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Director's Welcome

As we wind down the 2015 Fall semester, our program is celebrating the start of 26 years of physical therapy education at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. We have changed over these years. In 1990, the program offered the state's second bachelor's degree program in PT. There were 24 students in the first class. One of our original students was Charles Williams. While he was in the first entry-level class, he was also in the last class of transitional doctoral students who graduated in 2014.



Our current program offers the entry-level doctoral degree in physical therapy and admits 36 students per class.

You may be wondering how we are going to accommodate all of these PT students (up to 108) and the doctoral students in occupational therapy (24 students/class with plans for 3 classes) in our current space in Davenport Hall. We are moving, and it is a very exciting time for UTC PT and OT! The University acquired two state office buildings adjacent to campus. The taller building faces McCallie Avenue, and I can actually see it from my office window. The building behind it is the Mapp Building, and it is much newer.

The address is E 8th Street. In December 2015, we will be moving into spacious accommodations on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Mapp Building. Our orthopedic lab will accommodate 60 students (36 PT + 24 OT) with room for an additional 10 students if we need to grow. We will also have a very nice lab to accommodate the medical/surgical and neurologic classes. An outdoor patio surrounds part of the 2nd floor. It will include a rehab garden with various surfaces to practice mobility (gravel, ramp, grass, etc.).

Our faculty welcomed Dr. June Hanks back home to Chattanooga this past year. As you may recall, she left to provide relief work after the earthquake devastated Haiti. Her teaching load is very similar to the previous one: therapeutic exercise, cardiopulmonary, anatomy, and medical/surgical aspects including wound care, orthotics/prosthetics, and lymphedema. We hired adjuncts to teach much of this content in her absence.

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Alumni Welcome



Dear Fellow Alums:

I am happy to continue to serve as your president of our UTC PT Alumni Association. It is an honor and a privilege to represent you and to work alongside some wonderful and dedicated people on the UTC Alumni Board.

We are pleased to offer the annual UTC PT Alumni E-Newsletter where you can find out about all the alumni news, information, and up-coming events. Our goal is to promote a dynamic and on-going relationship between alumni, faculty and students. We want to hear from you! We welcome your suggestions and want to grow our association. We encourage you as our alumni to provide us with career updates, alumni activities, and contact information. We want to thank all of you who continue to support your PT alma mater - those who have contributed financially to help strengthen the scholarship fund, offered your practice for a clinical affiliation, hired one of our grads or simply have made an effort to stay current and connected to our association.

Our program welcomed its 26th class on August 14th this year with some exciting changes in the administration, which you can read about in this newsletter. These DPT students will continue to be served by an outstanding, hardworking and dedicated staff and faculty here at UTC. They remain more committed than ever to providing the highest quality education as they prepare these and all the students to meet the future healthcare challenges and to become excellent PT professionals.

I look forward to staying connected with you through our E-Newsletter. Please help us keep a vibrant and active alumni association!

Susie Thompson, PT, '93

Starting December 2015, we will move
into the James R. Mapp Building!



Follow us on Facebook! Click [here](#) to access the UTC DPT Facebook page.

We would love to hear from you! To send us Alumni news and photos, just email Rebecca-Littleton@utc.edu.

Congratulations, DPT Class of 2014!

Graduation 2014

On May 3rd our program welcomed thirty entry-level students as new alumni. The following students received recognition at the pre-graduation banquet:



Dr. Tate presented the Outstanding Student Award to Meredith Russell. Dr. Tate was also the Outstanding Student from his class ('99).

Outstanding Student

Meredith Russell

Academic Excellence

Courtney Barnes, Alex Davis, Megan McDonald, Erica Moore, Krystalene Murphy, Abagale Reddy, Meredith Russell, Megan Zimmerman

Clinical Excellence

Jessica Knight, Katy Parsley

Amy Mildram Award for Pediatric Physical Therapy

Emily Smith, Megan Zimmerman

Outstanding Research

Stephen Tilstra, Andrew Tobias, Kaylea Fields, Krystal Murphy, Megan Zimmerman

Special Award– Service

Bianca Wade

BenchMark Award

Courtney Barnes

Results Physical Therapy Award

Meredith Russell

Graduate Student Award

Courtney Barnes



Congratulations, DPT Class of 2015!

