Health in Motion

Alumni News from the Department of Physical Therapy

FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings from the New York University Department of Physical Therapy. I am excited to note that the Nov. 2009 issue of Money magazine listed Physical Therapist at #7 on its annual list of the top jobs in the United States, beating out such lucrative and esteemed occupations as Physician/General Practitioner, Software Developer, and Attorney/Lawyer. According to Money, and something we as physical therapists can all agree on, “Unlike many health-care professionals, physical therapists generally see great progress in their patients.” We see patients through the tough and trying times, the tears of pain, the
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Alumni Spotlight: A Pediatric Practice Grows in Brooklyn

Before even graduating from the NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program in 2003, Dr. Anna Y. Len (née Shmulenson) knew she wanted to somehow be part of the special needs field, specifically Autism, but it was during her three years at NYU, as she fell in love with the PT profession, that she realized she wanted to incorporate teaching and open a daycare center or school.

“I was reminded about how much I really enjoyed being with kids first when I watched videos of Professor Elaine Becker working with kids at her practice and then, when I went to William O’Connor, Bay Ridge for observation in the spring of 2002,” says Anna. “After that observation, I could not think about anything else. I saw my professional future loud and clear. I would become a pediatric physical therapist and specialize in working with children with Autism.”

Thus, for the past six years, Anna has worked with children and in 2009 she became a partner in a private pediatric practice called Sensory Freeway. Located in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, Sensory Freeway offers physical, occupational, and speech therapy to children from birth through 18 years of age. But Anna had bigger plans in mind.

Today, together with her business partner Anna Keenaghan, OTR/L (NYU–OT class of ‘93), Anna is about to open the doors of a brand new 6,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility — Sensory Freeway Therapy Center, soon to be the largest facility of its kind in the Brooklyn area — that will not only continue offering occupational, physical and speech services to children with special needs, but will also offer extracurricular activities including music, dance, art therapy, and cooking groups, as well as various programs for teenagers including fitness and organizational workshops.

Dr. Anna Y. Len, PT – NYU DPT ‘03
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Anna also anticipates that the center will find new disciplines to join the team, including an acupuncturist, massage therapist, orthotist, nutritionists and a psychologist. While the Sensory Freeway Therapy Center’s goal will be to use a collaborative treatment approach to help children with a variety of diagnoses attain their maximum potential, the
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1945 Jeanette (Wilmarth) Brooks (West Haven, CT) is retired and enjoys spending time with her family.

1949 After more than 50 years, Arthur T. Brown (Belle Meade, NJ) retired from practicing PT in NJ. At the time of his retirement, Art was on the Governor's Advisory Committee on PT and over the years spent time on the National Board of Directors of the APTA and held prestigious offices including Treasurer and President of the APTA's NJ Chapter, and President of the the NJ Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children.

1972 Louis Klein (Orinda, CA) is the Director of Rehabilitation at Consonus Healthcare and the President/CEO for Concierge to Wellness of Walnut Creek CA. In addition, Louis is a member of the Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society for Scholastic Achievement and Potential for Scholarly Work and received his DPT in May 2008.

1974 Don A. Janicelli (Cedar Grove, NJ) was mentioned in Who’s Who NJ Medical, but what he’s most proud of is his daughter joining his practice as a pediatric OT and speech therapist. You can visit Don’s website at www.BiPOT.com.

In October 2009, four years after winning her battle with breast cancer, a tremendous accomplishment in itself, Karen (Johnston) Queally (Millbrae, CA) ran in her 100th career marathon in her hometown of Yonkers NY. During her run which took just over 5 hours and 22 minutes, Karen was cheered on by friends and family wearing “Karen’s 100th Marathon” shirts. Karen came full circle as Yonkers was the site of her first ever marathon way back in 1984. (See photo above.)

1975 Barbara Kagan (Santa Monica, CA) received her DPT degree in 2008 from the Western University of Health Sciences and currently runs a private orthopedic practice in Santa Monica.

