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Greetings from the Interim Chair

Welcome to the 2017-2018 edition of our newsletter. Our faculty, students, and alumni continue to contribute in small and big ways to the field of occupational therapy and the community of south Florida and beyond. You can read about our talented faculty and student accomplishments. FIU was well represented by faculty presentations and student attendance in Philadelphia for the AOTA conference. The newsletter cover is at the AOTF event: Breakfast with a Scholar. FIU OT was a sponsor. I hope you enjoy reading about some of our accomplishments that truly make our program Worlds Ahead.

2017 was an important year for OT – our 100th birthday as a profession. Throughout the year AOTA membership promoted the value of OT to broaden the understanding, access and utilization of our services. The centennial vision became VISION 2025: Occupational therapy maximizes health, well-being, and quality of life for all people, populations, and communities through effective solutions that facilitate participation in everyday living. We are dedicated to establishing excellence in OT education and research to help realize this VISION through the education and practice of our graduates. FIU is:

- Ranked as an RI: Carnegie Classification for highest research activity
- FIU is now among the top 10 largest public universities in the U.S.
- Leading the nation in awarding bachelor’s/master’s degrees to Hispanics
- Ranked by Forbes as the second best employer in Florida (Publix being #1).
- Transitioning to the OTD entry level degree

Hurricane Irma, September 2017, closed the University for almost two weeks. The storm affected many of our students and faculty. The University provided incredible support and we worked together to ensure that our FIU Family had the resources they needed. (FIU was a shelter for over 500 Monroe County evacuees and then Caribbean evacuees – most with medical needs). We are proud of our dedication, resilience, and sense of community.

Our students empower and lift us. However, we cannot do all that we do without your support. How can you help? Accept a student for a fieldwork placement, refer a talented student to our program, come visit and talk to our students – share what you know – and promote the FIU PRIDE. You can also donate directly to the OT program. We are proud to announce the establishment of the Alma Abdel-Moty Scholarship. This scholarship honors Dr. Moty’s 24 years of dedication to OT education at FIU and the scholarship supports students who choose an International Fieldwork placement. The first scholarships were awarded in August 2017. Donating is easy (please see pg.12).

I hope this newsletter finds you well and filled with the same Worlds Ahead passion for Occupational Therapy I feel at FIU. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Lynne Richard, PhD, OT/L

SAVE THE DATES:
FIU Occupational Therapy Alumni Reunion @ FIU on Monday, April 30th
Region 7 Research Symposium featuring regional student research: Tuesday, April 24 @ FIU BBC Campus
Message from the Student Editor

With each passing year, a new group of nervous graduates prepare to embark on their journey into occupational therapy, while another group of students excitedly prepare for their final leap. To the class of 2019, I commend you on making it through your first semester of graduate studies! While I am sure it was a turbulent adventure, it was an adventure nonetheless, and just like you made it through this round, you will continue to succeed for the semesters to come. To the class of 2018, I applaud you for your perseverance. With fieldwork just around the corner, you are about to enter the final chapter of your graduate careers. To the class of 2017, or should I say our newest alumni? Congratulations! Your hard work has finally paid off and I wish you the utmost success in your future endeavors as occupational therapists. Lastly, to all our professors, thank you for your endless commitment to education and for your persistent support on our quest to becoming the great OT’s you are all shaping us out to be!

Finally, to our FIU OT alumni, stay in touch! We love to hear from you, so please feel free to share any recent developments, achievements, or publications. You can keep up with your fellow FIU OT’s by visiting our alumni page at http://cnhs.fiu.edu/ot/alumni/ or our Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/fuotalumni/

- Sofia Espinosa, OTS

Visiting Scholar

This year we have had the honor of hosting a visiting scholar from Kuwait University: Dr. Musaed Alnaser. Having grown up in Kuwait, Dr. Alnaser is known today for opening the very first occupational therapy program in his home country. When Kuwait University awarded him a scholarship, he pursued his education abroad, graduating with his bachelor’s in occupational therapy from the University of Wisconsin in 1999. He then continued his education, graduating with a master's of science in ergonomics from San Jose State University, and then obtaining his doctor of philosophy in the field from Texas Woman’s University in 2006. After triumphantly earning his PhD in the field, Dr. Alnaser returned to Kuwait, where he spent the next three years concentrating on developing an occupational therapy program. His hard work paid off and, in 2012, Kuwait University successfully graduated their first cohort of occupational therapists.