Graduation 2015

On May 4th our program welcomed thirty entry-level students as new alumni. The following students received recognition at the pre-graduation banquet:



Outstanding Student

Bo Balentine

Academic Excellence

Shawn McAward, Brittany Rock, Katherine Ussery,
Danielle Wank

Clinical Excellence

Sarah Deardurff, Josh Ooten

Amy Mildram Award
for Pediatric Physical
Therapy

Brooke Williams

Research Excellence

Jen Dickens, Sarah Fogarty, Danielle Wank

Iron Man Award

Anthony Ervin

BenchMark Award

Heather Harmon

Results Physical
Therapy Award

Zachery Rethorn

Graduate Student Award

Brittany Rock



Alumni News

Summit Physical Therapy Named 2015 Best Mid-Sized Business

Summit Physical Therapy owners Dan Dotson and Kevin Kostka proudly took home the award for 2015 Best Mid-Sized Business by the Chattanooga Area chamber of Commerce. This award was given to a local business with 21-50 employees, which Summit matched with exactly 21 employees, including speech, occupational, and physical therapists. However, this small business started with just Dotson and Kostka. The idea for the joint clinic came about during their business plan project as third year physical therapy students at UTC in 2003.

The two went to business leadership training and opened up Summit Physical Therapy in 2008. Initially, they started with a geriatric population, but have since migrated towards sports medicine. Currently, their practice sees around 520 patients a week and has two locations in the Chattanooga area. Summit plans to open a third location in Ooltewah in late 2015.



This award was truly impressive and much deserved. The applicant and nomination pool for competing small businesses in the area exceeded the amount of previous years. Further qualifications to win included three years of company ownership, high degree of community involvement, success within the particular company's industry, and the applicants had to be chamber members. Congratulations to Dan Dotson and Kevin Kostka!

We would love to hear from you! To send us Alumni news and photos, just email Rebecca-Littleton@utc.edu.

UTC DPT Outstanding Alumnus of the Year



Congratulations to Lindsey Sharpe! Lindsey ('04) was named the 2015 UTC Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

Brent Ashley Named “Therapist of the Year” by LHC Group

Brent Ashley, 2008 graduate, is a home health physical therapist as Home Care Solutions in Ooltewah. LHC Group, the parent company to Home Care Solutions, has more than 10,000 employees in a span of 29 states. Brent Ashley won “Therapist of the Year” for his dedication to his patients and the job. Ashley won the award out of over 1,000 physical therapists. Congratulations, Brent, on a job well done!

Alumni News

Kat Rollins and Josh Haislip earned their clinical specialization in geriatrics this past year! Both works at Life Care Center of Hixson.

Bryan Clary and Celeste Nicholson earned their clinical specialization in sports.



This past December, we congratulated our last transitional DPT class on graduating! Chuck Williams was one of the members of the last transitional DPTs and a graduate of the first ever bachelor’s PT class in 1992! Chuck was also our very first outstanding alum.

UTC DPT students raised more than \$200 for the Foundation for Physical Therapy Miami-Marquette challenge. Students, faculty and staff voted for the person they most wanted to be hit in the face with a pie by making donations to the fund. Pictured here is Seth Purkey ('17) pieing Dr. David Levine.



UTC DPT Class of 2017 president Faith Stokes accepted the "Most Creative Fundraiser" award at the Foundation's 2015 Gala at APTA's NEXT Conference and Exposition in National Harbor, MD on June 4, 2015.



The Class of 2016 on TPTA's Day on the Hill 2015. Here, they are pictured with Gerald McCormick after hearing about the process of bills coming before the senate and other legislative procedures.

Student News & Activities



Some members of the class of '17 helping with food preparation at Eastside Elementary for students and their families.



Class of '16 eating lunch at the Universal Joint after finishing up Spring 2015 finals. They were excited to begin their summer of clinical rotations in acute care and neuro rehab.



Class of 2017, "Jeremiah's Bullfrogs," participating in intramural flag football.



Several students participated in Camp Horizon again this year. Camp Horizon

was developed and implemented by a UTC DPT graduate, Lindsey Sharpe and her husband, Steven. The purpose of Camp Horizon is to allow kids with physical disabilities the opportunity to broaden their horizons by spending time with other kids in similar situations in the outdoor environment.

To view this year's slide show, [click here.](#)



Dr. David Levine and Dr. Julie Bage with some class of 2015 students at Combined Sections Meeting 2015 hosted in Indianapolis, IN.