1982 Colonel Robert M. Lucania (Travis AFB, CA) was selected for second command position at Travis Air Force Base and changed his command to Commander of the 60th Surgical Operations Squadron to Commander of the Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron. Robert and his wife, Ursula, a Cultural Consultant, have been happily married for 13 years and enjoy life with their 3 cats, Fritzy, Daisy, and Tiger.

1984 Kristin (Brusila) Taylor (Warriors Mark, PA) works at Penn State’s University Health Center in outpatient orthopedics and recently completed her transitional DPT at the Arizona School of Health Sciences.

1985 In June 2009, Chukuka S. Enwemeka (Milwaukee, WI) accepted the position of Dean of the College of Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Chukuka, one of world’s leading authorities in the area of photoengineering of tissue repair process with visible and near infrared light and lasers. Chukuka spent the last six years as Dean of the School of Health Professions, Behavioral and Life Sciences at the New York Institute of Technology.

1987 Peter W. Seeley (Crossville, TN) works at a small community hospital Fridays through Sundays, 4-5 months out of the year. He is also a benefactor for a local animal shelter and helped place 500 dogs. You can often find Peter, his wife Suzanne, their one-eyed chihuahua, Sassy, and Luke, their blind Siberian husky, traveling around the country.

1988 Elena Correnti (Baldwin, NY) works as the Rehabilitation Coordinator for South Nassau Communities Hospital’s Home Care Department in Oceanside NY.

Alison Molinda (Centennial, CO) is spending a year in Costa Rica trying to take in all of the beaches and biodiversity she can. She’s getting to the point in life where she’s thinking about practicing again — just part time!

1990 Debbie (Monguso) Carlucci (Warren, NJ) practices PT at at Atlantic Home Care and acts as a hospice community visiting nurse.

In addition to becoming a a NJ State Board Certified School Therapist in 2008, Roger Rudzinski (Bayonne, NJ), was named Chair of APTANJ’s Home Health SIG. He is also a current student at UMDMJ’s post-graduate doctoral program in physical therapy.

Wendolyn Rue (Oak Harbor, WA) is the owner of two private practice clinics, one in Oak Harbor, WA, the other Anacortes, WA.

Patricia Tobase (Alameda, CA) is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of California at San Francisco in the Department of PT and Rehab Science. In addition, Patricia has her OCS, was the 2007 National Hemophilia Foundation Physical Therapist of the Year, and also in 2007, achieved her transitional DPT.

1991 Paula Haberman (Astonia, NY) is an orthopedic instructor at the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine.

Karen (Feminella) Hagerman (Merrick, NY) is currently practicing PT in the home care arena.

1998 In 2007, Daniel Tahany (Long Island City, NY) got married. In 2008, Daniel was the official PT at the World’s Strongest Man Super Series at Madison Square Garden in NYC. Daniel is also the Facility Manager of Sports Physical Therapy of New York’s SoHo clinic and acts as Director of Clinical Education for NYC and Long Island.

2002 In addition to working as an advanced clinician at Mt. Sinai Hospital’s inpatient-rehab-brain injury unit, Grace Guang Yu Chen (Yonkers, NY) is an adjunct profes-
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facility will expand its sensory integration specialization to help adults with vestibular and other sensory difficulties.

In addition to overseeing Sensory Freeway Therapy Center’s construction and implementation, Anna is on the verge of launching an educational company, Mosaic Tree, PC, a program that will offer continued education and internship opportunities for physical therapists and other disciplines. Physical therapists will be trained in how to utilize sensory integration approach to promote gross motor development in children with various diagnoses and how to appropriately use visual supports to enhance children’s participation in therapy session. All continued education coursework will offer hands-on internships along with traditional highly informative lectures.

“I have been lucky to work alongside great specialists in the sensory integration field and with the drastically growing number of children diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorders and Sensory Integration Dysfunction it is time for me to more actively share the knowledge I have gained with my colleagues so they can help support this overwhelming need for good specialists,” says Anna.

Anna also remains an important part of NYU’s adjunct faculty, a guest lecturer position she has held since 2005, and acts as a master clinician for NYU’s clinical education component, and somehow, in her free time, managed to give birth to Evan Gregory Len, her second child with husband, Alex, in June 2009.

