Neither a trust fund baby nor a wealthy man, retired Navy PT Peter Seeley (BS ‘87) has, over time, become one of the most generous alumni donors in the history of the department. How? Through consistent and regular giving. Why? Read on, to learn about his fascinating story, his exciting and varied career, and all the NYU kismet he encountered along the way.

Peter W. Seeley, BS ‘87, is as close to being a natural born physical therapist as one can get, and he has been following this calling most of his life.

Budding PT at 13
Seeley received his BS from the NYU PT Department in 1987; however, his relationship with the school stretched back to 1971, when Seeley was 13. He’d read Henry Kessler’s book, The Knife Is Not Enough (1968), and was so inspired he wrote an inquiry letter to the NYU PT Department. He got a hand-written reply back from then chair Dr. Arthur J. Nelson, Jr. Even at 13, Seeley was impressed by how thoughtful and encouraging the note was; it closed with Dr. Nelson’s saying that if Seeley were ever interested in the NYU PT program, he would keep an eye out for his application.

First Came Ortho
Fast forward five years: Seeley’s family moved from educated Cambridge, MA to Plum Island, MA, a place described by Seeley as “blue collar, where everyone grows up to become a carpenter or a fisherman.” Seeley worried that he would never get to college and, lacking confidence in his high school grades, decided to join the Navy. In so doing, as a Navy corpsman, he began to find his way back to where he’d wanted to go all along, starting in rehab and ortho at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA.

• Prosthetics and Orthopedics
moved to Joint Base San Antonio, in TX, and Seeley followed, working and pursuing an AA in PT Assistant/OT Assistant-Applied Sciences at St. Phillip’s Community College.
• After school, he moved back to the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA, followed by a stint at the Naval Medical Clinic Patuxent River and two years at the VA San Diego Healthcare System.
• In April 1983, Seeley got offered backup duty, so he and his wife Suzanne (they married in 1980) continued on page 6
1945 Faith Lewis Mayfarth is retired. She relayed the following story: The MD suggested PT. The therapist was an ex-student from the program I helped build 40 years ago. She reminded me to check my posture!

1951 Al Rogerson (“51 cert./’54 MA) is in his post-retirement career in the U.S. Masters Swimming Program. He swam all events in the Masters book, swam in five National Championship Meets, managed to finish in the top 10 frequently. Last swim in 2005 at age 80. He is seeking news of Edwin Augustin (“51) and Oscar Walker.

1956 Harvey Margolin and wife Rita moved to Coconut Creek, Florida, in October.

1960 Eileen Nathanson announces her retirement and marriage to David Birnbaum. They have moved into a continuing care retirement community and are enjoying life immensely.

1965 Jacquie Wollins, PT, GCFP, CST, writes: “Mostly retired, living in Asheville, NC, teaching Awareness Through Movement, The Feldenkrais Method at the Osha Life Long Learning Center on UNCA campus and providing a small practice focused on this method and CranioSacral therapy. I have returned to the slopes of Colorado nine months after TKR. Am also studying graphic arts, Plato and Clowning

1968 Patricia Sabella Brennan writes: “We are retiring to Georgia where our children have settled. We are looking forward to spending time with our grandchildren.”


1972 Helene Mitard Blaustein (“72 BS/’92 MAPT) is a retired Army Veteran (OIFIII). “Lost my husband October 29, 2009, returned to NJ five years ago.” Her current practice includes “consulting with working population, healthcare staffing and OP care. Enjoying providing my patients with skilled, quality rehabilitation, and continuing to enjoy bicycling, hiking and skiing.”

1974 Jeannie Drukker Davis writes: “Joined Kaiser Permanente as a rehab in September 2011, work in the regional offices as a software trainer. We use the Epic System. Right now my biggest project is part of the Regional team for conversion to ICD-10 for diagnoses and procedures. I practiced last year through multiple registry companies as a staff Physical Therapist in outpatient orthopedic and sports clinics and I really enjoyed getting back to patient care. But because of chronic spinal issues, I have gone back to being a software trainer for Kaiser which I had done in the past starting in 2005. I love training and education. My daughter got married in September 2011!”

