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Alumni Spotlight

Members of the Class of 1996 met up at OHIO the weekend of June 4 for their 20-year reunion. Those in attendance were able to see the PT

department in Grover Center for the first time. Pictured from left to right are (front row): Rebecca (Roman) Jenkins, Alison (Williams) Marsden, Julie (Krajnak) Taylor, Alison (Peacock) Hicks, Kathy (Ihle) Brown; (back row): Rich Ozmun, Leslie (Spofford) Frater, Bryan Ackerson, and Gary Chleboun.



The second picture is a photo from when some of the members of 1996 were in school. Pictured from left to right are Brian Fuller, Gary Chleboun, Ed Sandgran, and Bill Sever. Photo courtesy of Brian who recently attended the dry needling continuing ed course at OHIO.

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In other news

Giving makes the difference

We have no better evidence of the difference our college makes in the world than our alumni, who devote their lives to helping others. You can make a behind-the-scenes difference, too, by



Welcome Class of 2019!

The OHIO Division of Physical Therapy is happy to welcome the class of 2019! Forty-four students (22 women and 22 men) started the DPT program at OHIO on May 16, 2016. Students, whose average GPA is 3.83, come from eight different states and 24 different undergrad schools. Good luck to these future physical therapists!

Jennifaye Brown

P.T., Ph.D., N.C.S.

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Funding opportunities

The Alumni Board of Directors have a number of initiatives that they ask alumni to consider funding.

1. Cynthia Norkin Scholarship (Service and Leadership)
2. Joy Boyd Memorial Scholarship (Academic Merit and Professionalism)
3. Southpaw Enterprises Scholarship (Pediatrics)



The Division of Physical Therapy is excited to welcome Jennifaye V. Brown as an assistant clinical professor in neurorehabilitation!

Brown has a Master of Science in Physical Therapy degree (University of Miami–Florida) and a Ph.D. in Exercise Science (University of South Carolina). Brown's 26 years of clinical experience is focused in neurorehabilitation, which includes acute care, acute and subacute rehab, outpatient, day rehab, and home health. She has presented numerous continuing education courses on adult neurologic assessment and treatment intervention for acquired brain injury, particularly stroke. She became board certified as a clinical specialist in neurology by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) in 1995 and was recertified in 2004 and 2014.

Brown has written and edited items for the neurology specialist certification examination. She is also an advanced clinical instructor, credentialed by the Clinical Instructor Education Board of the APTA. She taught at physical therapy and physical therapy assistant programs in Georgia and South Carolina before coming to OHIO's program.

Brown's special interests and extensive clinical background include gait analysis and training; ankle foot orthosis (AFO) design to improve gait; splinting/casting of the lower extremity for the neurologic patient; and neuro-developmental treatment (NDT).

Dr. Brown has developed a special interest in using 3D printing to design and fabricate AFOs that accommodate ladies footwear based on neuromuscular and gait impairments. She is the creative force behind the

5. Po Hickenbottom
Scholarship (Pediatrics)

6. OUTA Steve Trotta
Scholarship
(SE Ohio
Resident/Nontraditional
Student)

7. Trotta, Haste,
Schulman Scholarship
(Faculty Choice)

8. PT Student Support
Fund
(Student Research
Projects)

9. PT General Fund
(Multipurpose)

10. Botswana Fund
(Yearly Student Trip)

Forward

Know someone who
might be interested in
this email?



Brown is a member of the APTA, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, Aerobics & Fitness Association of America, and the Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association.

Alumni Update



The OUPT Alumni Board of Directors met on March 24 in Athens to hear updates on the PT program regarding admissions, new faculty, and various foundation and scholarship accounts.

In addition, the board addressed topics related to alumni relations, professional development and networking, community service and philanthropic development. Those in attendance were Allison Barnett, Matt Crill, Angie Sharp, Matt Call, Leigh Ann Frick, Steve Trotta, Tim Guiden, Michelle Courtney, Brett Kim, Simon Hargus, and Karen Green (Scott Livingston joined via phone).

This group represents alumni from 1986 to 2013. It was an energetic meeting with many new ideas brought forth to work on in 2016-17. The board would like to recruit new members during this next year. If you have an interest in serving, please contact either Brett Kim or Gary Chleboun.

Student Spotlight

Shandra Hamilton, S.P.T., and Jamie Weber, S.P.T.

Class of 2018



This issue's Student Spotlight focuses on Shandra Hamilton and Jamie Weber. The two PT students along with two undergrad students participated in a research competition focusing on the poverty levels, health status and other economic problems in Athens County and how to help.

The group submitted a proposal to implement home gardening as a way to increase food security in Athens. Their plan involved creating and providing a kit containing gardening essentials, seedlings for crops, personal assistance in creating a garden, info sessions and a manual. They projected that their plan would increase food security by 10 percent as well as increase the health and nutrition of the participants involved.

The group took first place in the competition against various other groups comprised of graduate and undergraduate students. Congrats to Shandra and Jamie!

within the next few weeks, Ohio will have PT alumni T-shirts available for purchase at the Bobcat Store on the Alumni Association website. You can go [here](#) to view and purchase the T-shirts by clicking on "Affinity Shops" and choosing the College of Health Sciences and Professions from the drop-down menu. The designs are pictured below; the top design is printed on a black shirt and the bottom is printed on a heather gray shirt.