“Between my family and my practice and everything in between, I have never been more satisfied and happy,” says Anna. “I’m so excited about my new undertakings, both at home and at work, and I’m so thankful NYU gave me the knowledge base to help me become the practitioner I am today. I believe that the NYU DPT program is the strongest in the country. I saw it when I was a student as I was going through my affiliations alongside students from other programs and I see it now being a clinical instructor. I am proud to be part of NYU faculty and will continue my affiliation with NYU DPT as long as they will have me.”

Anna Len helps a child scale an indoor rock wall at Sensory Freeway.

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impairments due to neurological or musculoskeletal problems, and we play an active role in achieving their goals. We see those tears of pain turn to tears of joy. What better vocation could there be?

Here at the NYU Department of Physical Therapy, we stress the power of physical therapy, professionalism, and optimism, because as instructors, researchers, and private practitioners, we’ve seen our own patients’ eyes light up when they walk for the first time after months of immobility, or write their name for the first time after suffering a stroke, or play their first game back on the field after tearing their ACL. We are truly lucky to play such a powerful role in the lives of such a vast array of people.

Just as the physical therapy profession is healthy, so too is the NYU Department of Physical Therapy. 2009 marked our 9th graduated Doctor of Physical Therapy class. 2009 alum, Travis Reiter, notes that “I can truly state that NYU has given me the skills to become a well-rounded, compassionate clinician” while fellow graduate Elizabeth Costa remarks that “the strength of NYU’s program lies in its instructors, from the full-time faculty to the master clinicians we observe with.” Many of our graduates already have jobs lined up with the facilities at which they observed and/or affiliated.

Speaking of our faculty, 2009 saw publications from Dr. Gregory Gutierrez in both Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research, and a third in press the Journal of Applied Biomechanics, a second edition of Dr. Mitchell Batavia’s The Wheelchair Evaluation: A Clinician’s Guide (Jones & Bartlett Publishers), and my own publication, Neuro Notes: Clinical Pocket Guide (FA Davis Co). Meanwhile, Dr. Smita Rao received the NYPTA Research Award and was accepted to the U.S. Bone and Joint Decade’s Young Investigators Initiative Program. Finally, we have successfully launched our Weekend Modules portion of our Clinical Residency in Orthopedic Physical Therapy Program headed by our faculty member and former graduate, Dr. Kevin Weaver.

2009 has been a strong year for our department and as Money magazine indicates, a strong year for the profession of Physical Therapy. We stand at number 7 on Money’s list, but those smiles we receive from patients upon achieving a goal and our students on graduation day tell me that we have the best presentation the world has to offer.
BOOK CORNER:
The Wheelchair Evaluation: A Clinician’s Guide

“(Dr. Mitchell Batavia’s) The Wheelchair Evaluation: A Clinician’s Guide, Second Edition is an updated, practical, and concise reference on the wheelchair prescription process. It is perfect for students and clinicians in the health fields who work with physically disabled individuals in need of a wheelchair. This book is a portable, hands-on manual that implements a real-world approach to patient evaluation, choice of wheelchair components, documentation, and funding.”

New to this Edition:

- Four new chapters dedicated to ethical issues, funding, documentation, and fitting.
- A Medicare algorithm for wheelchair clinical decision-making.
- Information on American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) wheelchair standards that is useful in comparison shopping.
- PowerPoint slides “that include videos and animation to help students learn concepts

(Excerpted from Jones & Bartlett Publishers Online)

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To access the job list, please click on “Resources” located at the bottom left of our homepage and then click “Job Site.”

You may freely add job postings. We will check the site daily to see if any postings need validation. Please note that only jobs submitted by NYU PT alumni, faculty, guest lecturers, and affiliated facilities will be validated. If you are a faculty not yet associated with the NYU PT Dept and would like to become part of our growing clinical education family, please contact Marie McLaughlin at 212 998 9413 or marie.mclaughlin@nyu.edu Listings will remain posted for 30 days, after which you can either re-post or e-mail us at jll30@nyu.edu to re-validate the original listing.

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted a job listing and thank you in advance to all those who plan to do so in the future!

We hope you will find the NYU PT Job Board helpful and productive and a means to expand the NYU PT community.

