PRESIDENT’S PERSPECTIVE
Submitted by Sue Talley, PT, DPT, C/NDT, PhD(c) – MPTA President

MPTA Sets New Strategic Goals for 2015-2020

The New Year is well underway, the big snowstorm of 2015 is history already and spring is on the way. This a time of transitions and this is true with MPTA as well. The MPTA Board of Directors (BOD), at the annual planning meeting on January 10th, decided to restructure our meeting agendas and reports to reflect the MPTA Strategic Plan that was passed by the MPTA membership at our Fall meeting. We believe that this format will better communicate the work that the MPTA is doing and where we are going. The 2015 -2020 MPTA Strategic Goals are:

• MPTA will facilitate successful implementation of continuing professional development requirements for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in Michigan

• MPTA will ensure that third party payer policies are consistent with current professional standards of practice and Michigan state law

• MPTA will ensure statutory and regulatory language that reflect current scope and standards or practice for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants

• MPTA will promote recognition of the breadth and depth of physical therapy services and as experts in the management of movement dysfunction

• Enhance the quality and value of Association membership to increase membership size and member engagement.

At the Spring Conference in Bay City you will hear how we are moving forward at the membership meeting. You will also have the opportunity to discuss the issues with your leadership team at the round table sessions during lunch on Saturday. Come and let your voice be heard.

Are you interested in helping publicize the value of physical therapy? The MPTA is forming a Marketing/Public Relations committee.

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The MPTA Membership Committee is getting geared up and excited for the New Year! We are excited to bring new ideas to improve our current members’ experiences, as well as to grow and expand our potential members.

The best way to continue to help the MPTA grow our membership is to share your own story. Be loud and excited! Tell every one of your colleagues who will listen about why you choose to be a member. Invite a co-worker who is not a member to an MPTA event. If you are looking for inspiration, here are some examples of what other members are saying.

CRYSTAL LAMB, SPT SHARES HER EXCITING OUTLOOK ON MEMBERSHIP:
“Membership in the MPTA allows me to be involved in working toward the common goals essential to our future. A few years ago, I was part of the “general public”. It became apparent that the true benefits of physical therapy are not well-known to the public and we need to actively work to improve awareness. The difference that physical therapy has made in the lives of patients must to be shared. In addition, we need to continue to come together as a united voice to enhance our effectiveness in all issues pertaining to the advancement of the practice and profession of physical therapy.”

ELIZABETH SHEAHAN, DPT, SHARS HOW MPTA MEMBERSHIP HAS HELPED HER AS A RECENT GRADUATE:
“As a new graduate who attended physical therapy out of state, I have found MPTA events a great way to meet physical therapists practicing in the area. These events facilitate conversation regarding current issues in physical therapy, including patient care, current research, and direct access. It allows for opportunity to learn from other professionals with a variety of experiences.”

The MPTA wants to hear your reasons for being an MPTA member, so we will be hosting a video contest! Meet us March 27th and 28th at MPTA Spring Conference and Student Conclave 2015 in Bay City, Michigan! Find the Membership booth and tell us why you choose membership. The best video wins! And who doesn’t love prizes?

Lastly, the Membership Committee would like to extend a most warm welcome to our new members! Your commitment to the MPTA and our profession is something to be celebrated!

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Direct Consumer Access (DCA) to physical therapy was finally achieved in 2014! This was a great success for MPTA, physical therapists and assistants, students of physical therapy, and most importantly the patients we serve! MPTA is working on increasing public awareness of this change to the public health code and, as with any legislative change, there can now be a concentrated effort on convincing payers of the significant benefit that direct access to physical therapy has for beneficiaries. You can visit the MPTA web page for updated information and attend MPTA meetings/conferences to hear about the latest developments.

