Message from the Chair

Welcome to the 2013 Newsletter! I appreciate you taking the time to see what we’re up to at UMPT; there is a lot going on, between new hires, newly renovated clinics and as always, working with a great bunch of students. In addition to our usual cohorts of on-campus students, our transitional DPT curriculum continues to defy the odds and is still going strong. By next fall we’ll probably top the 800 mark in students admitted. They are happy with the program and rightfully so – easily the best and most affordable DPT bridge program in the country. As a result, UM’s presence grows yearly by orders of magnitude, and that’s good for UM as well as PT.

On the faculty front, we’ll be welcoming a new faculty member in clinical education this fall, Dr. Jennifer Bell. I encourage you to read more about Jenn here in this newsletter and on the UMPT faculty web page. She’ll be working with Dave Levison and Administrative Associate Heather Mincey in the Clinical Education Program, in addition to having other faculty responsibilities. Welcome Jenn!

Dr. James Laskin took another four DPT students to Thailand and continues to build our international ties; during my absence, Dr. Peanchai Khamwong, a Thai scholar, came to UMPT at the invitation of Dr. Laskin and taught our students and other physical therapists Thai massage.

I had the privilege to take sabbatical leave to study with Dr. Josef Niebauer in Salzburg, Austria. It was an extraordinary experience, working on papers with an international group of scholars in a medical school environment at the base of the Mönchsberg, where the Hohensalzburg Castle and Fortress (built in 1077) towers over Salzburg, and across the street from the Augustiner Brehnhaus (established 1621). I tried to visit both each day, but I am also very happy to be home in Missoula.

Our clinic consolidation is now complete and I encourage you to visit when you can; we have a single identity, the Nora Staeal Evert Physical Therapy Clinic, which provides support to the unique missions of UMPT Sports and Orthopedics, UMPT Neurological and Mobility Impairments, the UMPT New Directions Wellness Center and the Applied Physiology Research Laboratory. Dr. Sue Ostertag directs the Clinic. Dr. Brenda Mahlum now provides coordination to projects in UMPT Ventures, an entity created to develop educational and collaborative service projects within the School and College.

It is such a privilege to work and live in Montana and I encourage you to visit the School when you are passing through Missoula. Have a great year ahead and be sure to let us hear from you.

All the best,
Reed Humphrey, PT, PhD
Professor & Chair
UMPT’s Newest Faculty Member - Welcome Jennifer Bell!

Dr. Jennifer Bell moved to Missoula this summer from Seward, Alaska to join the faculty of the School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science. Jennifer received her bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from the University of Texas at Austin and her Master’s in Physical Therapy from UT Southwestern in Dallas, TX. In May, she graduated from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center with her Doctorate of Science in Physical Therapy. Her doctorate studies focused on orthopedic manual therapy and education. For her dissertation project, Jennifer developed and taught a two-week Foot and Ankle course in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Her course is part of the first DPT program on the continent of Africa. She is a Certified Orthopedic Manual Therapist through the International Academy of Orthopedic Medicine – US.

Jennifer practiced in Alaska for seven years. She worked in a variety of clinical settings including urban and rural private practice clinics, critical access hospitals, Native Alaskan hospitals in the bush, and at a maximum security prison. The main focus of her practice has been outpatient orthopedics; however, while practicing in rural Alaska, she gained experience treating patients of all ages with a wide range of diagnoses. Over the last several years Jennifer has also taken extended time periods to pursue volunteer interests in Indonesian Borneo and Ethiopia.

Jennifer is married to Darin Bell, a family physician who will be taking a position as a faculty member at the Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana. During the summer, Jenn and Darin can be found outside either hiking, backpacking, kayaking, mountain biking, or gardening. In the winter, they love to downhill, backcountry, and cross country ski with their dog, Tubbs. When forced inside, she can be found in the kitchen, experimenting with new recipes. Jennifer also spends time volunteering Tubbs, who is a certified therapy dog and loves hanging out at the clinic or hospital, making people smile.