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Here at New York University, Doctor of Physical Therapy students can choose from hundreds of facilities across the country to complete their summer clinical affiliations. Some students choose to stay in New York; others have gone as far away as Alaska. But there is one facility that remains a favorite amongst DPT students: Joann Ferrara’s Associated Therapies of Bayside, NY.

Each August, Ferrara, a pediatric physical therapist with more than thirty years of experience, holds a carnival-esque “theme week” in which practitioners combine therapeutic exercises with fun-filled activities. This year’s theme was “Hawaii” in honor of affiliating third-year NYU DPT student, Iwalani Crush.

“Everyone participates,” says a highly animated Ferrara when asked about theme week. “We always set up on Monday before anyone else comes in to make sure patients are completely surprised. This year we decorated the hallways with fishnets and blow-up palm trees. We handed out leis, fans, and hibiscus. We even served non-alcoholic daiquiris!”

Physical therapy activities took on the theme as well. Patients played pineapple ring toss and coconut bowling with plastic flamingos to work on hand-eye coordination and used surfboards to practice balance. There was even a wading pool for jumping.

“As part of the themed activities my sister came in to give a hula lesson for the kids, complete with music, grass skirts and a final performance for the clinic and parents.” says Iwalani. “We worked to create a dance incorporating hula gestures and postures that were beautiful, fun and paced to target their coordination, range of motion and balance. It was such fun and an honor to be a part of it, and it was great to see everyone giving and receiving the Aloha Spirit in the name of physical therapy!”

“Our main theme is ‘Therapy Can be Fun!’ says Ferrara. “Plus, our theme weeks help break up the year and give patients something special to look forward to.”

One youngster certainly agreed. “It’s like Disney here,” he said grinning, “Only therapy!”

Participants may register for individual weekend modules. Cost: $400 per module
To register, call 212 998 9414 or e-mail Anne Seaton at mas2@nyu.edu.
A Talk with Dr. Kevin Weaver about NYU’s New Clinical Residency in Orthopedic Physical Therapy Program

**You are the director of the new Clinical Residency in Orthopedic Physical Therapy Program. Can you tell us a little about the focus of the program?**

The Residency program is a 12-month post-graduate program that prepares you to practice orthopedic physical therapy at an evidence-based level and prepares you to sit for the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialty’s (ABPT’s) Orthopedic Clinical Specialist (OCS) exam. The curriculum involves practice and mentorship under an OCS physical therapist, physician mentoring, independent clinical practice, teaching as a lab instructor in DPT courses and 16 credits of advanced orthopedic physical therapy instruction.

**Why are you doing this now?**

The need for credentialing within physical therapy practice is part of the American Physical Therapy’s 2020 vision plan which stresses the increasing need of residency/fellowship education within a doctoring profession. We started with the orthopedic area of practice because it is the area that received the most interest from a survey of NYPTA physical therapy faculty member. Graduates of this program will be able to provide specialized patient care and will be eligible to sit for the clinical specialist exam in orthopedic physical therapy offered by the American Physical Therapy Association.

**What are the admissions requirements?**

To be considered for admission to the Residency Program, applicants must have:

- Licensure as a physical therapist;
- At least a baccalaureate or equivalent international credentials in physical therapy;
- A minimum of a 3.00 cumulative grade point average in a physical therapy professional program;
- Competence in conveying ideas in an organized manner, to be demonstrated via a written statement of goals related to the Residency Program; and
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a clinical supervisor and one from a physical therapy faculty member.

**Applicants whose first language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).**

**What information is covered within the 16 credits?**

There are 3 courses taught during one evening in the NYU Department of Physical Therapy during each of the 3 semesters that the program spans. The first is a 3-credit course in the fall in advanced anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology; the second is a 2-credit course in the spring on evidenced-based physical therapy; the 3rd is a 2-credit seminar course in the summer.