Legislative issues remain prominent on both the federal and state level. While MPTA has focused on DCA on the state level, MPTA has also remained active in dealing with other state legislative issues to protect the scope of practice of physical therapy and to protect the public health. The 2014 election resulted in victories for friends of physical therapy, such as Margaret O’Brien winning her Michigan Senate race (Kalamazoo county) and John Moolenaar winning his US Congressional race (4th district). MPTA congratulates both of these individuals for their victories. MPTA has already started to lay the groundwork to address the issue of fair co-pays for physical therapy services as voted on at the MPTA fall conference. This particular issue has seen activity in a few states across the country and MPTA expects to learn from the successes and failures that have occurred in order to determine the best approach. MPTA continues to monitor the progress of the Physical Therapy Administrative Rules as being promulgated by the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy. Updates will be provided to the membership as they become available. Currently, the APTA is updating its legislative priorities with the 114th Congress which started session on January 6, 2015. I encourage you to look to the APTA web page and view information on updates to the PQRS system and a summary to the IMPACT legislation passed in 2014. There is one looming priority which needs member action and that is the March 31, 2015 deadline for the update to the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) and Medicare Therapy Cap. These two issues are important to physical therapists and without Congressional action will have devastating effect for PT. You can take action to help ensure your representative in Congress takes appropriate action by visiting the APTA action center at http://www.apta.org/TakeAction/ or downloading the APTA Action app to your smart phone. If you want to stay informed of APTA activities then you should also download the APTA News app to your smart phone.

MPTA will continue to provide updated information on the legislative issues that impact the physical therapy profession. Thank you for the work you do!

Come to the roundtable session at the Spring Conference and talk about what MPTA hopes to accomplish and how you can contribute… any ideas and level of involvement welcome! We have heard from some members “What is MPTA doing to publicize physical therapy and direct access?” Well, you are the MPTA and MPTA needs you!

MPTA will be finalizing the transition to a new association management company in the near future. We are excited to be the newest component to join APTA’s Association Management Services (AMS). Following a thoughtful search process the MPTA BOD decided that the move to APTA’s AMS will best meet the needs of MPTA and our members. We hope that you have found the transition has been seamless. Coming soon… a new and improved MPTA website!

Our new Executive Director is Julia Rice. Julia has gained a breadth of association management knowledge and skills during her 12 years with APTA. A previous component executive, she returns to APTA’s AMS after 3 years in APTA’s Governance Department as Manager, National Governance and Leadership. Julia’s skills are many but her expertise in advocacy, member relations and governance will serve Michigan well. She is a Certified Association Executive and a graduate of the US Chamber of Commerce’s Institute for Organization Management program. You will be able to meet Julia at the MPTA Spring Conference. See you there!
DIRECTOR OF REIMBURSEMENT
Submitted by Marty Sytsema, PT

As a new year is starting, it is once again time to assess what changes Medicare has in store for us in 2015. First, the Medicare Therapy Cap has increased in 2015 to $1,940 for combined PT and Speech Therapy services across all settings and the exceptions process is still in place until the end of March.

Second, the Manual Medical Review process remains in place above $3,700 in all settings. As you know, Michigan is a pre-payment state, so once you go above the $3,700 threshold, it is going to take a long time for you to be paid even if MMR gives you additional visits.

Third, is changes with PQRS. Thankfully, there are not many changes this year for private practices. Hopefully, you did not fail to report correctly in 2013, or else your 1.5% decrease in reimbursement started in January. Not complying with PQRS in 2015 will lead to a 2% decrease in payment in 2017.

Congress needs to act (again!) by March 31, 2015 to continue the Medicare cap, MMR process, etc. and to avoid a 21.2% decrease in payment to medical providers. Keep posted as APTA will be urging all of us to contact our representatives to permanently fix these issues.

As it is the beginning of a new year, many of our patients have had unexpected changes to their insurance benefits. Deductibles, co-insurances, and co-pays may all have changed, so it will be very important to communicate with your patients about the cost of their therapy. Blue Care Network is one of the insurance companies that has made changes to their policies lately that will affect patients. In the past, BCN would cover multiple 60-day treatment periods for separate injuries. Many of the new BCN policies only allow one 60-day treatment period per calendar year no matter how many various injuries the patient sustains in the year.

Getting paid for direct access visits is going to be the major push for the reimbursement committee in 2015. Maintaining your membership in the MPTA ensures you will have the latest information on this important topic.

DIRECTOR FOR CONFERENCES
Submitted by Chris Wilson PT, DPT, GCS

CAN’T-MISS EDUCATION AND UPDATES AT THE MPTA 2015 SPRING CONFERENCE AND STUDENT CONCLAVE!

