

Dean's Update

March - April 2009

Spirit of Philanthropy Award Spirit of Philanthropy Award

Jane M. Gerardot, a graduate of our Physical Therapy program, will be our special guest during the Indiana University Spirit of Philanthropy Award luncheon on April 22, 2009. She will be recognized for her support and generous contributions to the School of Health and [Rehabilitation](#) Sciences.

Impact Campaign Impact Campaign

Ms. Brenda Lawless, this year's SHRS Impact IUPUI Campaign coordinator, is delighted that the contributions made by faculty and staff of the school exceeded the combined total amount we have raised in 2006, 2007 and 2008. More importantly, the total number of faculty and staff making donations increased over 200% from last year's campaign. Please plan to attend the Impact Campaign Closing Celebration scheduled for Friday, April 3rd at 11:30am in CF205.

I look forward to seeing you at the event so that I can personally thank you for your generosity.

Associate Dean for Research/Chair of the Department of Health Sciences Associate Dean for Research/Chair of the Department of Health Sciences

We have started the process of seeking qualified applicants to serve in the newly created position of Associate Dean for Research/Chair of the Department of Health Sciences. This person will assume the responsibility of advancing the school's research and [scholarship](#) mission and provide leadership for the Ph.D. program in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. Dr. Thomas Fisher is the Chairperson of the Search Committee. Other members of the committee are Drs. Karyl Rickard, Michael Justiss, Stuart Warden, and Ms. Deborah Able. Qualified applicants are encouraged to send their curriculum vitae along with a letter of interest to Dr. Fisher at fishert@iupui.edu.

Alumni Reunion Weekend Alumni Reunion Weekend

The SHRS Alumni Reunion Weekend is scheduled for May 15-16, 2009. The event will start at noon on May 15th with a luncheon featuring Dr. Anantha Shekhar, Director of Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute and concluding with reunion dinners on May 16th. For additional information about the Alumni Reunion Weekend, please contact IUPUI Alumni Office at 317-278-1720, toll free at 866-267-3104, or by email to shrsalum@iupui.edu.

Nomination for Distinguished Alumni Award Nomination for Distinguished Alumni Award
The SHRS Distinguished Alumni award has been established and the Office of Alumni Relations is now accepting nominations for the first award to be presented at the Alumni Brunch on Saturday, May 16, 2009. We need your assistance in identifying outstanding alumni for this award.

Nominations are being accepted until March 31, 2009 and may be submitted electronically at <http://alumni.iupui.edu/shrs/>. You may obtain a hard copy of the nomination form by contacting the IUPUI Alumni Office at 317-278-1720, toll free at 866-267-3104, or by email to shrsalum@iupui.edu.

News from the Departments

The Department of Health Sciences The Department of Health Sciences

- Three new [undergraduate](#) certificates were approved by the IUPUI Academic Policies and Procedures Committee (APPC). They are:
 - [Certificate](#) in Gerontology

- Certificate in Global Health and Rehabilitation
 - Certificate in Rehabilitation and [Disability](#) Studies
- Appreciation and thanks to the SHRS Academic Studies and Research Development (ASRD) Committee and Rebecca Porter, PhD for comments and suggestions to the documents, as well as to Kaitlin Bell for all her hard work in editing and submitting the documents.
- We had two visitors from South Africa in March. Hesta Friedrich-Nel, RT, PhD from the Central University of Technology and Saretha Brüssow, RT, PhD from the University of the Free State visited the School and campus.
 - Drs. Joyce Mac Kinnon and Hesta Friedrich-Nel were notified that their article “Allied Health Program Outcomes Assessment in an International Context: An Example from South Africa” has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Allied Health.
 - Dr. Mac Kinnon fulfilled the terms of her University College Fellowship by submitting the final project report “Nina Scholars: Best Practices and Lessons Learned. The Role of Social Capital on Academic Success in and At Risk Cohort.” She worked with a [graduate](#) student from the Department of Sociology, Jodie Atkinson, who deserves much of the credit for the final document.
 - On March 19th, Dr. Mac Kinnon presented a workshop for the Indianapolis rehabilitation community on Evidence Based Practice in Rehabilitation.
 - On April 24th, Dr. Mac Kinnon is scheduled to present at IUPUI’s first Research Day on the research being performed through the Department of Defense funded grant on the Indiana Ohio Center for Traumatic Amputation Rehabilitation Research.