1976 Fatima Hakeem, PT, Director of Physical Therapy at the Woman’s Hospital of Texas. Fatima is a long-standing member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and was an early leader in its Women’s Health Section.

Robert H. Witt is “providing home physical therapy services for patients with joint replacements, as well as practicing per diem with local agencies and hospitals.”

1978 Marie Kardys Kelly is Unit Coordinator of Outpatient Physical Therapy at Helen Hayes Hospital. She teaches geriatric orthopedic topics at Dominican College, and recently spoke at a Hudson Valley District NYPTA meeting on “Osteoporosis: What’s the Evidence?” Her doctoral research, “A comparative analysis of high velocity and standard low velocity exercise training on rehabilitation outcomes following total knee arthroplasty,” was accepted for presentation at CSM Chicago 2012. She earned a Doctor of Health Science in Physical Therapy (Geriatric Orthopedic). She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists and is an Orthopedic Clinical Specialist.

Thomas P. Nolan Jr. is now the Director of the Physical Therapy Program at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. After graduating from NYU, Tom earned his masters in physical therapy in 1988 and his doctorate in physical therapy in 2008, both at Temple University. Tom is a co-editor of Modalities for Therapeutic Intervention, now in its 5th edition. In 2011, he was re-certified by the Board of Physical Therapy Specialists as a certified orthopedic specialist (OCS).

1980 Jeanne Hicks Powers is a pediatric PT in early intervention centers and public schools in the Appalachian Mountains of Tennessee. She is a self-employed contract therapist, and also directs PT services for Morgan County Schools, in TN.

1981 Carol A. Cole (Kotowicz) just retired after working for 30 years for the Arlington County Department of Health in Arlington, Virginia. She worked with students aged 2 to 22 in the Arlington schools. This past year, she had her debut picture book published, The Penguin Lady, by Sylvan Dell Publishers.

Bernice Zoldan-Small is living in Freehold, N.J. has been married 31 years, and has two daughters. One daughter is a DPT and married, the other has her masters in Environmental Health and is working toward her PhD. “I am no longer practicing, but volunteer as an education coordinator for a small con-
moved to NYC to be near her family in Astoria, Queens. As a Drilling Reservist, he took the prerequisites for PT school at Queens College.

In September 1985, Peter Seeley entered the PT program at NYU and, as he put it, “was finally able to meet people like Art Nelson, Wen Ling and Marilyn Moffat.” Peter Seeley always read the journals and knew the NYU PT faculty had a stellar reputation. He said: “NYU put me on the right path.”

After graduation, while awaiting active duty, Seeley returned to Massachusetts, where he took the licensing exam. Seeley said, “You’re going to laugh: Robert Lamb, who was there at the time, told me my scores were so much higher than the Massachusetts PT folks that I skewed the results! That’s how good the NYU PT education is.”

Then Came Cardio-Pulm
Peter Seeley went back on active duty, this time to Oakland, CA, where he covered four clinics: Oakland, Mare Island, Treasure Island, and Alameda. His boss, Kirk Ridgeway, head of Rehab, happened to be an NYU PT Grad (BS ’71), and according to Seeley, a very good mentor to him. Seeley’s last clinical rotation during PT school had been at Rusk, with cardio-pulm specialist Susan Garritan. This is where he built confidence in the specialty, and under Ridgeway, Seeley was able to start a program in cardiac rehab. Seeley added: “Because Kirk Ridgeway believed in me, he also sent me to become our guru in isokinetic gadgets and provided me with the clinical experiences to grow professionally.”

ACL Rehab Next
Ridgeway then allowed Seeley to travel to South Lake Tahoe to meet ortho expert and leader in ACL surgery J. Richard Steadman, M.D., who worked in strength and conditioning. This led to Seeley and Ridgeway’s assistance in performing the clinical investigation, “Open Versus Closed Chair Kinetic Exercises After Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction, A Prospective Randomized Study,” EB Bynum, RL Barrack, AH Alexander, The American Journal of Sports Medicine, Vol. 23, No. 4, pps 401-406, which has been cited more than 300 times to date.