Please accept my sincere invitation to attend the MPTA Spring Conference and Student Conclave on March 27th and 28th, 2015 in Bay City. We have some amazing programming for you including highlights such as an update to the professional development unit (PDU) requirements for relicensure and an update on early implementations of direct access, which just went into practice in Michigan only a few months ago. A variety of clinicians and MPTA leaders will be discussing various aspects of what we have experienced with direct access to this point. This year we have featured many more opportunities to interact with MPTA leadership! In addition to the membership meeting, we will be having lunch time roundtables hosted by select directors or committee chairs on Saturday, so grab your lunch in the exhibit hall and select your round tables of choice to attend! On Saturday, we will also have a Direct Access Open Forum in the Exhibit Hall. We have an inspiring opening speaker Eric Galvez - the author of From Therapist to Patient. We have some amazing clinical content at the conference including topics ranging from low back pain to concussions to oncology to ICD-10 coding. To increase the opportunity for attendees to acquire as many, if not all, of the required Professional Development Units for relicensure, the membership meeting has been moved to Saturday morning.

The MPT-PAC also has a great opportunity for us to get out and enjoy a taste of Bay City at the PAC Social Event.

Finally, mark your calendar now for the MPTA Fall Conference which will be held at Crystal Mountain on October 16th and 17th of 2015! If you are interested in presenting at fall conference or know someone who is, please see the Call for Proposals page of this Shorelines newsletter, submit at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DGCYH76 or visit www.mpta.com for the Fall Conference Call for Proposals. As always a sincere thanks to the entire Conference Committee and MPTA Board of Directors for all of their hard work and tireless effort on making a great conference! See you in Bay City!
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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, May 22nd, 2015
Submit electronic copies (only) of abstracts and cover letter to: Dr. Ksenia Ustinova at: ustin1k@cmich.edu

2. PREPARING THE COVER LETTER
• In your cover letter, please indicate under which of the following categories your abstract is being submitted:
  — Student Research Report [i.e., a student, or student group, conducted the majority of the project and has earned the 1st author assignment]
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• List the full names and titles of each author. Please include an address and telephone number where you can be reached during the summer months (May-August). Include also an email address where you can be reached.
• Specify whether this is a poster or platform submission and whether you are willing to accept assignment to either a poster or platform. Specifications of the poster will be emailed to you during the summer, if you are accepted for a poster presentation.

3. PREPARING THE ABSTRACT
• In order to be considered for review, your abstract must meet all of the requirements listed below:
  • All abstracts must be typewritten, single-spaced with one inch margins, a 12-point font (Times Roman)
  • Do not center the title
  • Limit the abstract to one page (8.5 x 11 inches). If graphs or charts are included with the abstract all must fit within the margins.
  • The content of the Research Abstract must follow the form and sequence outlined below (see Case Report Abstract**):
    o TITLE OF STUDY IN BOLD AND CAPITAL LETTERS.
    o Author 1 (last name, initials), author 2, author 3, etc; Faculty/University, City, State, leave a line as space. Underline the name of the one author who will present the poster or platform. Do not include titles or degrees.
    o Immediately after the author name(s), place a semicolon, and then type in the name of the facility or university in which the work being reported was conducted, and the city and state where the facility or university is located. Leave one blank line between this identifying information and the text of your abstract.
    o INTRODUCTION/CLINICAL RELEVANCE: Introductory sentence(s) of why this research question is important for clinical practice followed by an explicit purpose or hypothesis statement. METHODS: Specify research design. Subjects: Describe the number and relevant characteristics of sample. Methods/Procedures: including instruments used in data collection. Statistical Analysis: statistical tests used and alpha level. RESULTS: Briefly summarize the results that relate to the purpose(s) of the study. DISCUSSION: Briefly discuss the results that relate to the purpose(s) of the study. CONCLUSIONS: Summarize important results and state the conclusions from your results indicating the clinical relevance of the findings. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.
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      o BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Introductory sentence(s) of why this research question is important for clinical practice followed by an explicit purpose. CASE DESCRIPTION: Brief patient history and systems review, examination, clinical impression, approach/intervention. OUTCOMES, DISCUSSION. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

4. FINAL SUBMISSION
• All submissions will be taken electronically only. Submit your abstract and cover letter in MS Word. The original abstract with identifying information will be printed, as submitted, in the conference supplement. Please check spelling and grammar and make sure the original abstract is clear and legible.
• Please save your abstract as follows: Last name of first author, followed by the word “poster” or “platform” eg. Smith_poster, or Jones_platform.
You will be notified via e-mail by August 15th, 2015 regarding your presentation and provided with further instructions for your presentation.
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The conference committee of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association hereby issue a CALL FOR EDUCATIONAL SESSION PROPOSALS for the 2015 MPTA Fall Conference on October 17th, 2015 and Research Day on October 16th, 2015
Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, Michigan
October 17th and 18th, 2015
Proposal Submission Deadline: June 30th, 2015

Visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DGCYH76 to submit your educational session course proposal.

