day cruise starting in Miami and ending in Santiago, Chile.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Boismier from the School of Allied Health Alumni Office! Send your congratulations to the Boismiers: boismiel@msu.edu.

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SAHP updates and so much more! You will find the sign up form on the Stay Connected page.*



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