In August 1990, Seeley shipped out to the first Gulf War, Operation Desert Shield, as auxiliary medical staff for the hospital ship, USNS Mercy. Coincidentally, another NYU-trained PT, Michael O’Boyle (BA ’86/MA ’92), was on a hospital ship which alternated duty with Seeley’s ship. Typically, there would be one PT on and one off, so Seeley and O’Boyle were never in the same place at the same time. But once, they were able to meet in passing, took a picture together and sent it back to the NYU PT Department.

Peds, Too
After the Gulf War, Seeley went to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where they needed Navy medical personnel owing to the perils of an active minefield surrounding the base. That happened to coincide with the Haitian Boat Crisis, which brought thousands of Haitians, including children with cerebral palsy and developmental problems, to Guantanamo Bay for medical screening. Seeley had never dealt with a pediatric population, had to examine and advise them, decide whether to send them to Miami or somewhere else for specialized care.

Clinical Instructor Seeley
Sometime thereafter, Peter Seeley moved to the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, NC. It was there that the Navy allowed him to begin teaching. Since then, he’s been a clinical instructor at more than 20 different colleges.

Nearing retirement, Seeley received one last assignment from the Navy: four clinics in Washington – Puget Sound, Bremerton, Tacoma, and Everett. And finally, after 26 years in the Navy (21 years active duty, 5 years reserves), in August 2001, Peter Seeley retired, and he and his wife Suzanne embraced the Navy cliché: they got a motor home, packed up their one-eyed Chihuahua, Sassy, and headed for Florida.

Canine Rescue—All in a Day’s Work
Through camping, the Seeleys found their way to the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Peter and Suzanne got a condo in Crossville, TN. They noticed the sound of many dogs barking through the night, and discovered they were near the local dog pound. They learned that the shelter had an 82% euthanasia rate, which spurred the Seeleys into action, working to place adoptable dogs and puppies at no-kill shelters as far away as Long Island’s North Shore Animal League. Seeley states: “We’ve saved 500 dogs so far. They have not put down a single healthy dog in a year.”

In addition to donating time and money to the dogs of Crossville, TN, Peter Seeley has gotten involved with the Cherokees of North Carolina, treating the population and helping them fundraise.

So how, why, does Peter Seeley continue to have resources for NYU?
As Seeley puts it, “Because of what NYU did for me. That’s where it all started. NYU puts out great clinicians. NYU grads have made their mark around the world. I want to give more students that opportunity.

“I will never forget NYU. Without the NYU PT program, I never would have been able to do what I did.”

Any words for fellow NYU PTs?
“Yes,” replied Seeley. “Alumni: you are the key. Alumni keep a program strong. NYU is one of the oldest programs in the country and strong alumni support makes for a strong program. The alumni, the contacts… you never know when an NYU alum is going to appear, how they can help you in your career, in what you’re trying to do.”

And Peter Seeley has certainly gone the distance with it. Congratulations, Peter, and thank you for making NYU proud over and over again.
Alumni Roger Nelson Receives APTA’s Highest Honor: Mary McMillan Lecturer

The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) has conferred its prestigious Mary McMillan Lecture Award on Class of ’65’s Roger Nelson, PT, PhD, FAPTA, vice president of MedRisk’s Expert Clinical Benchmarks (ECB). The award is the highest honor bestowed upon an APTA member and recognizes a physical therapist who has made distinguished contributions to the profession.

Dr. Nelson, who joins our own Dr. Marilyn Moffat, Robert C. Bartlett, and Dr. Jules Rothstein as alumni McMillan Lecturers, will deliver his general-session lecture at APTA’s annual conference to be held June 26-29, 2013, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Newly Credentialed: The NYU Orthopedic Clinical Residency Program!

After a great deal of preparation and planning, dotting i’s and crossing t’s, the PT Department’s Clinical Residency Certificate Program in Orthopedic Physical Therapy has received academic credentialing from the APTA.