The other 9 credits are 3-credit advanced examination and intervention courses taught on one Friday evening and one all-day Saturday during each semester. Faculty from around the country have been recruited to teach these courses. They are divided into 4 weekend modules for each semester and will cover individual areas of instruction. For example the four modules for the fall are as follows:

- **Weekend 1** - Differential Diagnosis
- **Weekend 2** - Shoulder
- **Weekend 3** - Elbow, Forearm, Wrist and Hand
- **Weekend 4** - Knee

Residents will be required to take all 4 modules, but to make the learning environment even richer we have opened each of these modules to non-resident practicing clinicians. We have already offered the first two modules this fall and found participation, feedback, and experience have improved the learning environment. Each of the modules will also allow participants to fulfill their New York State CEU’s requirements for license renewal.

**Can you tell us about the instructors for these modules?**

We have specifically chosen faculty that are clinically certified and involved in residency and/or clinical practice. For example the first Differential Diagnosis module this fall was taught by Gail Deyle, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT who is part of the US Army-Baylor University Doctor of Science Program in Orthopedic Physical Therapy and has over 30 years of military physical therapy practice. The second fall module on the shoulder was taught by Eric Hegedus, PT, DPT, MHSC, OCS, CSCS, who is an Associate Professor of Community and Family Medicine in the Division of Physical Therapy at Duke University School of Medicine and developer of “T.E.A.M. Duke,” a performance enhancement and injury prevention program at Duke University.

**Did you receive any feedback from attendees?**

Yes — all positive. Attendees from Dr. Deyle’s differential Diagnosis Module had the following to say:

“I very much enjoyed the class. Did some of the abdominal palpation on a patient today who was referred with ITB syndrome but presented with atypical findings. The class certainly made you stop and think about past habits. I think one of the biggest things I took away was working on my intake interview and also eventually revising documentation standards for our department to force improved patient intakes.”

“The weekend module was well planned and nicely executed. Although I initially expected a more system specific review the approach Dr. Deyle used was better and touched on what we are actually more likely to come across. I enjoyed and benefited from this module. Dr. Deyle is a superb individual and a great instructor.”

An attendee from Dr. Hegedus’s shoulder module had the following feedback:

“He really changed my perspective on the use of evidence during my examination and treatment of patients with shoulder problems. He had a very practical approach in his instruction that was very clinically relevant.”

You can learn more about the upcoming modules at the following link:

http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/pt/events/pt/
Dr. Marilyn Moffat Travels the Globe to Advance the Profession in 2009

Presentations

“THE CHALLENGES CONFRONTING PHYSIOTHERAPY: ADVANCING THE PROFESSION AROUND THE WORLD”

Egyptian Syndicate of Physiotherapy Meeting, Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 9 (also “Building Bone Health Into Your Practice: Osteoporosis Functional Examination and Exercise Prescription”)

Asian Region Meeting of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, Mumbai India, Jan. 22

Columbian Physiotherapy Association Meeting, Bogotá, Colombia, Mar. 11 & 12 (also “Evidence-based Exercise Interventions (EEI) for Musculoskeletal Disorders;” “EEI for Cardiovascular/ Pulmonary Disorders;” and “EEI for Neuromuscular and Endocrine Disorders”)

Malaysian Physiotherapy Association Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Mar. 23

Bahrain Physical Therapy Association Meeting, Bahrain, Apr. 20

Singapore Physiotherapy Association Meeting, Singapore, May 16 & 17 (also “Global Perspectives of Physiotherapy Education” and “Evidence-based Exercise Prescription for Special Populations”)

Philippine Physiotherapy Association Meeting, Manila, Sept. 13 (via video telecast)

Bermuda Physiotherapy Association Meeting, Bermuda, Sept. 17


“AGE-DEFYING FITNESS”

Transition Network, New York, NY, Jan. 15
NYU Steinhardt Alumni, New York, NY, Jan. 29
HJC Bowden Center, East Point, GA, Sept. 29
Atlanta Fullerton Public Library/Northeast Spruill Oaks Branch, John’s Creek, GA, Sept. 29
English Speaking Union, New York, NY, Oct. 20

“GETTING TO YES: FOSTERING SERVICE FOR COMPONENT LEADERS”

Health Policy & Administration Section of the American Physical Therapy Association, Las Vegas, NV, Feb. 10

“The Legislative Process and Legislative Update”