Students from the class of 2015 and 2016 representing UTC at the TPTA meeting in Nashville. The TPTA hosted a bowling night where the class of 2015 competed as the "Mulligan's Miracles."



The Class of 2015 threw the annual Halloween party at the clubhouse in Dr. Ingram's neighborhood! Pictured below are all three classes ('15-'17)!



UTC DPT Class of 2016



Our class had been promised that second and third year would be a breeze compared to first year. While we have managed to balance studying for tests, preparing for practicals, and still having a life, it has been a challenging year! After being refueled and reminded of our purpose by a summer spent in acute care and inpatient neuro clinicals, we started the year feeling mighty fine about almost being finished with our didactic coursework. We enjoyed welcoming the first years for both PT and OT with a great picnic at Coolidge Park. Throughout the past two years we have also enjoyed guests, field trips, and fun activities this year. We have accepted challenges such as the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge and the newly added “Pie Day” to raise funds for the Miami-Marquette challenge. Wheelchairs proved to be a popular source of activity. Each of us spent 8 hours navigating the challenges of community living in Chattanooga in a wheelchair, held a wheelie for 2 minutes before completing a 360° for extra credit in Neuro, and spent an afternoon at a community center for some friendly competition in wheelchair basketball. We also had the chance to try seated volleyball and blindfolded goal ball. Our research projects are now fully planned, bringing with that prospectus presentations and papers. Many volunteer opportunities have taken place including snow and water skiing with SPARC, stretching half marathon runners with the TPTA, and a fun weekend volunteering as camp counselors at Camp Horizon. In February, we traveled to Nashville for PT Day on The Hill. It was a great learning experience as we visited with state legislators and learned how we as PTs can play a role in the legislative process. We also celebrated our white coat ceremony, marking another step in our journey to becoming licensed clinicians.

We were very excited to get out again into the real world this past summer with our 6 week acute care rotation and 8 week neuro rotation and are equally as excited for our 16 week internship in the spring! Our class is finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel as 3rd year is quickly passing by! We have the banquet mostly planned and enjoyed the annual Halloween party!

Class of 2016 officers:

President- Laura Aristizabal

Vice President- Mitchell Dodson

Secretary- Amanda Wells

Treasurer- Ryan Helms

Advocacy Chair- Monika Groppe

Historians- Sarah Roberts, Elizabeth Smith, Jennifer Stocks, & Sarah Boden

Social Chairs- Laura Dodson, Elizabeth Harrison, & Ben Perrin

Watch our ice bucket
challenge, [here!](#)

UTC DPT Class of 2017



In August 2014, our class began like no other. We entered Anatomy & Physiology on the very first day with the first 13 Doctorate of Occupational Therapy students on the UTC campus. We quickly formed bonds amongst ourselves and with our new inter-professional colleagues, with whom we have taken 2-3 classes per semester. We've also had the pleasure of sharing the classroom with the UTC Nurse Practitioner program and the Chattanooga State PTA program so that our curriculum was enriched with the perspectives of multiple health professionals.

It hasn't been all work and no play! We've enjoyed several social events and started our Intermural team, Jeremiah's Bullfrogs. Our team has participated in Intramural flag football, volleyball, dodge ball, and softball so far. Our awesome DPT athletes are currently the reigning champions in flag football, dodge ball, AND softball! Go Frogs!

Our studies keep us pretty busy, but we still find time to participate as volunteers in our community. Many of us had the chance to participate as volunteers in the Scenic City Half Marathon in February. We loved stretching out the runners after they finished their races! We also had the opportunity to help with food preparation at Eastside Elementary for students and their families, 98% of whom live in poverty. We all enjoyed the many opportunities we've had to give back this year and we're looking forward to many more.

Our 7 week outpatient ortho clinicals went well, and we are excited to be back on campus and well into our second year! We look forward to keeping you up to date with everything else we experience and accomplish!

Sincerely,

Class of 2017 officers:

President— Faith Stokes

Vice President— Matt Powers

Secretary— Amanda Hall

Treasurer— Autumn Gipson

Social Chairs— Becky Burtka, Drew Thompson, and Kelsey Smith

APTA Class Advocates: Luke Ebersole and Kelsey Moyers

Historians— Ally Ramos and Alli Cowart



Welcome Class of 2018!