In its first two full years, the program has graduated a total of 10 residents; among those who have taken the Orthopedic Credentialing from the APTA.

Designed so that licensed physical therapists can obtain advanced orthopedic knowledge and clinical skills, this program is part of the America Physical Therapy Association’s Vision 2020 plan, which stresses the increasing need of residency/fellowship education within a doctoring profession. ■

Interested in pursuing a residency certificate program in orthopedic physical therapy? We are presently taking applications for the 2014 residency class — http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/pt/opt/admission. The application deadline is April 15, 2013.

Weekend Intensives in Orthopedic Physical Therapy

Advanced Physical Therapy Examination and Intervention Skills of the Musculoskeletal System

Spring + Summer 2013 Schedule

Friday 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm | Saturday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

All classes take place at 380 2nd Avenue at 22nd Street, 4th Floor. Each module is a minimum of 1.1 CEUs.

**SPRING 2013:**

March 1-2, 2013

**MODULE 5: THORACIC/LUMBAR SPINE**

Tara Jo Manal, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS

Clinical Services, Department of Physical Therapy, University of Delaware

- Explore valuable red and yellow flag measures and how they can impact your care
- Review clinical practice guidelines that you can apply to patient care on Monday morning
- Gain mastery of mobilization and manipulation procedures through laboratory participation
- Understand role of spinal exercises in treatment
- Special evaluation and treatment considerations for the older adult with low back pain

March 8-9, 2013

**MODULE 6: HIP AND SI**

Michael S. Puniello, DPT, MS, OCS, FAAOMPT

South Shore Physical Therapy Associates, Hingham, MA; Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy Program, MGH Institute of Health Professions

- Common hip pathologies
- Integrate hip examination best evidence
- Manual PT techniques and therapeutic exercise
- Integrate a mechanical approach and best evidence for sacroiliac joint

April 5-6, 2013

**MODULE 7: KNEE**

Tara Jo Manal, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS

Clinical Services, Department of Physical Therapy, University of Delaware

- Understand differential diagnosis in knee pain
- Explore procedure-modified rehabilitation; which surgical procedures impact your post-operative therapy decisions and why
- Total knee arthroplasty surgery will increase to 3.5 million by 2030; synthesis of the body of evidence behind rehabilitation for this population can enhance your care
- Review the evidence for rehabilitation progression after knee injury
- Understand the role of the quadriceps in knee dysfunction; electrical stimulation treatment efforts

April 19-20, 2013

**MODULE 8: ANKLE/FOOT**

Smila Rao, PT, PhD

Department of Physical Therapy, New York University

- Didactic sessions will cover recent advances in biomechanical, clinical, and translational research relevant to clinical decision-making and direct access

**SUMMER 2013:**

June 7-8

**MODULE 9: MOTOR CONTROL**

Dick Magill

June 14-15

**MODULE 10: MOVEMENT AND GAIT**

Wen Ling, Smita Rao, and Todd Wilkowski

July 26-27, 2013

**MODULE 11: RSI ERGONOMICS**

Kevin Weaver

August 2-3, 2013

**MODULE 12: WORK CONDITION FCE**

Mark Wurster and John McLinden

Participants may register for individual weekend modules. Cost: $400 per module, $1400 for all four modules, $350 each when three or more PTs from same site register. To register, contact Anne Seaton at 212 998 9414 or mas2@nyu.edu. For more information go to www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/pt.
Faculty Notes

Dr. Smita Rao, PT, PhD, was awarded ACR REF's Clinical/Translational Scientist Development Award ($125,000). The pool of applicants included MDs, epidemiologists, and others; Dr. Rao was particularly honored to represent physical therapy.

Additionally, Dr. Rao announced that a project titled “Mechanical stress and RAGE in diabetic foot disease,” to be conducted with collaborators at NYU School of Medicine, is one of the recipients of a Clinical and Translational Science Institute Pilot Grant ($25,000).

“RAGE” (Receptor for Advanced Glycation End-products) is a cell-surface receptor that exacerbates inflammation and damage, when activated, to heart disease-related vascular injury, particularly in diabetics and its complications.

The Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) is a partnership between New York University (NYULMC) and the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) that has been designed to transform the way research is carried out, enhancing the quality and productivity of the research effort at NYU, HHC, and across the nation as part of the NIH/NCATS’s CTSI consortium. The NYU-HHC Clinical and Translational Science Institute is supported in part by grant UL1 TR000038 from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences of the National Institutes of Health.

Elaine Becker, PT, DPT, PCS, Clinical Associate Professor of Physical Therapy, Gregory M. Gutierrez, PhD, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, and Tsu-Hsin Howe, PhD, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy, received a 2012 Steinhardt Challenge Faculty IDEAs (Innovative, Developmental, Exploratory Awards) Grant for their application for “Exploratory study on infants’ postural development in prone.”

Elliot Fishbein, PT, OCS, CFMT, FAAOMPT, joins the Department as a new Clinical Instructor. Specializing in functional manual therapy for mixed orthopedic and neurological populations, Fishbein has worked at some of the country’s top rehab facilities, including Burke, Mount Sinai and New York Presbyterian, where he served as a clinical specialist in the Outpatient Spine Clinic. Fishbein is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic and Manual Physical Therapy, and has been an adjunct faculty member at LIU and associate faculty member at the Institute of Physical Art in Manhattan. He received a BS in physical therapy from Stony Brook.

Elliot Fishbein

FROM THE CHAIR

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Education in October. Preceded by intense preparations that dominated our every waking hour for over a year, we can happily report that things went very well with the site visit. We expect confirmation of our re-credentialing by April.

This summer, the class of 2015 began the 39-month journey toward their Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees. Our largest DPT class to date, these 44 exceptional first years are as diverse as can be, including Native Hawaiian and American Indian, these new DPT students hail from the northeast, southeast, midwest, southwest, California, and Alaska.

• Age spans from 21 to 43 years old at the start of the program
• Undergrad majors ranging from biology and chemistry to exercise science, psychobiology and nutrition to kinesiology and neuroscience, geology to environmental studies, dance and musical theater to sociology and psychology, anthropology to architecture.

I want to thank all of our friends and alumni who support the PT Department each year. With the cost of an NYU DPT education rising as we strive to stay competitive, your donations to the Salant Physical Therapy Scholarship Fund, the Marilyn Moffat Chair in Physical Therapy, and the Physical Therapy Support Fund remain more important than ever. I hope you will read our front cover story about your fellow alumnus, Peter W. Seeley (’87), and take inspiration from both his far-reaching career and generosity to the department.

Thanks again for your participation and support of your PT Department. Wishing you happy holidays and a healthy, prosperous 2013.

— Wen K. Ling, PT, PhD
MOFFAT WORLD TRAVELS

Dr. Marilyn Moffat continues her activities as President of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, the sole international organization representing physical therapists worldwide that is dedicated to promoting the profession and improving global health. Since 1951, the Confederation has united the profession together across national boundaries, providing it with international leadership, consistency and strength—and guidelines, practice standards, and policy statements that provide a baseline of quality. Today, through its member organizations, WCPT represents more than 350,000 physical therapists in 106 member organizations around the world.

Marilyn’s travels during this past year have taken her to London twice for her Executive Committee meetings; Terceira, Azores; Malta; Geneva, Switzerland; Panama City, Panama; and Isla Margarita, Venezuela. In addition, her teaching and consulting has taken her domestically to Ft Lauderdale, FL; Chicago, IL; Mount Laurel, NJ; St Louis, MO; Fernandina Beach, FL; Tampa, FL; Minneapolis, MN; Kansas City, KS; Burlington, VT; Casper, WY; Rochester, NY; Las Vegas, NV; and Auburn, WA.

