Alumni Highlights

Publications


Vicki Schwartz, DCN, Class of 2014; Pamela Rothpletz-Puglia, EdD, Associate Professor and Program Director, BS in Nutrition and Dietetics, Dept. of Nutritional Sciences. Robert Denmark, PhD, Associate Professor and Program Director, PhD in Health Sciences, Dept. of Interdisciplinary Studies; Laura Byham-Gray, PhD, Professor, Dept. of Nutritional Sciences; Program Director, MS in Clinical Nutrition; “Comparison of standardized patients and real patients as an experiential teaching strategy in a nutrition counseling course for dietetic students. *Patient Education and Counseling*. 2015;98:168-173.

Doctor of Physical Therapy North Program Participated in the 2015 Combined Sections Meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association

A number of students and faculty participated in the 2015 Combined Sections Meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association that was held in Indianapolis, Indiana on February 4th - 7th. Listed below are participants and their presentations.

Lectures:

Judith Deutsch, PhD, Professor, “PTNow.Org: workshop: writing with a focus on influencing patient care;” “Innovative technologies in rehabilitation (PTJ Panel).”

Karen Huhn, PhD, Assistant Professor, “Clinical reasoning in the classroom and clinic.”

Nancy Kirsch, PhD, DPT, Professor & Program Director, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (Entry-level), “Ethical challenges in America;” “Who says you have to be competent to practice ethically;” “Humanites in PT: are we ready.”

Sandra Kaplan, PhD, DPT, Professor & Program Director, Physical Therapy Post-Professional Graduate Program; “One EDGE of possibilities: a process to identify outcome measures for neurologic PT practice;” “Section on pediatrics update on guideline development and implementation.”

Kathleen Mairella, DPT, Assistant Professor and alumni, Carina Torres, DPT, Class of 2012, “I need leadership help resources for your leadership journey.”

Platform:


Karen Huhn, PhD, Assistant Professor, “An exploration of clinical reasoning curricula and assessment in physical therapist education.”

Anita Van Wingerden, DPT, Assistant Professor, “Promoting wellness in a senior living community with AiChi aquatic exercise: a feasibility study.”

Poster Presentation:

Dipal Patel, Elise Burnett, Caitlin Cole, and Akrita Sharma, DPT class of 2015. “For people with multiple sclerosis, is there evidence that aquatic group exercise improves functional mobility, fatigue and strength?” Advisor: Anita VanWingerden, DPT

Dipal Patel, Jody Roman, and Akrita Sharma, DPT class of 2015, “Sustainable global outreach.” Advisor: Alma Merians, PhD

Sarah Carothers Caldwell and Olivia Santa Maria, DPT class of 2015, “For people with lower extremity musculoskeletal injuries, is there evidence that off-the-shelf video games compared to standard of care improve balance, mobility and patient satisfaction.” Advisor: Judith Deutsch, PhD

L-R: Sarah Carothers Caldwell, Dr. Judith Deutsch, and Olivia Santa Maria.

L-R: Laurie Hutt and Dipal Patel.

Dr. Anita Van Wingerden
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Presentations

Laura Byham-Gray, PhD, Professor & Program Director, MS in Clinical Nutrition, Dept. of Nutritional Sciences; presented “Protein-energy wasting in chronic kidney disease” at the Annual Dialysis Conference, sponsored by the University of Missouri Division of Nephrology in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 1, 2015.

Laura Byham-Gray, PhD, Professor & Program Director, MS in Clinical Nutrition, Dept. of Nutritional Sciences; presented “Optimizing treatment of obesity in chronic kidney disease” at the Annual Dialysis Conference, sponsored by the University of Missouri Division of Nephrology in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 1, 2015.

Recognitions

Kathleen Smith-Wenning, MA, Instructor, Dept. of Primary Care, was featured in the Atlantic Highlands Herald on February 6th, 2015. She was highlighted for volunteer work that she does in Mexico for the Oaxaca Streetchildren Grassroots organization. To read more about it, click the link below: http://www.ahherald.com/newsbrief/monmouth-news/19395-mexican-and-immigrant-health-a-focus-for-rutgers-educator

Riva Touger-Decker, PhD, Professor & Chair, Dept. of Nutritional Sciences, traveled to Israel and conducted two training workshops for dietitians who work for the Israel Ministry of Health in Geriatric, Psychiatric and Home Care on Nutrition focused Physical Examination of the Oral Cavity and Dysphagia Screening. Conducted 2, 2-day workshops for 60 dietitians. Israel Ministry of Health, Tel Hashomer Hospital, Tel Aviv, Israel. February 9 – 12, 2015.

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