Greater New York District of NY Physical Therapy Association, New York, NY, Apr. 4

“Educating Today’s Physical Therapist for Tomorrow’s Practice”

Tenth Armenian Medical World Conference, New York, NY, July 1

“Opening Keynote Address”

International Summit on Direct Access and Advanced Scope of Practice in Physical Therapy, National Harbor, MD, Oct. 22

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Continuing Education Courses

“Physical Therapists as Exercise Experts for Aging Adults: Evidence-Based Examination and Exercise Prescription”

Asia Western Pacific Regional Meeting of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, Mumbai, India, Jan. 20-10

Columbian Physiotherapy Association Meeting, Bogotá, Colombia, Mar. 10

Malaysian Physiotherapy Association Meeting, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, Mar. 22

Section on Geriatrics, Montgomery, AL, 3-Part Series: Mar. 28-29; Aug. 29-30; Oct. 17-18

Lebanon Valley University, Lancaster, PA, Apr. 3 and Oct. 30

Bahrain Physical Therapy Association Meeting, Bahrain, Apr. 20-21

Singapore Physiotherapy Association Meeting, Singapore, May 17

Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, May 30

Section on Geriatrics, San Marcos CA, July 18-19

Bermuda Physiotherapy Association, Department of Health, Bermuda, Sept. 18-19, 2009 (and “Evidence-based Examination and Exercise Interventions for Cardiovascular/Pulmonary Disorders”)

Awards

• Honorary Doctoral Degree, University of Sciences in Pennsylvania, May 20

Dr. Marilyn Moffat shows a candle at the opening ceremony of the Asian Region Meeting in Mumbai, India.

Dr. Marilyn Moffat receives an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Sciences in Pennsylvania in May.

• 2009 NSCA Award of Appreciation, Bronze Level
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2009 Physical Therapy Recruitment Fair

The second annual Physical Therapy Recruitment Fair held on April 19, 2009 was another outstanding success! The event was hosted in conjunction with the NY/NJ Physical Therapy Clinical Education Consortium.

Here’s what some of the recruiters had to say:

Jamie Bryant, Director of Marketing, Sports Physical Therapy of New York, P.C.
I thought the event was great. The “New Grad” turnout was tremendous, and provided for an excellent pool of well qualified individuals. This allowed us to do a brief preliminary interview with candidates that had an interest with SPTNY. Also, it provided us with a good “branding” opportunity. During the past few years, more and more new grads are becoming interested in starting their careers at SPTNY.

All in all, a great event!

Kimberly Sawczyn MSPT, CCCE, Clinical Director, ActiveCare Physical Therapy
I thought that the job fair was very nice. Beautiful room! It was also very easy to check in and check out. Volunteers at the front were very helpful to carry stuff in or out!

Merri Stei, Therapy Professionals, Inc.
We were very pleased with the Recruitment fair. No suggestions to make it better.

Robin Bump, Making Milestones
We were very pleased with the job fair. We thought it was great.

Pragati Shah, PT, MS, Clinical Director of Physical Therapy, Center Coordinator of Clinical Education, JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute
I think this year’s fair was even better than last year’s! I thought the room was great and the length of the event was perfect (last year was a bit too long). I do not have any suggestions to make it better. I look forward to this event again next year!

Shanel Sherese Green, NovaCare Rehabilitation and Select Physical Therapy
Thank you for inviting us to your 2009 PT Recruitment Fair. We had a great time speaking with a variety of students interested in all parts of the U.S. Hopefully we will have as great of success as we did last year (We hired 2 PT’s for our Philadelphia market) with your students this year.

The new space was well organized and efficient for students to navigate and stop and speak with employers. At this time, I cannot think of something to improve upon for next year.

Thank you again for inviting NovaCare/Select Physical Therapy and I look forward to coming back in 2010!

Joe Tatta, Premier PT
Thank you for allowing Premier Physical Therapy to attend the fair. We enjoyed the experience. Overall it was a very positive experience in a very nice facility with great views! Thank you for your work in organizing the event.

Nancy Phillips, ThomChild
We thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Fair and would be interested in doing so in the future. The venue was beautiful and everything was very well organized.