Proposals for educational sessions must be submitted online through MPTA’s conference proposal site. The decision as to whether or not a proposal is accepted, and the final content, format, and scheduling of any presentation, rests with the MPTA Board of Directors as represented by the MPTA Conference Committee.

Proposal submissions for educational sessions must contain the following:
1) Title
2) Course description
3) Course learning objectives
4) Minimum of 5 current bibliographic references, no more than 5 years old
5) Timed outline of content (including breaks)
6) Speaker information, including name, degrees/credentials, institution, city, and state
7) Biographical information for each speaker
8) Keywords
9) Teaching and evaluation methods
10) Recommended participant level

Important things to remember when submitting your proposal:
• Speaker information will appear exactly as submitted in all MPTA publications both in print and on-line. Contact co-presenters to ensure the accuracy of this information before finalizing your submission. All credentials should be listed under the field “degree”.
• Proposals may be for educational sessions for 1, 2, or 3 hours.
• There is a 9,000 character limit for the text of your submission. This does not include authors/institutions. Titles should be no more than 65 characters. Descriptions should not exceed 200 words.
• Selection of proposals will be based on the foundation in evidence, clarity of proposal, probable interest to participants, fiscal feasibility, and space and time constraints.
• Proposals should reflect cultural and/or ethical components related to clinical practice and research as related to session content.

Thank you for considering submitting a proposal. For additional questions about this process, please contact MPTA Director for Conferences, Chris Wilson PT, DPT, GCS at cwilsondpt@yahoo.com.
The MPT-PAC would like to thank the following individuals for making contributions at the club level ($100+) in 2014:

**LAKE SUPERIOR CLUB ($500+)**
- Janet Downey
- Jake Jakubiak Kovacek
- Edward Mathis
- Jeff Moore
- Gina Otterbein
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We are also currently seeking candidates for Treasurer. Please contact MPT-PAC Chair Edward Mathis (edwardmdpt@gmail.com) if you are interested.
ELECTION RESULTS
Submitted by Geri Connor, PT, MS, Chair, Nominating Committee
Elizabeth Ramey (Western District)
Jennifer Blackwood (Northeastern District)
Annemarie Kammann (Eastern District)
Geri Hawley (UP District)

The ballots have been cast, counted and verified. Congratulations to the newly elected members.

The following candidates will serve two year terms, January 1, 2015 until December 31, 2016

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• PTA Caucus Representative: Benjamin Eggleston, PTA

The following candidate will serve a one year term.
• Alternate Delegate: Britney Rauch, PT, DPT

DISTRICT NEWS
To get the latest in District News see the MPTA Website at www.mpta.com/districts

NORTHERN DISTRICT
Tim Zipple, PT, DSc, OCS
Northern District Chair

Tim Zipple, PT, DSc, OCS, has assumed the chair position of the MI Northern District with Chris Hinze, PT, DPT for the next two years. We are seeking contacts for potential sites for district meetings and educational presentations, so if you want to contact Tim Zipple at tim.zipple@cmich.edu or Chris Hinze at cjhinze@gmail.com, we would be happy to hear from you!

UPPER PENINSULA DISTRICT
Edward Mathis, PT, DPT
MPTA Upper Peninsula District Chair

We have a number of events to look forward to in 2015:

• April 23rd, Membership Meeting, Active Physical Therapy, Marquette, 6pm ET
This will be an informational session about membership, direct access, and other issues affecting PT in the UP. Please contact the Chair, Edward Mathis if you would like to see a similar event in your area.

• August 7th, UP Golf Social/MPT-PAC Fundraiser, Pine Grove Country Club, Iron Mountain, 3pm CT
Join us for our 7th Annual 9 hole scramble with social to follow. This is always a fun time and is typically the highlight of the district’s year.