Presentations


Publications


Schmid S, Moffat M, Gutierrez GM. Effects of cooling on ground reaction forces, knee kinematics and jump height in drop jumps. Athletic Training Sports Health Care. (Accepted for publication)


Poster Presentations


Continuing Education Workshops


Additional Scholarly Activity

Became an APTA Geriatric Clinical Specialist, 2012


Reviewer, Physiotherapy, 2011-present

Member, Advisory Board, Fizyoterapi Rehabilitasyon (Turkish Journal of Physiotherapy Rehabilitation), 2011-present

Reviewer, Physiotherapy Theory and Practice, 2009-present

Award

Robert C. Bartlett Innovation in Fundraising Award, Foundation for Physical Therapy, 2012
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taining education company located in NJ."

1982 Adrienne Telemaque Ceccarelli just sold her private practice after 13 years of specializing in Pilates for out-patient orthopedic injuries. She currently lives in Basel, Switzerland, with her husband and 12-year-old son and teaches post-natal Mommy and Me exercise classes where she has modified the traditional Pilates mat class and combined it with choreographed mother-child dance routines for rhythm and coordination.

1983 Barbara Jean Brown (Skold) Bundy, PT, DPT received ABPTS certification as a Geriatric Specialist in 2012.

Jodi Llacera Klein, PT, DPT, MS, OCS has been in private practice in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA for 24 years! She continues to treat a variety of orthopedic conditions and, for the past 22 years, her clinic has been a private mentoring site for MGH Institute of Health Professions doctoral PT students. Jodi lives in Massachusetts with her husband Oliver and her 7-year-old son Gabriel.

1984 Donna Coniglio Croce is currently involved in outpatient orthopedic and sports PT.

1985 John Geiselmann is a home care case manager for South Nassau and Winthrop Hospitals. His spouse, Sharon, was promoted to office manager for ANRC Nassau. His son, Matthew, has been accepted into a pre-med program at NYIT, and his daughter, Erin, is studying psychology at Stony Brook.

Sue Ann Goetschius Sisto (’85 BS/ ’97 PhD) recently was named a Fellow of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM). ACRM is the world’s leading interdisciplinary rehabilitation research organization. She is the first physical therapist to receive such an award.

1988 Elena Correnti is currently rehab/therapy coordinator for a home care agency. She “can’t wait to win the lottery and retire.” Elena married Beth Clyde on October 22, 2011.

Tracy Urwater is coming up on her 25th year of orthopedic practice. She recently completed her TDPT from Utica College and has been promoted to Assistant Director of Physical Therapy. Personally, her first child just left for college and her two boys (15 and 12) remain at home, leaving her the only female in the house.

1989 Nancy Neiditz-Pinillos is a pediatric PT in a home practice and two days a week upstate at a Chassidic, Yiddish-speaking health center in Monroe, NY. She teaches an innovative course throughout the U.S., Treatment of Torticollis for Babies, for which PTs can receive CEUs. “My specialty is with infants and toddlers utilizing the Feldenkrais and The Anat Daniel Method. I have had great joy in teaching therapists around the country!” www.nancyp4kids.com

Leslie Kalick Wolfe has been the owner of Atlanta Orthotics for 16 years.

1990 Sharon Rapaport Galitzer just completed her DScPT at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

1991 Sheryl Flynn’s Blue Marble Game Company is transforming healthcare through the development of an innovative, comprehensive and cost-savings interactive digital-health-game that is low cost, improves adherence, is accessible, offers real-time analytics, improves communication across team members, eliminates duplication of services, and offers unbiased reports.

“Our fun, therapeutic interactive games are designed to improve brain and body function. We use the Kinect to track movements of the body while challenging the player’s balance and brain!”

Mike Fox and Ben Gelfand (1988) just celebrated the grand opening of their state-of-the-art physical therapy facility. STAR Physical Therapy now has 14,000 sq. ft with new equipment and facilities including a functional netted area for golf, tennis and other swing/throw sport mechanics (22 foot ceilings), a gravity reducing treadmill (Alter G) and a new isokinetic testing and strengthening machine (Biodex).

Denise Gmelin Hoell is the owner of a pediatric therapy clinic providing PT, OT and ST services. She is currently enrolled in a TDPT program at the College of Saint Scholastica, intending to complete her DPT degree in May 2013. She recently became NDT-certified.