While at the University of Montana, Jennifer will serve as the Associate Director of Clinical Education (DCE) and Clinical Assistant Professor. Her research interests include exploring ways to address disparities in access to PT services in rural areas and to improve physical therapy education systems in developing countries. She is excited about her transition to Western Montana, where she can pursue and develop her interests while continuing to work with students and patients.
Staying Connected and Making a Difference

By James Laskin

Sawadee Krap (Hello!),

Yep, on July 17, 2013, four UMPT students and myself were off to Thailand for yet another cultural-clinical adventure. This edition includes Kevin Kuhns, Julie Cole, Lauren Minto and Jamie Young, all in the process of completing their first professional year. We are also being joined by my youngest son Zach and Julie’s husband Jeff.

This year’s program is a bit different than what we have done in the past. The first group was made up of five students who were entering their third professional year and met up with me in Chiang Mai with the focus on one of the research projects I was engaged in during my 12 month Faculty Exchange (2009–2010). Last June/July five students changed the focus of their visit to more of a clinical one. This year we will continue the tradition of a mix of academic classes and clinical engagement, but in a much more formal way. Our students will be participating in a formal four-week academic and clinical program that has been developed specifically for foreign students. Our group will be joining four Malaysian students.

As in previous years our weekends will be chock full of tourist and cultural activities. For example: hiking on Doi Inthanon – Thailand’s highest peak; home stays with Hill Tribe families; visiting the Golden Triangle – mostly tea versus opium these days; shopping in a border town in Myanmar and of course lots and lots of visiting Wats (temples), including checking out one of the world’s wonders – Angor Wat.

Land mines left over from past wars are still an ever-present danger in this country and the number of new amputees each year is staggering. So, besides being immersed in the culture and history of Cambodia we will be visiting an Amputee Rehabilitation facility operated by Rehabilitation International. It is our hope that we will be able to not only tour the facility but also develop a working relationship with the in-country staff.

As for me, well I have been awarded the position of Honorable Visiting Associate Professor at Chiang Mai University. I will be associated with the Department of Physical Therapy in a formal capacity as a researcher and lecturer as well as collaborator with faculty and graduate students with their scholarly activity. I will be conducting a study looking at the validity and reliability of the Actical Accelerometer on individuals with locomotor impairments. I will be working with Dr. Peanchai (the gentleman who came to Missoula this spring) as well as a number of his graduate students.

None of this would be possible without the generosity and hospitality of the Faculty, students and staff in the Department of Physical Therapy at Chiang Mai University as well as the ongoing support of the University of Montana’s International Program, our Dean, Dave Forbes, the Faculty, staff, students and alumni of UMPT as well as MAPTA and those in the physical therapy community across Montana.

Pop Gan Mai (See you soon)
UMPT will host a CE Course – “Manipulation Update”
for licensed physical therapists, on **Friday, 9/5** from 1:00 to 6:00 & **Saturday, 9/6**, 8:00 to 4:30. Reduced registration fee for UM CIs and alumni - $200. All others - $300.

Course instructor will be Bill Temes, MSPT, COMT, OCS, FAAOMPT. Bill is a long-time visiting instructor for our School who has been practicing since 1974. He became a certified specialist in orthopedic physical therapy in 1996 and received his Certificate in Orthopaedic Manipulative Therapy (COMT) in 1994. He is a graduate of the North American Institute of Orthopaedic Manual Therapy (NAIOMT) Fellowship Program and received his Fellowship with the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual therapy in 1998. Bill currently works with patients 3 days/week and also serves as the Director of the Supervised Clinical Mentorship Program for Therapeutic Associates. Bill also teaches for and serves on the Board of Directors for NAIOMT.

**Course Description**
This will be a 12 hour laboratory-based course which will focus on manual physical therapy interventions of the thoracic and lumbo-sacral spine, and selected joints of the upper and lower extremities. An emphasis will be placed on high velocity low amplitude mobilization/mobilization thrust techniques. The course will cover strategies to assess the practitioner’s knowledge and aptitude for integrating manual therapy into clinical practice.