• August 8th, Cervical Spine: Manual Therapy Management; Continuing Education Course by Jeff Moore/Institute for Clinical Excellence, Back in Motion PT, Kingsford, 8-5 CT
Go to: http://www.instituteofclinicalexcellence.com/courses/ for more information and to register.

• Sept 18-19th, Clinical Instructor Credentialing Course, Active Physical Therapy, Marquette
Contact Elizabeth Mostrom, PT, PhD, Director of Clinical Education, Central Michigan University; elizabeth.mostrom@cmich.edu to register.
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY  
Submitted by Bill Scott, Director of Clinical Education

FAMILY SPIRIT
Andrews University Department of Physical Therapy is bursting at the seams this semester with all three of our classes back on campus.

We are excited that our class of 2015 has returned home after completing two of their terminal internships. We appreciate all of the CI’s out there that made their internship experiences a positive one.

At CSM in February there will be an Andrews Department of Physical Therapy dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory on Thursday February 5. Andrews Alumni can register at alumni.andrews.edu. We hope to see all our alumni there.

SERVANTS’ HEART
Samantha Callahan from the class of 2017 has been leading “Bilingual,” a program that reaches out to kids 3-13 years old twice a month in Benton Harbor MI. The group reads stories, sing songs, and plays games with the kids and works to enrich their lives. We are proud of Sam for her display of leadership and community service and her classmates that have participated.

We have gone green in the department! We have had a student led initiative to recycle appropriate material within our department. We received a recycling grant and now have receptacles placed throughout the department to make this process easier for students and faculty.

INQUISITIVE MIND
The Class of 2016 is busy with submitting their IRB proposals and pressing onward with their research projects. They will begin their data collection over the next 2 semesters and we are pleased with all of the hard work they are putting into these projects. We look forward to their results.

The Class of 2015 will be presenting their research on March 6 from 9-1:30 here on campus. Each group will be responsible for an oral presentation and a Q&A session. Come join us and help us celebrate their work.

We are pleased to welcome Kristi Hallisy PT DSc to campus. This course is open to beginners. If you are interested in this course please contact Amy Maydole at 269.471.6305.

We are thankful for the beginning of a new year and we are excited for what 2015 has in store for all of us here on the sunset coast.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Submitted by J. Tim Zipple, PT, DSc, OCS, FAAOMPT

We began the third semester of our distance-learning cohort at Michigan Tech University in Houghton. We are evaluating the effectiveness of the synchronous streaming presentations between the two institutions and are looking for ways to improve the process. There have been some minor technical issues which have been resolved and the students at both institutions are getting used to the new technology and pedagogics. We are aided in our efforts by Dr. Peter Loubert, Interim Site Director at MTU, who has committed to a two-year ‘tour of duty’ in Houghton. We have been fortunate enough to have several excellent local PT clinicians assist with our labs sessions during the fall semester. Our DPT students in Houghton are taking advantage of the ‘Tech Experience’ by utilizing campus recreational facilities, Tech Trails, Mt. Ripley Ski Resort and free admission to MTU sporting events! Additionally, they are engaged in collaborative research with MTU faculty members.

Our department leadership has changed at CMU. Dr. Deb Silkwood-Sherer was previously appointed as the Interim Program Director, but has now been appointed as the permanent DPT Program Director. We are currently in the process of replacing her regular tenure-track faculty position (neurological) concurrently with a regular tenure-track faculty position in orthopedics. Both positions require a post-professional doctorate and are at the assistant professor level. Our Dean, Chris Ingersoll, PhD, ATC took a Deanship at the University of Toledo and Tom Masterson, PhD has been appointed Interim Dean.

The students’ volunteer efforts in our pro-bono clinic have been hindered by diminishing numbers of patients without insurance, but the students are formulating plans to modify pro-bono services, possibly with the use of our new Mobile Health Central service bus. The students are planning the traditional ‘Stomp Out MS 5K Color-Run/Walk’ event to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society during the spring semester. The students also traditionally participate in the
Relay for Life’ event at the Athletic Complex on campus in the spring and will be participating in the MPTA Student Conclave this spring in Bay City on March 27th, 2015. We have a couple of CMU third-year students (Jorgie Hadder and Jill Allen) who will be outgoing co-presidents for the Student Relations Committee, so I would like to encourage all students from the PT/PTA Programs in the State of Michigan to actively seek to fill these leadership positions as they are vacated.