We were thrilled to welcome 36 new DPT students this August! The class of 2018 already boasts some impressive statistics. We received 263 applications from individuals who met our prerequisite criteria (out of 427 total!) Last September, 21 offers were made to students through the early decision process. Our class average for the cumulative undergraduate GPA is a 3.9 and science GPA is a 3.8. They also averaged slightly more than a 307 on the GRE. Our 28 Tennessee residents are joined by students from Georgia, Missouri, South Carolina, and Wisconsin. Six of our incoming students are UTC graduates; 17 are male and 19 are female.



President	Austin Kercheville
Vice President	Katherine Alimpich
Treasurer	Drew Mansell
Secretary	Chaney Sullivan
Social Committee	Missy Poleyard, Paul Lally, Kalynn Moore, Zack Pylant
Historians	Andrew Cox, Amanda Cawley, Megan Scott
Athletic Directors	Aaron Crowell, Nick Jenkins
APTA Representatives	Coty Keel, Kate Palmer

UTC Introduces First White Coat Ceremonies



This past year, UTC began their first White Coat Ceremonies. This ceremony is traditionally used to honor the students and their success in entering a prestigious graduate level program in the medical profession. UTC decided that our students deserve to be honored for all of their hard work getting into such a competitive program and celebrate the beginning of the journey of earning their doctorates in physical therapy. However, this year we had not one but three white coat ceremonies! The white coat ceremony is typically performed for first years, but in order to honor our other current students in the second and third years, we had three separate services. The ceremonies took place in our very own Patten Chapel on UTC's campus. Chancellor Angle and Dean Valerie Rutledge greeted and congratulated the students and their families. Then, students were presented with a message, given their white coats, and recited the physical therapy oath together, along with any other physical therapist who was present. There was a very special opportunity for those students who were following in a parents footsteps in becoming a physical therapist to have their coat donned by their parent. There were four students who had the honor of having their parent don their white coat, pictured below. After the ceremony, students, their families, and loved ones were invited back to Davenport for refreshments and to tour the facilities and meet the faculty.





During the very first white coat ceremony honoring the class of 2015, Dr. Randy Walker gave the message. Dr. Walker spoke on the value of physical exercise, noting that it affects strength, motion, flexibility, coordination, stability, balance, endurance, cardiac and circulatory conditioning. More importantly, Dr. Walker focused on exercising the brain through maintaining competence and being dedicated to life-long learning, exercising integrity and behaving as professionals, and adhering to our professional code of ethics. He also addressed exercising compassion, listening to and be supportive of the needs of our patients and exercising fidelity, always being honest and loyal, behaving ethically. Finally Dr. Walker addressed exercising excellence and working at being better, always giving one's best.

The class of 2017's keynote speaker was Harvey Hillyer, one of the founders of Benchmark Physical Therapy. Using current billboard hit songs, Harvey Hillyer challenged the students in three areas. Harvey encouraged the students to "shake it off" when professionals outside our profession try to challenge their skill level. He also stated that students should be "all about that bass", expanding their knowledge of the profession as large as possible. Finally, he encouraged students to "let it go" and use the skills they have learned to their maximal potential.

The class of 2016 was the final ceremony this year. Their keynote speaker was Senator Bo Watson, who is also a physical therapist. Senator Watson spoke on the importance and magnitude of having the title of a physical therapist. Senator Watson addressed the fact that as a graduate of a doctorate level program, the community expects physical therapists to be informed, to be leaders, and to be difference makers. He enforced that as physical therapists, the students have a greater responsibility in representing the community around them. Finally, Senator Watson encouraged the students to always be involved in their state legislature and physical therapy association.

These ceremonies were a huge honor for the students and their families. We look forward to continuing the tradition of the white coat ceremonies for our first year students for years to come.