*Space is limited. For more information or to register contact Dr. Toby Kinney at anthony.kinney@umontana.edu.*

Many thanks to our alumni who serve our School and profession as clinical instructors. We are deeply grateful for all those who contribute their time and expertise to mentor students into the profession. We value your contributions and as a token of our appreciation, we continue to offer professional development courses at a discounted rate to our CIs and alumni. We also plan on sponsoring more CI credentialing courses in the future. We are looking into the possibility of unique and creative ways to meet the clinical education needs of our students, including that of a year-long “resident like” clinical experience. If you have never volunteered to be a CI, we invite you to get involved. It is a rewarding “pay it forward” experience. Contact Dave Levison, DCE, at 406-243-2678/ david.levison@umontana.edu for questions or interest in clinical education.

**A New Graduate’s Perspective on Clinical Instruction**
*By Tori Moffet (class of 2013)*

Clinical rotations are an absolutely vital aspect of each PT student’s education. Not only do they serve to enhance didactic study and further clinical skills, but every clinical also dishes up opportunities to grow as an individual. I loved returning to school after a clinical experience and recognize the personal growth that my classmates had made during their time in clinical.

All our development is nearly impossible without the guidance and generosity of our clinical instructors. CIs dedicate untold hours preparing for and cultivating student progress. They are responsible for catching our mistakes as well as supporting our attempts to rectify them. Most importantly, a great CI encourages ample reflection on daily experiences, demonstrates outstanding clinical reasoning and provides the support students need to endure challenging circumstances. My instructors actively promoted taking the time to chew on these seemingly sweet and bitter experiential morsels and were available to discuss and ask questions that enhanced my learning. It is no easy feat to be adept at communicating with varied students, determine whether to nurture confidence or disillusion the arrogant, navigate conflict or rummage for reason-based opinion.

It’s taking the time for these conversations that aid CIs in their assessment of a student’s proficiencies. Instructors must gather information to decide when to allow us some room to run with patient care decisions or tighten the reins. This can be a delicate balancing act which seems to take true insight and skilled communication.

I am comforted now as I venture into my first position as a physical therapist by the little voices inside my head. These are the impressing messages recorded in my mind of past instructor’s imparted wisdom. These internal memos help me focus on the present, expecting to hear the hoofbeats of horses in Montana, but knowing that there are zebras to look out for too. They help me to take a deep breath and continue on when I’m in an overwhelming situation, knowing that I don’t have to gather every bit of information and know it all right now. I try to take comfort in the understanding that all our mentors have had to struggle through internships and first jobs to become the guides, experts and life-long learners they are now. As implausible as it may seem now, I think a few years down the road I will be ready to take on the clinical instructor role and to give back to the profession I’m excited to be entering. On behalf of the class of 2013, and I’m sure those ahead of and behind us, thank you to all of the clinics and instructors for generously giving your energy, time, compassion, intuition, expertise, and commitment to future physical therapists.
UMPT Professor Alex Santos Attends Z-Fest
On April 5th, UMPT faculty member Dr. Alex Santos attended a special meeting on the campus of Pennsylvania State University. Invited participants included scientists in the areas of Motor Control and Biomechanics from around the world, including the United States, Japan, Brazil, France, Russia, England, Canada and South Africa. The meeting celebrated the 80th birthday of Dr. Vladimir Zatsiorsky, who has been one of the most prolific scientists in both areas with a remarkable scientific production including 300 published articles and 9 technical books (which were translated into five different languages). Dr. Zatsiorsky is also recognized as one of the founders of the now famous International Society of Biomechanics.

Dr. Santos presented on recent studies in the UMPT Motor Control Laboratory as part of a talk titled “Neural common inputs and multi-muscle control in postural tasks.” It was a great honor for Alex to be invited and represent UMPT.