Eileen Kimbell-Meanev, St. Joseph’s Healthcare System in NJ
The professional presentation of the PT students I met was certainly impressive. I wish we had more PT openings for which they could be hired. The location at NYU is perfect and your staff on that day is most helpful and informative. I look forward to the Recruitment Fair in 2010.
Congratulations TO THE CLASS OF 2009

Class of 2009 Awards

Allison Spirgel
ARTHUR J. NELSON AWARD
For Excellence in Clinical Electrotherapy

Hana Liebowitz
DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD
For Outstanding Service to the School, Department, Faculty and Student Body

Elizabeth Costa
ELIZABETH C. ADDOMS AWARD
For Excellence in Academic and Clinical Performance

Karyn Keating
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Some Notes from 2009 Graduates

Alan Ho (2009),
Doctor of Physical Therapy
Deciding on changing careers was no easy choice for me. Since deciding to pursue PT as a second career, I wanted to make sure my first choice was the best choice. Looking back now, there is no doubt that I made the right decision. The curriculum is structured in a way where information is easy to retain and it prepared me for each summer affiliation and, most importantly, the PT board exam. The NYU DPT program is staffed with a faculty that is knowledgeable and expert in their field of practice. It’s one of the most dynamic programs — bringing in master clinicians from the field to offer their expertise and most up-to-date techniques and ideas into the classroom. This program also provided me with more clinical exposure than any other PT program I’ve found in the local NY area. NYU also carries a name that is recognized throughout the PT field offering clinical affiliation sites from highly reputable institutions which was a major plus for me. The class sizes were also much smaller compared to other programs. Everyone becomes like family and it is pretty much an open door policy with the faculty (after you knock and smile). To sum it up, I have absolutely no regrets choosing the NYU DPT program — you really do get what you pay for and it’s worth it!

Wai Soon Chan (2009),
Doctor of Physical Therapy
As a recent graduate I believe the courses, clinical affiliations and clinical observations that I experienced during my time at NYU have made me a compassionate, well-rounded, and intelligent clinician. In my three years at NYU, I was exposed to a variety of patients and diagnoses and had the opportunity to work with many knowledgeable master clinicians. The decision to attend NYU has and will always be one of the best decisions I have ever made.
The Year in Pictures

Avon Walk for Breast Cancer
NYU DPT students volunteer at the 2009 Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in New York City.

New York City Marathon
NYU DPT students are part of the medical volunteers at the New York City Marathon.

Disability Summit
Mayor Bloomberg speaks at The First Annual Disability Summit on July 28, 2009.

Morning News Shows
To celebrate October 2009 as National Physical Therapy Month, NYU professors and DPT students visited ABC, NBC and CBS morning news shows.

DPT Students at “Good Morning America” for PT Month

Dr. Marilyn Moffat and NYU DPT students at “The Today Show”

NYU DPT students outside of the CBS “Early Show”
Become a Master Clinician and Clinical Affiliate!

We are looking for interested clinicians and sites to serve as Master Clinicians and clinical affiliates. Clinical education is an important aspect of the Doctor of Physical Therapy curriculum, and we are continuously looking for experienced clinicians to serve in these capacities. As an NYU graduate, your connection with the PT Department gives you a unique opportunity to serve as a mentor and assist current DPT students in their educational experience. By serving as a Master Clinician or clinical affiliate, you will also earn tuition credits at NYU that can be used to further your own education free of charge.

As part of NYU’s dedication to its students, the Physical Therapy Department is continuously looking to expand its network of clinical sites nationwide. Please contact our Director of Clinical Education, Elaine Becker, PT, DPT, PCS, at 212 998 9407 or e-mail at eb2@nyu.edu to request more information.

2010 ANNUAL PHYSICAL THERAPY RECRUITMENT FAIR

April 25, 2010 (Sunday)
New York University
Rosenthal Pavilion, Kimmel Center, 10th Floor
60 Washington Square South

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

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Health care organizations
Health care administrators
Health care 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 write to mas2@nyu.edu

Registration deadline: March 12, 2010. 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’s have made generous contributions, totaling $768,103 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 write to wkl1@nyu.edu.