1996 Laura Lei-Rivera, PT, DPT, who is now Center Coordinator of Clinical Education/Senior Physical Therapist, Vestibular Rehabilitation Department, at The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary-Ear Institute, writes: “For those of you who are interested in vestibular pathology and caring for this population, please note that Thieme Medical Publishers is currently printing our book, Textbook of Otolaryngology. Bryan and I co-authored chapter 133, “Chronic Dizziness and Dysequilibrium: Clinical Management and Rehabilitation.”

2002 Denise Jagroo and Maria Sarabok are business partners. Maria is a pediatric physical therapist and Denise is a women’s health specialist.
NY-NJ Clinical Educators Consortium Job Fair 2012

At the March 4, 2012 Job Fair, held high up in NYU Kimmel Center’s Rosenthal Pavilion and sponsored by the New York–New Jersey Clinical Educators Consortium, we had strong participation and excellent attendance. Companies that sponsored tables were more than satisfied with the number and variety of attendees, drawing on a great many schools in the region but also coming from as far away as St. Louis, MO and Ithaca, NY.

- Tables registered: 47
- Attendees (primarily students): 163
- Educational Institutions represented: 20+, including: Columbia CUNY-College of Staten Island George Washington University Hofstra Hunter Ithaca College LIU Mercy College NYIT NYMC

A great many positive comments were received during and after the event, especially concerning the quantity and variety of students who attended.

NYU Sacred Heart Sage Graduate School Seton Hall Stonybrook SUNY Downstate Touro College UMDNJ - Rutgers UMDNJ - Stratford Washington U. in St. Louis, MO

Looking for a new job opportunity?
The NYU PT website is a great resource to view new job listings in the physical therapy field for all alumni. Visit http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/internship/pt for a complete list of positions. If you are interested in posting a new position, click “Post a New Internship/Job” to share your opportunity with other NYU alumni.

2003 Anna Y. Len, PT, DPT is excited to be presenting a Poster at this year’s SoPAC in Florida and APTA Combined Sections Meeting in California. Topic: “Sensory Processing Dysfunction in Children with Idiopathic Toe-walking.”

Yoav Suprun is adjunct faculty in the DPT program at Florida International University, as well as probationary faculty with McKenzie Institute International. He launched “Treat Your Own Back” together with Robin McKenzie, available on OPTP.com.

2004 Donna Phillips, PhD, PT, CHT, has been the CEO at Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Fredericksburg for five years. She also continues to be an clinical associate professor at UMDNJ and is on the PTA advisory council of Germanna Community College in Fredericksburg, VA.

2005 Sandi Sheln of Gold Standard PT writes: “We are going into our second year in our new office location. We are listed as a Lymphedema Center for the National Lymphedema Network. We also specialize in the treatment of foot and ankle injuries but continue to work with a variety of orthopedic and neurological conditions. I am LANA-certified since 2007 and taught lymphedema at Touro University to the Doctor of PT program. Quarterly I perform chart reviews and consulting for Quality Healthcare consultants for several multidisciplinary practices.”

2007 Virginia Cadot is Rehab Clinical Adviser for Visiting Nurse Service of New York. She helps train new PT hires and new grad hires in the field. She was promoted to this position in March 2011. She further states: “I am now an APTA-certified CI.”

2008 Marissa Wzorek works in the outpatient rehabilitation center (Sillerman Center), a one-year-old facility at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She is engaged to be married in September 2012!

Nicole Ridout writes that she is currently working at Pivotal Physical Therapy specializing in ortho, TMJ and women’s health. She was acting chairperson for two years for the Northeastern Pelvic Floor Discussion Group in 2010 and 2011.

2009 Emil Berengut completed the HSS Orthopedic Residency Program; Coauthored an APTA Independent Study Course: Conservative Management of Osteoarthritis; Poster accepted at the 2013 CSM: Functional Rehabilitation in Multiple Total Hip Arthroplasty Revisions and Marfan Syndrome.

Kate Fuchs is working inpatient neuro and general rehab at Bellevue Hospital Center in NYC.

