Ohio University Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) students celebrated the 2017 Physical Therapy Day of Service by helping to clean up the East Side Community Garden in Athens, one of five community gardens managed by the Community Food Initiatives (CFI).

Students helped with weeding of garden plots, adding mulch to paths and planting garlic that would stay in the ground over the winter before sizing up for a late spring/early summer harvest.

CFI provides nutrition and gardening education for community members as well as being a strong proponent of food justice by distributing healthy local food to those in need living in southeast Ohio.
Our Columbus OHIO PT alumni reception celebrated PT day of service on Oct. 14 by partnering with Gordon Biersch to support the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. Gordon Biersch donated 10 percent of its sales from the night, and attendees made tax deductible donations by cash, check or credit card. Mid-Ohio Food Bank provides more than 154,518 meals every day to hungry people across central and eastern Ohio.

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**Third-year DPT student featured in documentary**
On Nov. 2, 2017, over 50 students and faculty from the Ohio University Physical Therapy division along with many others from the university community gathered to view a documentary titled "The Veteran's Project." In attendance was Michael Holmes (class of 2018), pictured above, who is a current third-year physical therapy student. Holmes was injured during a combat tour in Iraq in 2007, and his story of recovery is featured in the documentary alongside those of other veterans. This documentary sheds light on the experiences of injured soldiers in the wake of their injuries.

"The film does an excellent job of capturing the essence of wounded veterans' struggles and portraying the raw experiences personally, professionally and medically after veterans return from combat. My fellow students and instructors demonstrated personal interest in furthering their grasp on proper care and interaction with veterans at the same time venerated me attending the film. I am truly honored to a part of the Ohio University Physical Therapy division."
— Michael Holmes

Upcoming alumni gatherings
Didn't have a chance to meet up with us this year? Keep an eye out for upcoming information on alumni gatherings in 2018! Information on future events will be posted and shared on social media. We look forward to seeing you in 2018!

Follow us on Social Media!
Quad Rugby a rolling success

OHIO PT hosted its 11th annual Quad Rugby tournament on Sept. 30, 2017, featuring 22 registered teams battling the Buckeye Blitz (a semi-professional quad rugby team out of Columbus) in 30-minute games. Teams consisted of current students, alumni, faculty and community members all trying their best to outperform
the Blitz. Teams received T-shirts and pizza was provided. The best teams won gift cards to local businesses, and everyone was entered into a raffle for gift cards to local businesses like Jackie O's and Village Bakery.

This truly is a special event that allows these athletes to compete in the sport that they love. In addition to being a fun event, OHIO PT was able to raise over $4,500, all of which was donated to the Blitz to help purchase the specially designed wheelchairs that this sport requires. It also pays for entry fees to tournaments, travel expenses, and other costs that come with running a sports team.

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**Giving back**

Feel like giving back? To partner with us in continuing to provide quality education to our students, [click here](https://www.ohio.edu/alumni/newsletter-images/CHSP/2018/2061-CHSP-PT-News/2061-CHSP-PT-News_021918.html) and follow the directions to donate to our program.

Select "the fund I want to support isn't listed above" and enter one of the funds shown below to donate!

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- Joy Boyd Memorial Scholarship (Academic Merit and Professionalism)
- Southpaw Enterprises Scholarship (Pediatrics)
- Carole J. Marchal Scholarship (Pediatrics)
- Po Hickenbottom Scholarship (Pediatrics)
- OUTA Steve Trotta Scholarship (SE Ohio Resident/Nontraditional Student)
- Trotta, Haste, Schulman Scholarship (Faculty Choice)
- PT Student Support Fund (Student Research Projects)
- Physical Therapy Fund (Multipurpose)
- Botswana Fund (Yearly Student Study Abroad Trip)

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