Class reunions!

2019 is the year of reunions! Be on the look out. The class of 2014 is planning a reunion this August at Strouds Run State Park. Plans for reunions for the class of 1994 and 2009 are also in the works. Michele Courtney will be heading the arrangements for the '94 reunion. See important dates below.
The Ohio University PT Class of ‘94 will hold its 25th reunion; the Class of 2009 will hold its 10th reunion and the annual Quad Rugby/PT Day of Service Event are all happening on Oct. 5, 2019!
If you are unable to attend the 13th annual Battle the Blitz quad rugby fundraiser taking place on Ohio University's Athens campus on Oct. 5, make sure to find a local service event in which to participate!

CEU and elective courses Fall 2019

CEU courses that are offered this year as part of our elective courses for the 3rd year students.

Dry Needling Level I: Sept. 6-8
Dry Needling Level II: Sept. 27-29
MDT Part A: Nov. 8-10
Women’s Health: Nov. 15-16
Advocacy Day

Advocacy day took place on April 4, 2019. In light of the current opioid epidemic, the focus of this year's event was to advocate for quick access to physical therapy in order to provide the community with safe and effective non-pharmaceutical pain management. Advocacy Day now occurs every other year in Columbus, Ohio.
"By attending, we get to experience first-hand, grassroots advocacy on the state level. It is an opportunity to share our opinions on issues that matter with our State Senators and Representatives while also getting to network with other PT Professionals... I believe it is critical that we provide time for our students to participate in Advocacy Day because it is a tremendous experience. Advocating for PT while meeting various practitioners and other students provides communication, networking, and leadership skills to prepare students to be strong professionals in their community when they graduate."

OPTA Annual Conference

The 2019 Annual OPTA Conference took place on April 5-6 at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel. Over 40 OHIO PT students were in attendance including faculty members Paula DeLorm, Janice Howman, and James Odenthal.
Paula and Janice presented with Rebecca Meier, Audiology faculty member, and Janice Wright, Speech Language Pathology faculty member, on interprofessional education. Alissa Rhode, Abby Saner, Kelly Rhodes, and Morgan Brumenschenkel served on the Student Challenge Team. Malerie Takach is now the Activities Coordinator of the OPTA Student Special Interest Group (SSIG).
Our alumnus, Derek Steele, received the OPTA Clinical Instructor of the Year Award!
Welcome class of 2022!

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Alumni spotlight

Andrea Stump ’14
Andrea Stump, PT, DPT, NCS, ATP, has played a key role in many PT-related initiatives over the past year. She is the SCI program coordinator for outpatient neuropathy at OhioHealth in Columbus. This past year she started the SCI Wellness group in partnership with Franklin Park Adventure Center and recently received the Christopher Reeve grant in order to continue funding the program for the next year. In addition, she also started a program at the Columbus airport called Wheels Up! The purpose of the program is to make air travel more accessible to individuals with neurological problems by teaching them skills such as getting through airport security especially those with wheelchairs.

She received her Assistive Technology Professional certification and spoke at both the international and European seating symposiums. She also taught a lecture for Midwestern University OT and Northern Arizona University PT programs. On top of her current responsibilities, she is also working on a few other initiatives related to intensity training and outcomes.

Stump was also elected to the Nominating Committee in the Spinal Cord Injury Special Interest Group (SCI SIG) for the Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy (ANPT). Between all of her responsibilities, she is also the mother of a two-year-old and is expecting another child by the end of the year!
Polly Stidhem graduated in May, 2019. She was the graduate assistant who assisted Gary Chleboun with alumni relations (newsletters, alumni gatherings, etc.) throughout her three years of PT school. She will be missed for her social media skills, excellent organizational skills and energy. She was chosen by the Alumni Board as the new-graduate member of the Alumni Board of Directors for 2019. When asked to reflect on her time at Ohio University, she stated the following:

"Congratulations to my fellow classmates in the Class of 2019 — we did it! Over the past three years, we have worked hard to achieve many milestones, leading us to
many valuable connections and relationships with faculty, peers, alumni, and lifelong friends. I look forward to maintaining those connections through my continued involvement in the Alumni Board of Directors. I was fortunate to be able to take a couple of months off after graduation to travel and spend time with family. I visited Iceland and took a road trip around Ireland — it was amazing! Starting in July, I will be working in acute care at Grandview Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. I look forward to putting my knowledge and passion to work and beginning my career! I am thankful for the connections I've made through OHIO PT and my clinical rotations that helped me in my job search."

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