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
Submitted by Bonni Kinne, PT, MSPT, MA

The winter of 2015 has been a busy time for our students. Our third-year students are participating in their remaining classes (including optional advanced topic courses in neurologic physical therapy, pediatric physical therapy, spinal manual therapy, and/or sports physical therapy), completing their research projects, and preparing for their final clinical experience that takes place from early May through early July. Our second-year students are completing a six-week clinical experience before returning to school for additional didactic coursework. Our first-year students are immersed in their orthopedic semester while anxiously awaiting their very first clinical experience that takes place from early May through early June. In the meantime, Professor Daniel Vaughn completed his first semester as the new chair of the physical therapy department this past fall; and Professor John Peck returned to the department to teach on a part-time basis after having taken the fall semester off (a well-deserved break that included a couple of relaxing family vacations).

In other news, April Gamble (an alumnus from the Class of 2012 who now works as a physical therapist in China) recently presented at the 3rd National Congress of Rehabilitation Education of the Chinese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine in Fuzhou, China. We were all graced with her presence when she returned to Grand Rapids in late fall and spoke about her Chinese experiences at a gathering on December 5th. Professor Cathy Harro recently published an article entitled “Examining the Function in Sitting Test for Validity, Responsiveness, and Minimal Clinically Important Difference in Inpatient Rehabilitation” in the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Professors Meri Goehring and Michael Shoemaker each received grants of approximately $10,000 from the American Physical Therapy Association to be used for the development of clinical practice guidelines in orthopedic rehabilitation (Professor Goehring) and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation (Professor Shoemaker). Professor Shoemaker (along with current third-year students Kelly Cartwright, Kim Hanson, and Deb Serba) also received a $40,000 grant from Medtronic for use during the completion of a cardiopulmonary-based randomized clinical trial. Finally, two faculty members were recently appointed to new leadership positions. Professor Barbara Hoogenboom will be serving on the Performance Health Scientific Advisory Committee that annually presents research related to TheraBand, Biofreeze, and Cramer Sports Medicine products, and Professor Bonni Kinne will be serving as the editor-in-chief in charge of research that is being published by the Vestibular Disorders Association.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT
Submitted by Jennifer Blackwood, PT, PhD, GCS, CEEAA

New Year, New Law- the PT program at the University of Michigan-Flint welcome Direct Consumer Access in 2015! Our resolution is to share the many accolades, events, and other news stories with you this year.

The department would like to congratulate Dr. Jennifer Blackwood, PT, PhD, GCS, CEEAA on being selected to receive the Distinguished Educator Award for 2015 from the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy (AGPT) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). This award is given to a member of the AGPT in recognition of his or her excellence in teaching geriatric content. Dr. Blackwood was presented with this award and recognized at the AGPT member meeting on February 5th at the APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In addition, Class of 2015 student Genevieve Colon, SPT was selected to receive the Student Research Award from the APTA’s Oncology Section. The award was established to recognize those students who have performed outstanding basic, clinical, or educational student research pertaining to the practice of physical therapy in oncology and/or HIV. Ms. Colon has been involved in three different Oncology Section EDGE Task Force projects resulting in multiple presentations at CSM. She will be presented with this award during the Oncology Section’s Celebration of Life Reception on Friday February 6th at CSM!
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The AGPT also awarded students Emily Dudzik and Tracy Lytle second place in the national Student Brochure Contest. Their brochure will be made available on the Section’s website for use by clinicians and the public and they were also awarded a 1 year membership in the Academy at CSM.

Multiple students, faculty, and alumni will be involved in research presentations and education sessions at CSM in Indianapolis in February along with the annual gathering of alumni and friends of the department at a reception on Thursday, February 5th.

Dr. Min Huang, PT, PhD, NCS, was awarded the prestigious Mabel E. Holton Award from the MPTA Institute for Education and Research for her recent publication in the prestigious journal Gait and Posture titled “History of falls, balance performance, and quality of life in older cancer survivors”.

Congratulations go out to students in our Post Professional Transitional DPT program on the completion of their DPT degree in December. In addition to being students in a challenging online doctoral program, these working PTs also juggled many other roles in both their personal and professional lives throughout their education. This was one of the largest cohorts of graduates in attendance at the December commencement exercises, including students who traveled from Australia and Nigeria!

