We are excited to update you on what has been happening at NUPT!

We have just had our Alumni Weekend in conjunction with the Medical School. Next year Alumni Weekend will be April 19 and 20, 2013. Please put it on your calendars and try to attend, if you would like to try to contact PTs from your class please let us know and we can give you emails and updates that we have so you can organize a reunion!

New this year will be several continuing education (CE) opportunities at NUPT for alumni. The first CE event will be Thursday, September 13, 2012. Toni Sander, PT, DPT will be presenting Managing Peripheral Edema in the Orthopedic Population. It will begin at 6 PM with dinner and program from 6:30-8 PM. This will be free for NUPT Alumni and a nominal cost of $25 for other PTs to attend. Three additional CE opportunities scheduled: November 29, 2012, Non-invasive Brain Stimulation and Implications for Physical Therapy Practice, presented by Lynn Rogers, PhD, Heidi Roth, PT, DHS, NCS, and Rachel Tappan PT, NCS; February 2013, Physical Therapy Management of Patients with Left Ventricular Assist Devices in the Non-Acute Care Setting, presented by Prem Batchu-Green PT, DPT; May 2013, Aging with HIV: Ramifications for Physical Therapy Care for the Older Adult with HIV/AIDS, presented by Margaret Wente Danilovich PT, DPT, GCS. To register or for more information, go to the website or contact Bill Healey at b-healey@northwestern.edu, 312-503-3346.

In February at the Combined Sections Meeting in Chicago we had a huge turnout for our NUPT reception. There were many presentations and posters from several of our faculty and students at CSM. They made us very proud. At the reception it was announced that alumni Mark Kaufman (’89) from Athletico will match all new donations to our PT scholarship fund up to August 2012. This is an incredible opportunity for us to raise funds to support our students. Please consider how you may help; we often think only a large donation is important, but we appreciate all donations and several small donations can really add up.

In March, several of our students and faculty participated in a Phonathon, which our student Mary Kate Casey (’13) and Christina Loeffler, NU Development Office organized. This raised approximately $10,000 in donations from our alumni. Thank you to those who participated and for your support of our students. For those of you that want to help, there is more information in this newsletter about how you can give.

This year the Alumni Board will again support the Boat Cruise following the White Coat Ceremony on June 22nd. This is a lovely evening that will be celebrated by students and faculty. We are glad to be able to give money to defray the cost to the participants and foster the celebration. In September 2011, the Class of 2014 with 81 new students arrived on campus. There was a reception and they received an NU tote bag as a gift from the Alumni Association. On April 21, 2012, the Class of 2012 graduated with 56 students receiving their Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. A post-graduation celebration was held at the Crystal Garden at Navy Pier, and it was wonderful to celebrate with them. We hope they will all continue to be active participants in the Alumni Association.

There has been much activity and enthusiasm this year with your Alumni Board. This is truly a working board, and we appreciate all the support and contributions they have made and will make in the future. We want to thank our outgoing Alumni Board members Pam Hatton, Karen Stevens, and Betsy Campione, who have served faithfully especially with the Job Fair, Alumni Weekend, and Development. We welcome our new board members Marilyn Holt and Rachel Tappan along with returning members Cindy Weinstein and June Macchiaverra. Please consider how you may be able to participate. Let us know, and we will be in touch with you. Also please look at the Alumni Awards and consider nominating someone for the awards to recognize their contributions.

And last but not least, many thanks to the faculty and leadership for their devotion and continued hard work with our students. They give tirelessly to support education and students and it is truly evident as we see the excellence of our students academically and in the clinic. And to Bill Healey, who is the glue that holds the Alumni Association together, many thanks from a grateful Alumni Board. There has been much activity and enthusiasm this year with your Alumni Board. This is truly a working board, and we appreciate all the support and contributions they have made and will make in the future. We want to thank our outgoing Alumni Board members Pam Hatton, Karen Stevens, and Betsy Campione, who have served faithfully especially with the Job Fair, Alumni Weekend, and Development. We welcome our new board members Marilyn Holt and Rachel Tappan along with returning members Cindy Weinstein and June Macchiaverra. Please consider how you may be able to participate. Let us know, and we will be in touch with you. Also please look at the Alumni Awards and consider nominating someone for the awards to recognize their contributions.

Best regards,

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President, NUPT Alumni Association
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Lauren Sofen (Chicago, IL) was accepted into the APTA-credentialed Pediatric Physical Therapy Residency at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), beginning this summer. Lauren is an instructor and chairs the department diversity committee.

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Vanessa Warner (Chicago, IL) was accepted into the APTA-credentialed Neurologic Physical Therapy Residency Program at TIRR (Texas Institute of Rehabilitation Research) Memorial Hermann in Houston.

2009

Melissa J. Singer (Buffalo Grove, IL) is enrolled in the APTA-credentialed Evidence in Motion (EIM) Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency Program with clinical partner Athletic. Erin Egly and Nathan Cutler attended NUPT because of the program this summer.

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The following NUPT alumni were recognized as APTA Board-Certified Clinical Specialists during the CSM opening ceremony on February 8, 2012. Congratulations!

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\[\text{Ms. Mrs. Jamie Weida Fisher} \]
\[\text{Ms. Ms. Laura Van Gorp Evans} \]
\[\text{Ms. Ms. Paula L. Eppenstein} \]
\[\text{Ms. Ms. Margaret Downing} \]
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Congratulations PT alumni! We are proud to announce that so far this year the Northwestern University Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences program has received over $26,000 from generous alumni like you and friends of the school in support of priority areas within the department. This is twice as much as previous years.

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For every person motivated by the thrill of moving to a new city, and endless picture taking. It was an obvious fit. New York City has always been the hub of our culture is becoming increasingly mobile. The first of many life decisions that face the new grad is deciding where to go for that first job. Suzanne Semanson, an NUPT scholar who completed the University Pre-Graduate Program (UPP) at Northwestern, is a physical therapist. For now, just make sure Aunt Judy has a ride from the airport.

The Class of 2012 Graduation

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The Ironman is not Chris’s first encounter with this distance race, and it will certainly not be his last. After finishing the 2011 Chicago Marathon in 2 hours and 37 minutes. Before coming to Northwestern, Chris ran cross country and track at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, where he majored in Biology and Nutrition. He is still undecided as far as what type of setting he would like to practice in due to the number of interesting Physical Therapy settings are all so different and many unique aspects. However, he does dream of one day becoming a therapist/bike fitter for a professional cycling team.

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NUPT is proud to announce that Elizabeth Sayers has been accepted as our first student in the newly created Northwestern University Pre-Physical Therapy Scholars Program (NU-PPT-SP). Elizabeth was modeled after a similar program in Feinberg available to prospective medical students. The program is an early DPT acceptance program where acceptance does not affect a candidate’s demonstrated commitment to a career in PT and a desire to study PT at Northwestern. Students apply and are accepted during their 3rd undergraduate year at Northwestern.

While at Northwestern, Elizabeth is active in Alpha Psi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity and relay for life. She is an avid runner who also enjoys yoga and Zumba.

Student Spotlight

Jeremy Campbell

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