Faculty News

UTC DPT Welcomes Dr. Betsy Myers

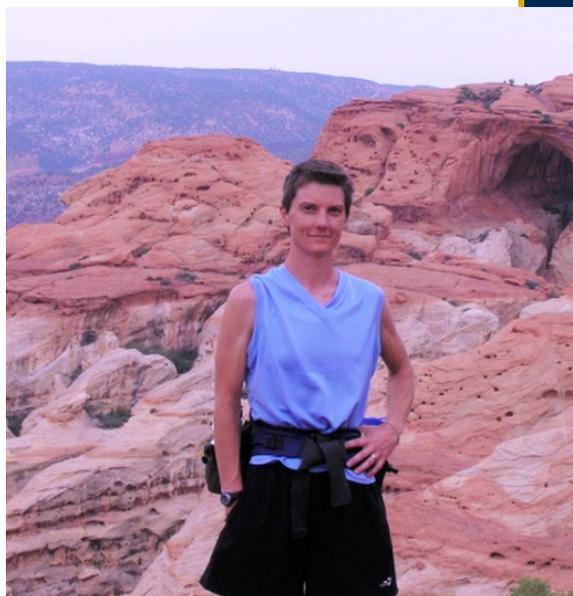
UTC welcomed Dr. Betsy Myers, DHS, MHS, MPT, OCS, CWS, CLT in the Fall of 2015. Dr. Betsy Myers received a Masters of Physical Therapy from Northwestern University in 1992 and a Doctorate of Health Sciences with an emphasis in orthopedics from the University of Indianapolis in 2013. She is an orthopedic certified specialist and an advanced credentialed clinical instructor. She is also a certified wound specialist and a certified lymphedema therapist. Dr. Myers was a full-time instructor at the University of Indianapolis Krannert School of Physical Therapy from 1997 – 2000 and received the 1998 Teacher of the Year award. Dr. Myers is the author of

Wound Management: Principles and Practice, now in its third edition, as well as two chapters in the Integumentary Essentials: Preferred Physical Therapist Practice Patterns. She has given numerous local and regional presentations on wound management,



orthopedics and oncology. Dr. Myers has worked in a variety of clinical settings within regional hospital systems including: acute care, transitional care, a rehabilitation unit, general out-patient care, sports medicine, aquatic therapy, and a diabetic foot clinic. She joined the outpatient physical therapy staff at Saint Francis Health System in Tulsa, OK in September, 2008. Her current projects include adding to her publications on hop testing in athletes, preparing for a cycling century, and training her dog, Lexi, to be a therapy dog.

We welcome Dr. Myers and are excited to have such an experienced individual join the team of professors here at UTC!



Serving Through Presence

While on sabbatical leave of absence from UTC in 2001, Dr. Hanks lived in Les Cayes, Haiti to start the Haiti Advantage Program, a physical rehabilitation assistance program consisting of a clinic, artificial limb and brace fabrication workshop, and supportive services for people with disabilities and special needs. During the years after, she directed the program and led many short-term medical team trips with UTC physical therapy students, alumni and other health care professionals. In January 2010, just after returning from a teaching seminar in Haiti, Dr. Hanks heard the devastating news of the earthquake that tore apart the greater Port-au-Prince area of Haiti. Within a week, Dr. Hanks was back in Haiti, working nearly nonstop alongside volunteer doctors, nurses and other health professionals to manage patients with terrible wounds, amputations, fractures and crush injuries. The number of patients continued to grow and the need for extensive physical rehabilitation began to soar. After much internal debate and struggle, she decided to resign her teaching position at UTC to live and work full time in Haiti. As founder and director, her plate was full as she supervised the clinic work and staff, managed volunteers, trained the national rehabilitation staff, wrote grants to support the program, and sought donations. During this time, several new programs were initiated to include a soccer team for young men with amputation and a sewing group for young women with disabilities. Thousands of people have benefited from the physical rehabilitation and supportive care provided by the program. Through somewhat a miracle of circumstances, Dr. Hanks was able to turn the Haiti Advantage Program over to an occupational therapist from Chile and return to teaching in the physical therapy program at UTC in August 2014. Dr. Hanks is grateful for the incredibly challenging and rewarding experience in Haiti and for the opportunity to teach again at UTC. Welcome back Dr. Hanks!



Dr. Hanks (and Berkley) in Haiti.



A few UTC graduates, Liz Innskeep, Lori Drake, and Caroline Rogers, take a short beach play trip with Dr. Hanks.



Dr. Hanks and Sherry Cook assisting craft projects



Dr. Hanks educating a patient with an amputation.



Dr. Hanks training a healthcare worker in the hospital.



A fun day in group therapy!