Visitor at the Motor Control Laboratory
On June 19th the UMPT Motor Control Laboratory hosted the visit of Dr. Tjeerd Boonstra, a prominent scientist currently working at the School of Psychiatry at the University of New South Wales, Australia. His focus of interest is on the neural dynamics of human motor control and has commonalities with the studies being developed by UMPT faculty Dr. Santos and Dr. Charles Leonard. The visit by Dr. Boonstra should reinforce future collaborations between the UMPT Motor Control Laboratory and Dr. Boonstra’s laboratories.

Dr. Mindy Renfro, PT, PhD, DPT, GCS, CPH returned to Missoula and the University of Montana taking a position as a Research Assistant Professor affiliated with our School. Mindy earned her Interdisciplinary Ph.D. and tDPT at UM in 2011 and then spent one year on the faculty of the PT program at the Touro University in Nevada before coming back to Montana.

Mindy’s work centers around fall prevention and she would like all to know that this year we will celebrate the National Council on Aging’s National Falls Prevention Awareness Day 2013 on the first day of fall. She invites all to get involved in screening your community’s older adults for fall risk using the CDC’s new STEADI toolkit (www.cdc.gov/injury/STEADI)! Your service to your community will benefit the older adults trying to age successfully-in-place as well as promote your clinic and profession. Every 19 seconds an older adult falls.

We are pleased to announce that Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Toby Kinney recently completed the requirements of the Fellow in Manual Therapy from Regis University. The professional designator of Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists (FAAOMPT) is earned upon graduation and represents a globally recognized credential denoting the highest level of achievement in clinical excellence in orthopaedic manual physical therapy. Toby will be shifting his duties out of clinical education to more teaching responsibilities in our orthopedic curriculum. Congratulations Toby!

Professor Elizabeth Ikeda was awarded the opportunity for sabbatical leave, Spring Semester 2014. Beth will be pursuing her research interests and will be collaborating with colleagues in St. Louis, MO.

Second year students Suzy Christnacht & Kailey Oliver sell UMPT clothing to tDPT students visiting campus for their Professionalism course. Funds go to student activities including third year’s attendance of APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting.
New Faces at UMPT

We are pleased to have the return of one of our recent graduates to the Skaggs building! **Jaclyn (Premo) Carson** (Class of 2010) was hired last September as a full-time physical therapist for the NSE Clinic. Jaclyn primarily treats individuals with chronic disease and disability as well as patients with neurological involvement. We are so thrilled to have Jaclyn join us! She brings several years of experience to the Clinic including outpatient orthopedics and inpatient neurorehab.

We have also hired a full time Administrative Associate for the NSE Clinic this past year. **Ken Thompson** came on board late last December from another department on campus, and has quickly caught on to the day to day operations of the UMPT Clinic. He has made himself a very valuable member of our team and seems to be putting up with us all quite well. Be sure to stop in and say hi if you are on campus!

**Adriana Degani** will be joining the School as a teaching assistant this fall while pursuing her Interdisciplinary PhD in Neuroscience. She graduated in physical therapy (Federal University of Sao Carlos, Brazil) and has a Master’s degree in Motricity Science (Paulista State University, Brazil). Adriana has experience in teaching and research, and has worked at Penn State University’s Motor Control and Biomechanics Laboratories as a research assistant. Adriana has a special interest in investigating the complex natural design of the multi-jointed axial skeleton during postural control. Her publications in the past few years involve postural control and an analysis of muscle activations within large muscle groups. She will be working with Dr. Leonard as her mentor in the Motor Control Research Laboratory.

The School is pleased to have **Dr. Ryan Mays** join our faculty as an NIH-funded Research Assistant Professor with joint affiliations in Health and Human Performance and the International Heart Institute. He comes to Missoula from the Division of Cardiology at the University of Colorado and will be conducting research related to community-based exercise interventions for individuals with peripheral artery disease. He received his PhD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2009 and is wrapping up an MPH from the University of Colorado School of Public Health, where he also completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Division of Cardiology.
At the moment Megan (Longenecker) Gilbert (class of 2008) is still in New Zealand, but is preparing for a move back to the US (final destination to be determined). She is looking to get back into practicing PT a couple days a week, and the rest of the time staying home with 15-month-old son Oliver and working on her SendOutCards business.