Fall welcomed the first cohort of PT PhD students on our campus. Two have chosen to focus their studies in Geriatric physical therapy, while another has chosen the Neurological physical therapy course sequence. For more information about enrolling in the PhD program, contact Dr. Cathy Larson at clarsen@umflint.edu.

Within the professional DPT program, students in the Class of 2015 are out on their full-time clinical rotations. Faculty will be performing clinical site visits in mid February. Prior to heading out for clinicals, students in the Class of 2015 presented their Evidence Based Case Study Posters at the Annual Poster Presentation Session. Dr. Jamie Haines, as Associate Director of Clinical Education, has contracted with many new clinical sites. However, the need for clinical sites throughout Michigan is always present. If you would like to host UM-F DPT students for clinical education at your facility, please contact Dr. Haines at jjduley@umflint.edu.

Students in both the Classes of 2016 and 2017 continue to acquire the knowledge that it takes to become a PT including their involvement in the student run pro bono clinic, PT HEART, which is held at the North End Soup Kitchen in Flint! Through their fundraising efforts, the students were able to raise enough money to provide a very nice Christmas for one local family!

The annual Applicant Information Session open house for future U of M-Flint PT students was held in early January and well attended with many interested future students. For any PTs who have students that may be volunteering in your clinic and who are interested in our program please have them contact the department to schedule a time to meet with our Admissions Chair or other staff members. Admissions decisions are expected to be completed in mid-February.

Congratulations are in order for faculty and students with publications in the Journal of Geriatric Physical Therapy, Gait and Posture, Physical and Occupational Therapy in Geriatrics, and the Journal of Neurological Physical Therapy. In addition, students and faculty have presented at the following fall conferences: MPTA Fall Conference, Gerontological Society of America’s 67th Annual Scientific Meeting, the APTA’s Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference, and the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions Annual Meeting. We look forward to sharing the progress in our PT Department with colleagues at the MPTA Spring conference.

Within the Post Professional program, coordinators of the certificate and residency programs continue to develop Post Professional residencies in orthopedics, pediatrics, neurology and geriatrics in Michigan and within the Midwest. Site visits for becoming an APTA Accredited residency was held for the Pediatrics and Orthopedics residencies in Ann Arbor. For more information about partnering as a residency site for one of the four residency programs contact Christina Wixson at cwixson@umflint.edu

Lastly, we said good-bye to Professor Dr. Eric Freedman who passed away at the end of 2014. Dr. Freedman could regularly be seen at department functions like the research poster night. He was a friend of the department, a teacher of PT students, a great conversationalist and the dear loved spouse of one of our own, Dr. Donna Fry. Our sincerest condolences go to Donna and their family.
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Thinking about completing a tDPT? Now is the time!
LAST CLASS WILL BE ADMITTED IN FALL 2016

Oakland University currently has a transitional DPT program for those PTs who graduated with a bachelor’s or master’s degree and wish to obtain a doctoral degree in physical therapy. Students who have a bachelor’s degree complete 30 credits and those with a master’s degree complete 26 credits.

As we anticipate that the number of individuals who wish to pursue this option will decrease, we will only be admitting students into the tDPT at Oakland until the Fall of 2016. We encourage anyone who is interested in pursuing the tDPT to consider applying to the program in the near future.

The tDPT is offered in conjunction with our certificate programs and/or with other elective courses of your interest, with many courses offered on-line, evenings or weekends. Most students complete the program in 1 – 2 years on a part-time basis, depending on previous course work. Students can begin the program in fall, winter or summer. Information on and deadlines for applying can be found on the Oakland University Graduate Admissions website at http://www.oakland.edu/grad

Please contact Chris Stiller, the tDPT Program Coordinator, at cstiller@oakland.edu if you have any questions or visit the Physical Therapy web page at http://www.oakland.edu/shs/pt/

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3/14/15 Evidence and Application of Blood Pressure Practices in Physical and Occupational Therapy - $100
3/21/15 Concussion Management: Assessment and Intervention Related to Specific Impairments and Symptoms Post-Concussion - $175
4/25-26/15 Kinesio Taping® Seminar Fundamentals & Advanced (KT1 & KT2) - $560
6/22/15 Rehab Management Strategies for Neuromuscular & Neurodegenerative Disorders - $195

For more information or to register, contact Lisa Carter, Education Program Assistant at 248-898-1988 or lisa.carter@beaumont.edu

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