Karyn Keating writes that she has a child, Max, who will be 2 in December and is expecting her second on Feb. 24, 2013! Professionally she is senior physical therapist at Cynergy and just completed her beginner and intermediate mat Pilates certification.

2010 Jessica Lee is a Staff Physical Therapist at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation on the Saddle Brook campus.

2011 Frank Hoeffner (Ortho Res) passed the OCS exam! As did fellow grad Jerry Thomas Monaco.
Congratulations TO THE CLASS OF 2012

Class of 2012 Awards

Kristin Charles
DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD
For outstanding service and excellent leadership and
LETHA HURD AWARD
In recognition of outstanding scholastic attainment and service to their department

Michael Chin
DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD
For outstanding service and excellent leadership and
SAMUEL ESHBORN SERVICE AWARD
In recognition of superlative and extraordinary service

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SCENES FROM COMMENCEMENT 2012: Left, Dr. Marilyn Moffat and Dr. Wen Ling walk with DPT graduates in Washington Square Park. Center, Dr. Ling with grads before the ceremony.
The Year in Pictures

Walk/Run for Physical Therapy Research
This past year, the Class of 2012 hosted the 2nd Annual NYU DPT 5K Walk/Run to benefit the Foundation for Physical Therapy Research. The event was held on March 10th, 2012, a profoundly frigid day, at 9 a.m. in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. 138 intrepid men and women raced. The money raised was donated to the Foundation, with a small portion going to Class of 2012 graduation activities.

Congratulations to Jason Brown of Brooklyn, who came in first among 54 men, and Kristen Cotrone of Manhattan, who had the best time in a field of 84 women.

And many thanks to those who supported this event, including these business sponsors:
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Morning News Shows
To help celebrate National Physical Therapy Month, Foundation Trustee Marilyn Moffat, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA, CSCS, GCS and the NYU PT students made a brief appearance on NBC’s Today show September 19.
The group was easily recognizable by banners promoting the Foundation for Physical Therapy and the bright green shirts that flanked the outdoor area of NBC studios in mid-town Manhattan. Other NYU PT students were spotted outside the ABC’s Good Morning America in Times Square.

Congratulations, Class of 2011!
At the Foundation for Physical Therapy Gala in Tampa on June 7, 2012, APTA President Paul Rockar, Jr, PT, DPT, MS, announced the winners of the 2011-12 Pittsburgh-Marquette Challenge. The NYU DPT Class of 2011 received an Award of Merit. The challenge, now in its 24th year, urges students to come up with clever ways to raise money for the Foundation. A total of 65 physical therapy and physical therapist assistant programs raised a total of $239,951 to support new research.

DPT Class of ’02 Ten-Year Reunion
The class of ‘02 held a reunion this past July. Pictured are Rob Picarillo, Leif Nelson, Maria Sarabok, Maria Papageorge, Katie Dell Goldberger, Denise Jagroo, Alison Seid, Hiromi Otani, MariaCarla LaPutt, Connie Kalogiros, Erin Cassidy, Yokasta Maria, Liron Bensimon, Phil Lombardo, and Carsten Boesman.

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A unique opportunity for healthcare professionals to meet with members of the healthcare industry!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
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Healthcare administrators
Healthcare representatives
Physical therapy students
Practicing physical therapists interested in relocation or opportunities for upward mobility

Exhibitors must register. For pricing information, please contact Anne Seaton at 212 998 9414 or email mas2@nyu.edu.

Registration deadline: February 1, 2013. Space is limited. Registration after this date will be accepted on a space-available basis.

An Endowed Chair Honoring a Leader in Physical Therapy

To honor the extraordinary lifetime contributions of Physical Therapy Professor Marilyn Moffat, the Steinhardt School is raising $2 million to endow a chair in her name. The endowment will ensure funding in perpetuity for an outstanding professor to teach physical therapy at NYU. Many friends, patients and students of Professor Moffat have made generous contributions totaling $1,176,448.31 to date.

For more information about The Campaign for the Marilyn Moffat Chair in Physical Therapy, please contact Dr. Wen Ling at 212 998 9415 or wkl1@nyu.edu.

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