Megan (Warn) Wrigg (class of 2011) had a baby girl, born May 23, 2013. Her name is Torrence Rin Wrigg and appears to be a keeper at 7 pounds 1.8 ounces and 21 inches long at birth. Megan will be taking some time off this summer in Helena, where she lives and practices.

Kelly Shields (class of 2013) may be moving to Baltimore(!) as she is in final negotiations with Johns Hopkins Hospital for a full time PT position. Good luck Kelly.

Andy Hamilton (class of 2010) reports completing the requirements for becoming an Orthopedic Certified Specialist (OCS) this year. Rumor has it that Andy’s classmate, Mary Marshall earned her OCS as well. Way to go!

Amy (Temes) Clifton (class of 2007) who lives and works in her home town of Eugene, OR, completed her NAIOMT orthopedic manual therapy (COMT) certification this past July 2012. Two weeks later she and her husband Jake welcomed their son Peter Temes Clifton (note the “P.T.” initials – no pressure buddy) into the world! Amy will be visiting Missoula this fall, assisting her father, Bill Temes, as a lab instructor for the Manipulation Update – Continuing Education course UMPT is hosting in September. (See notice elsewhere in the newsletter.) Congratulations Amy.

Stephanie Gaertig (class of 2009) and her husband Joel welcomed their second son, Gavin, into the world on March 8, 2013. He joins big brother, Jack, who is 3 years old. Stephanie and family live in Missoula.

Kyle Holbrook (class of 2008) just finished his 5th year at the Elks Rehab Hospital in Boise, ID and also earned his Neurological Specialist Certification (NCS). Kyle wants everyone to know that he, his wife Megan and dog Casey are getting along very well!

We ran into Kevin Helgeson (class of 1986) in San Diego, CA during APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting this spring. Kevin has been busy as a faculty member of Rocky Mountain University in Provo, UT since 2010.

Caitlin Gollehon (class of 2012) and Anthony Hickok were married June, 22nd in Bozeman. They live and work in Wenatchee, WA.

Jill (Walker) Sorensen (class of 2004) and husband Kurt had a daughter Taylor Jane on July 29th, joining big brother Walker.
Dr. Ryan Mizner continues to develop the Movement Science Laboratory as one of the main functions of his 4th year at UMPT. He and his staff have been working for 2 years developing a custom-made unweighting system (see attached image at right) that was dubbed the BRIDGE (Bodyweight Reduction Instrument to Deliver Graded Exercise). The invention produces a consistent vertical unloading force across a 4 foot vertical range as patients move back and forth along an 8 foot long track that is mounted in the ceiling. They invented the system because the commercially available devices were often limited in their scope of applications to tasks performed over a treadmill (e.g. walking or running). The BRIDGE provides a smooth unweighting force while allowing patients to use natural ranges of motion during dynamic tasks like cutting and jumping. They also hope to apply their new unweighting system during activities of daily living such as stair climbing and sit-to-stand transfers in patients with knee replacement or neurological conditions.

The BRIDGE is viewed as a tool to enhance patient success during neuromuscular re-education. They will be able to implement movement retraining earlier in recovery or at a much higher repetition dose than what is currently used in standard practice. Plus, it’s just plain fun to be able to move and jump with 30% less bodyweight! They have submitted a provisional patent associated with the system and hope to continue to develop the invention for scientific and commercial opportunities.

They would love to show you all the new tools and custom analysis that they are able to do in the lab. Please stop by or email and they will be happy to put on a demonstration! Keep an eye on the School’s website for future updates and a link to a video that provides examples of the capabilities of the lab.