The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics

- Dr. Judy Ernst will be returning to Kenya in late March to prepare for summer field work and data collection.
- A self study required for reaccreditation of the Dietetic Internship Program was accepted as complete by the by the Commission on Accreditation of Dietetic Education Programs. The reaccreditation site visit is scheduled for April 19 – 21.

The Department of Occupational Therapy The Department of Occupational Therapy

- Dr. Thomas Fisher delivered his presentation “Update on OT Practice Framework: Domain & Process and Indiana Licensure Law for OTs” at the IOTA Spring Conference.
- Drs. Michael Justiss, Patricia Scott and Arlene Schmid attended the Midwest Dean’s Conference where they gave the following presentations:
 - Dr. Justiss: Clinical Predictors of Driving Performance among Older Adults
 - Dr. Scott: Win-win Approach: Clinicians Providing Real Clinical Problems for Students to Use in Learning Evidence Based Practice
 - Dr. Schmid: Post-Stroke Fear of Falling in the Acute Hospital Setting, and Preventing Secondary Strokes in the VA: The Role of Occupational and Physical Therapists
- Dr. Fisher, along with Abby DeHoff, MS, OTR, will be presenting “OT Professional Education: Now and Then” at the UIndy Celebration of Scholarship on April 4th.
- Dr. Fisher has also been invited by Dr Penny Moyers-Cleveland (AOTA President) and Dr. Ruth Ann Watkins (AOTF President) to be a discussant at a Research Symposium for professional OT Program Directors at the AOTA Conference in April. While at the conference he will receive the Lindy Boggs Award in recognition of service to enhance the understanding of OT by elected officials, and be sworn in at the Annual Business

Meeting to serve on the Board of Directors for 3 years beginning July 1, 2009.

- Dr. Patricia Scott will present “Win-Win Situations: Student Completion of Evidence-Based Reviews for Clinicians in the Classroom” and “Recovery Post-Liver Transplantation: How Performance Capacity Returns in the First 12 Months” at the AOTA conference.
- Dr. Liu will present “The Effect of Progressive Resistance Strength Training on Physical Function in Older Adults: A Meta-Analysis” at the AOTA conference.

The Department of Physical Therapy The Department of Physical Therapy

- Professor Terry Loghmani has had her research paper entitled “Instrument-Assisted Cross Fiber Massage Accelerates Knee Ligament Healing”, accepted for publication. It will be published in the July issue of Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy (JOSPT).
- The Class of 2008 graduates have all passed the licensure exam on their first attempt giving the Department a 100% first-time pass-rate for the year. This is compared to the state average of 88% and the national average of 87%. Overall, the Faculty are very proud of their efforts.
- The Department hosted its first admissions reception in January focusing on those students who had been selected for admission to the Class of 2012. The night provided the incoming students with an opportunity to meet with the faculty, staff, and current students.
- Dr. Stuart Warden was a featured contributor to a recent article in TodayinPT.com. Dr. Warden discussed the risks and occurrences of stress fractures in athletes in the article entitled “On Thin Ice: Occult Stress Fractures Are on the Rise”.
- Dr. Warden also had a candid appearance in the IUPUI 2008 Performance Report. He was featured along with Ms. Heather Smith, SPT Class of 2010, performing a research analysis in the Clinical Research laboratory.
- In early February, the Faculty and students traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada to participate in the 2009 Combined Sections Meeting for the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). The Faculty, alumni and students were featured on several different presentations during the course of the four day conference. Ms. Bethany Holder, SPT Class of 2009, and Dr. Amy Bayliss presented their research on the perceptions of direct access in the state of Indiana. Overall, the IU students and faculty were well represented.
- Dr. Warden and Dr. Fuchs were both finalists for Indy’s Best and Brightest for 2008.

Upcoming events

- Department of Occupational Therapy Measurement and Rehabilitation Outcomes Seminar March 28, 2009
- Department of Physical Therapy Annual Open House for Potential Applicants April 17, 2009
- 1st Annual PT Department Golf Scramble Hosted by the Class of 2010 April 18, 2009
- SHRS Alumni Association Alumni Board Meeting Saturday, April 18, 2009 Alumni Office 1:00 PM

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