Dr. Cathie Smith awarded the Inaugural Pioneer Award for Neonatal Therapy



Dr. Cathie Smith was awarded the inaugural 2015 Pioneer Award for Neonatal Therapy and was also named 2015 TPTA Physical Therapy Educator of the Year. The Pioneer Award for Neonatal Therapy award is through the National Association of Neonatal Therapists and was created “to honor neonatal occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech-language pathologists who have contributed tirelessly to establish and advance the specialized field of neonatal therapy.” Nominations for this award were solicited from clinicians across the United States and Europe from the disciplines of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language pathology. All three of these disciplines have contributed significantly to the development of best practice standards for therapy services in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, making this recognition even more significant for Dr. Smith. In addition to receiving the 2015 NANT Pioneer Award, Dr. Smith was also selected to receive the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association 2015 PT Educator of the Year award. Congratulations, Dr. Smith, on these impressive accomplishments.

Faculty & Staff Updates



Dr. Nancy Fell is the current Secretary of the Neurology Section and is actively working on multiple large grants. She is on sabbatical this fall to focus on research and grant activity.

Dr. Jeremiah Tate had a very busy this year teaching two new courses (Kinesiology and Musculoskeletal Disorders of the Upper Extremity) while continuing to teach Human Gross Anatomy and Musculoskeletal Disorders of the Lower Extremity. Dr. Tate continues to stay busy in the motion lab working on research studies aimed at reducing impact forces via gait retraining and analyzing relationships between hip and trunk kinematics during the single leg hop test and hip strength. He attended CSM in Indianapolis, presenting a poster on Frontal Plane Projection Angle Reliability and also spoke on current intervention strategies for patellar tendinopathy. Dr. Tate was recently awarded a UC Foundation professorship. He and Dr. Hanks have worked closely together this spring to deliver the orthopedic and therapeutic exercise content in joint labs. His twin boys, Elliot and Isaac (5) began kindergarten this past year and Graham (3) has been keeping his wife Amanda on her toes at home.



Dr. Sue Barlow started her second year of teaching in the PT department in the fall of 2014. She taught Musculoskeletal Assessment and Differential Diagnosis for the first time. Dr. Barlow implemented some great instructional changes into the curriculum (flipped classroom in musculoskeletal assessment and JIGSAW in differential diagnosis) this year after attending a faculty teaching retreat just for physical therapists. She also taught Basic Skills again this year in the fall semester. In the spring she taught Neuro II and Med Surg III keeping her very busy with teaching both semesters. She was able to initiate her research aimed at identifying the region of the brain responsible for acute hypertonicity after cerebrovascular accident last year. This work was accepted and presented as a poster at the 2015 Combined Sections Meeting in Indianapolis in February. In her spare time Dr. Barlow enjoys running and being Gia's Mom.

Dr. Randy Walker was recently elected to the TPTA Nominating Committee. Dr. Randy Walker has been serving for 2 years as the Interim Dean of the Graduate School. He was awarded the Roger Brown and Carolyn Thompson Award by the University for his continued pro bono physical therapy services at the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic.



Faculty & Staff Updates

Dr. David Levine led UTC's first TEDX Conference in the fall. In order for UTC to expand our TEDX future conferences, David attended the major TED Conference in British Columbia where Bill Gates was a guest speaker. Dr. Levine was also featured on Dog TV with "K9 Fit Club, Sit Stay & Get Fit" on the Dish Network due to his canine clinical expertise. This segment encouraged dog owners to exercise with their pets.



Dr. Cathie Smith just welcomed her first grandbaby and has two more on the way! Dr. Smith hiked the El Camino Trail for over 500 miles and spent part of the summer teaching in Prague.

Dr. Tillman continues to teach part-time in our program. He recorded all of his pathology lectures from Florida and offered the course with a mixed format including online and in-class time.



Reach100%
2015 APTA STUDENT MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

PLATINUM

The faculty is proud to announce that we reached platinum status in the Reach 100% APTA Student Membership Challenge!

Faculty & Staff



Pictured are some of the faculty at the 2015 Physical Therapy Forum hosted at UTC. This year's speaker was Dr. Sue L. Whitney, PT, Ph.D., NCS, ATC, FAPTA, pictured third from the right. Her message addressed physical therapy concussion management. She spoke of several post concussion syndromes and diseases and consequential deficits that physical therapists must be aware of when treating patients who have experienced concussion.