Dr. Mizner is pleased to celebrate 4 more publications out of the laboratory in the past year. Two articles were published with collaborators from Eastern Washington University and the University of Oregon. These publications stem from a past project that examined ergonomics solutions to reduce low back and shoulder injury risk variables in brick laying masons. The studies were published in Ergonomics and the Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy. They also had a publication in The Knee Journal that describes how quadriceps and hamstring muscle recruitment patterns at 3 months after total knee replacement are correlated with patients’ long-term quadriceps muscle strength outcome. Similarly, Dr. Mizner was a co-author on a journal article accepted to the Journal of Electromyography and Kinesiology that focused on slowed performance and corresponding unloading of the surgical limb during timed sit-to-stand tasks common to people with total knee replacement. Ryan and his collaborators found that patients with TKR used greater quadriceps/hamstrings coactivation with a tonic, low-level quadriceps activation during eccentric contractions as compared to the clear phasic recruitment pattern present in people with healthy age-matched participants.

Ryan was the presenting author on two presentations at the Combined Sections Meeting last January in San Diego. One was an oral platform presentation in the Sports section that discussed the clinical utility of an injury specific psychological survey as part of the determination of long-term ACLR success. The second was a poster presentation in the Orthopaedic section focused on the acute changes in jump landing performance that occur during instruction of single leg landings with patients who have had ACL reconstruction. Ryan also coauthored a presentation on post-operative physical therapy after total joint arthroplasty presented at the 2nd Annual Orthopedic Team Member Course sponsored by the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS).

Dr. Audrey Elias, who is in her first year as a PhD student in the lab, presented an oral platform presentation at the 60th Annual Meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Indianapolis this past May. Her talk was entitled, “Adaptation of Quadriceps and Hamstring Co-contraction Following Landing Instruction in Patients with ACL Reconstruction”. Mr. Curt Hammill, our talented lab technician, who will be entering the DPT program this fall semester, also presented a poster presentation entitled, “Neuromuscular Maladaptations during Single Leg Landing in Patients with Unilateral ACL Reconstruction.” Both investigations report similar findings of increased co-contraction with protective under-utilization of the operated knee during the weight acceptance phase of landing in patients who were 6 – 48 months out from ACL reconstruction. Ryan was also a co-author on an ACSM presentation focused on hamstring muscle recruitment patterns in people with total knee replacement as they completed sit-to-stand transfers. The poster presentation was a product of continued collaboration with a group of scientists from the University of Colorado – Denver and Denver University.
This summer all is relatively quiet in comparison to last summer’s turmoil with our extensive renovation of the Nora Staael Evert (NSE) Clinic. We did receive some much needed paint and minor remodeling this past winter to the New Directions Gym to make more floor space available. This gym remodel was only achievable through the generous donation of one of our long-term gym clients, and we are greatly appreciative! Check out our new Facebook page for updated pictures and information about the gym.

This summer the NSE Clinic has two full-time students completing clinicals and we also have a Health and Human Performance Intern working in New Directions gym. Besides helping gym clients with exercise, our HHP student will also be working on developing the 1st annual New Directions Triathlon, which we are hoping will help keep our gym clients (and the students working with them) motivated to exercise. Everyone needs a goal to work toward and we are hoping that by logging miles, minutes, and/or repetitions; exercising as a member of a team; and participating in a little competition will help keep our gym clients motivated and fit! We are so thankful for our student staff, volunteers, and interns. Last year we had a total of 18 students working with us and we know that we could not do what we do without them.

Also this summer we had five high school students from across Montana who are all interested in health care careers spend two hours observing in the clinic and gym. Here are three of the students testing out the clinic’s theraband station!

We finished up our 5th year of operation of the Student Run Clinic (SRC) this past spring. This pro-bono clinic is a valuable component of our PT student’s education. The SRC serves individuals who do not have health care insurance coverage for PT. The model we use emphasizes patient education and home programs. At this point the SRC operates two days/week from 4-6pm and sees approximately 20 patients each semester. If you are interested in supervising students and becoming a part of this important public service program, please contact me at susan.ostertag@umontana.edu.

The Nora Staael Evert Physical Therapy Clinic and the UMPT New Directions Wellness Center continue to strive to improve our services to the UM campus and Missoula communities. If you have any questions, feedback, or ideas please, do not hesitate to contact me. Please check out our website also http://physicaltherapy.health.umt.edu/content/nora-staael-evert-physical-therapy-clinic!