Director's Welcome— continued

We are excited to have welcomed Betsy Myers, PT, DHS, MHS, MPT, OCS, CLT, CWS to our PT faculty. Dr. Myers is the author of the wound care textbook that we use in our program! She will be collaborating with Drs. Tate and Hanks as we deliver a strong orthopedic preparation for our students this semester.

Our elective courses have changed over the years. This fall semester, Connie Petty, PT, ATC, CHT and Bryan Clary, DPT are co-teaching a sports elective that includes coverage at football and soccer practices and games/meets, Saturday morning injury clinics, physician office visits, and surgery observations. Chris Myers, PT, DPT, OCS, Cert. MDT is leading a manual therapy elective this fall. She is completing a fellowship through Evidence in Motion (EIM).

Physical therapy programs across the country are hosting white coat ceremonies similar to the ones in medicine. We hosted ceremonies for all three DPT classes this past year. The Class of 2015 invited their families to join us in Patten Chapel at the end of fall 2014 semester (prior to their final internship). Dr. Randy Walker, our original department head, provided the wonderful address. The DPT 1 students welcomed their families in January 2015 prior to their first clinical observations. Dr. Harvey Hillyer, Class of 1994 and co-founder of Benchmark Physical Therapy, provided his thoughts on the importance of professionalism. Then, the families of the DPT 2 students visited campus in April 2015 as State Senator Bo Watson addressed the group. Receptions were held in Davenport Hall after the ceremonies.

Thank you for recommending our program to future PT students. Rebecca Littleton coordinates the admissions process for both the OT and PT students. Her contact information is: Rebecca-Littleton@utc.edu.

Our students continue to take out student loans to fund their PT education. We need more scholarships. I encourage you to support the UTC PT Alumni Scholarship by giving through this link:

<https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1341/utc/index.aspx?sid=1341&gid=3&pgid=4310&cid=6419>

Be sure to enter UTC PT Alumni Scholarship in the box! Continue to keep in touch with us through Facebook or by email. Come to campus to visit us—especially after we move in December!

Debbie Ingram, PT, EdD, FAPTA

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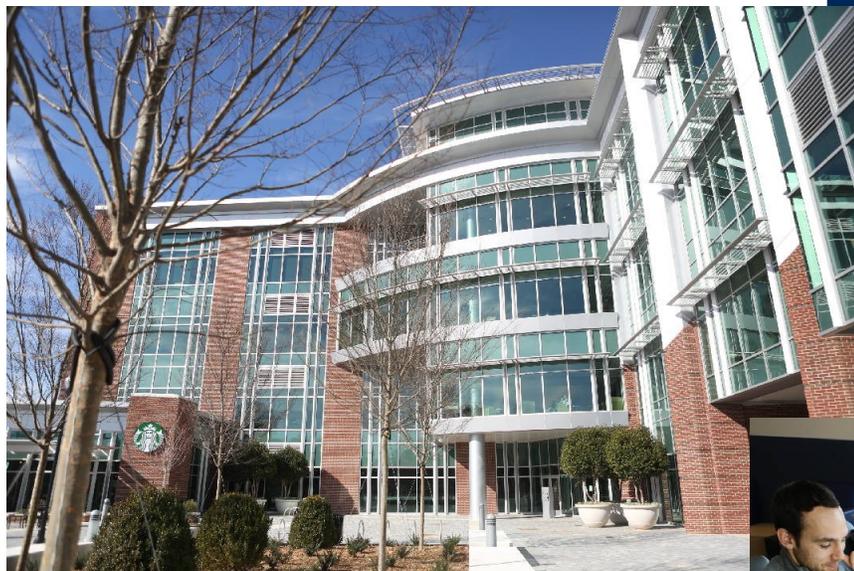
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Campus News



The new UTC library opened its doors January 2015. The 180,000 square foot building is five stories tall and houses a media studio, 3D printer, 37 study rooms, 200 computers, and a Starbucks! Our students have thoroughly enjoyed studying at the beautiful new facility, and we encourage you to stop by, grab a cup of coffee, and explore this great addition to UTC's campus!

Some of the Class of '15 students enjoyed studying in the spacious and accommodating new library! Pictured from left to right are Cagney Amerson, Caitlin Cavarra, Sarah Deardurff, and Nick Peterson.

(Pictures courtesy of Times Free Press)



Lots of things are happening at UTC! Check out [UTC's web page](#) to learn more!