Clinical Assistant Professor Sue Ostertag and two 3rd year students, Christina Peters and Amanda Holt are recognized for the contributions made via UMPT’s pro bono Student Run Clinic by a representative of the Health Policy & Administration Section’s Global Health Special Interest Group at the 2013 Combined Sections Meeting’s poster presentations. Congratulations to all!
“The tassel's worth the hassle!”
~Author Unknown

About 30 post-professional DPT students who completed UMPT's tDPT curriculum this past year made the trip to Missoula to attend commencement ceremonies this May. Special recognitions go to the following UM double grads who received their transitional doctorate degrees as well as their entry-level PT degrees from UM. They are: Rebecca (Bieze) Dobler (class of 1997) of Aloha, Oregon, Jeffrey Gordon (class of 2002) of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Ty Kimball (class of 2002) of Kelso, Washington.

The tDPT program, which bridges those with either a bachelor’s or master’s degree in physical therapy to the DPT designation, will be accepting applicants starting in September for the spring cohort that begins in January of 2014. Financial incentives are available for UM PT alumni and active clinical instructors; the program is designed to be affordable, self-paced and requires a singular on-campus weekend course within the 20-credit curriculum for those with a master’s degree and 30 credits for those with the bachelor’s degree. Link to http://umont.rehabessentials.com/ to learn more about the program.
Our DPT students have been busy this past year staying involved in P T Student Association and community activities, as well as keeping up with school work. Several students from the Class of 2013 presented at CSM this year, including our Student Run Clinic administrators. Fundraisers have included a kickball tournament, the Halloween Haul 5K Run, the Bust-A-Gut 5K, and our bi-annual Massage Clinic. Students are also busy with intramural sports, collegiate sporting events and even the UMPT Crutch Brigade for Homecoming. Students provided screenings at the YMCA Senior Health Fair, continued to organize and run L.E.A.P (Learning Exercise And Play), a program for local 4th and 5th grade girls to encourage healthy lifestyles; and following tradition, the class of 2015 volunteered at the Winter Special Olympics at Lost Trail Ski Resort. As always, students, faculty, and guests had a blast at our annual Spring Banquet in honor of the class of 2013. Besides supporting the Spring Banquet, fundraisers primarily support student attendance to professional meetings such as APTA Combined Sections Meeting and the National Student Conclave. Students are very appreciative of all the support that alumni and others provide.

Congratulations to the following students who were honored with awards at this year’s Spring Banquet. We especially want to thank those individuals and organizations that generously donate funds associated with the awards.

FIRST YEAR AWARDS:
- Holly May – Community Medical Center Scholarship
- Josie Sweeney, Sarah Rott, Myriah Noem, Jessie Patterson & Ivan Peterson – Ernest L. and Rush A. Kradolfer Scholarship
- Sammy Shuss, Lauren Minto, Lauren Christian, Kate Dolan, Trent Semmens & Chris Watschke – Nora Staael Evert Scholarship Award
- Myriah Noem & Jessie Patterson – Vince Wilson Scholarship
- Josie Sweeney – St. Patrick Hospital Outstanding First Year Student
- Elly Bruursema – Ruth A. Kradolfer Physical Therapy Humanitarian
- Cody Haugen & Weston Vik – Carmen Armen Cobb Stufett Memorial Scholarship

SECOND YEAR AWARDS:
- Kristina Pattison – Edward S. Chinske Memorial Scholarship
- Melissa Bunselmeir, Kristina Pattison, Weston Vik & Julie Garner – Chris Lepre Recognition Award
- Anya Wechsler & Julie Garner – Ld (Lud) Polich Scholarship
- Tia Pester – The Goodman Deserving Student Award

THIRD YEAR AWARDS:
- Tyler Corwin & Pat Webinger – Outstanding Poster Presentation
- Laura Anderson Hanson & Tyler Corwin – Nora Staael Evert Professional Achievement Award
- Victoria Moffett – Vincent Wilson Outstanding Graduate
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