Dr. Alnaser’s contributions to our field are far-reaching. The program he helped establish is not only accredited by the WFOT, but is also recognized to be one of the very first OT programs in the middle east. Today, Dr Alnaser continues to serve as acting chair of the OT department at Kuwait University, and we could not be more pleased.
Community Happenings

Each year, our faculty continuously contributes to the advancement of the occupational therapy profession by educating students to become competent entry-level practitioners, presenting at conferences and symposiums, and participating in cutting-edge research. The following is a sample of our faculty’s most recent endeavors:

Publications

Dr. Jaclyn Schwartz recently published four articles in the American Journal of Occupational Therapy. Two of these articles focused on studies that aimed to examine integrated interventions and their ability to promote medication adherence in people with chronic health conditions. The other two analyzed the roles of occupational therapy practitioners in medication management.

Dr. Schwartz also published two more items in other journals. Her article in Assistive Technology addressed the use of pillboxes and their impact on medication adherence on individuals with chronic health conditions. Her piece in the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation explained mild strokes and delineated the symptoms and risks of the condition.

This past year Dr. Amy Paul-Ward published a chapter in the second edition of Occupational Therapy without Borders, a book compiled by experts from around the globe aimed at offering insight into occupational therapy practice among different settings, cultures, and geographies. She also collaborated with other experts in the field to contribute to the American Occupational Therapy Association’s fact sheet. Their work, entitled "Therapy’s Role in Mental Health Promotion, Prevention, & Intervention With Children & Youth: Foster Care" focused on the process, prevalence, and emerging roles of occupational therapists in that setting.

Dr. Lynne Richard, in collaboration with other field experts, published a retrospective study in Topics of Geriatric Rehabilitation. Their investigation analyzed the characteristics of stroke patients and their functional outcomes, aiming to identify the possible factors associated with improved outcomes.

Dr. Alma Abdel-Moty published an online article in Advance for Occupational Therapy Practitioners about the occupational therapy profession in the Islands. Her article was selected as one of the “best of the best” for that year.

Presentations

This past Spring Dr. Paul-Ward presented her paper, "Emerging Roles for Occupational Therapy in Non-Traditional Settings," in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Her paper focused on the challenges experienced by health care professionals when it comes to creating and transitioning into novel settings and newly emerging roles.

Dr. Ingris Treminio joined the field’s centennial celebration by presenting at the 2017 AOTA Annual Conference last Spring. Her poster focused on the employment rate of those with intellectual disabilities who were over 21 years of age and the implications of OT intervention and scope of practice.

At last year’s National AOTA conference, Dr. Richard presented on how therapists in inpatient settings described their intervention approaches (guided or directed). At the very same conference, she also elaborated on the effects of implicit priming on those with Parkinson’s disease.

This year Dr. Abdel-Moty presented her work, collaborated by Dr. Huerta, on the ecology of human performance model and the usage of the magazine picture collage at the ACOT conference in Jamaica.

Research Grants

Dr. Richard and Dr. Moty were awarded $45,000 for the course of three years by the Miami Lighthouse of the blind. Their award will serve to bring low vision assessments to underserved populations and to better train professionals to work with seniors affected by age-related eye disease.

Dr. Schwartz was awarded $51,193.21 by the FIU Embrace Community in order to facilitate the learning and understanding of health services among adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder. FIU’s Embrace initiative aims to promote and understand health among adults with developmental disabilities in order to assist them in reaching their full potentials and lead healthy lifestyles.
Alumni SpOTlight: Stephanie Llanos

As students graduate each year and transition into the role of working therapists, it is always exciting to see how our fellow OT program graduates are doing out in the field. In this year’s edition of alumni spotlight we honor a dedicated FIU alumni from abroad! Since her graduation in 2011, Stephanie Llanos has become not only a noteworthy occupational therapist, but also a leader of the OT community in the Caribbean, a journey she has kindly taken time to share with us.

Greetings from the warm island of Trinidad and Tobago! I am an FIU alumnus of the Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy class of 2011. It is hard to believe that I have been practicing for six years now!

I worked a year and a half in West Kendall before I returned home to my loved ones in Trinidad. At home, the profession is misunderstood, underdeveloped, and the population is poorly served. Marketing and advocacy became just as an important role as my clinical skills. At that point in time there were only nine occupational therapists practicing in Trinidad and Tobago (today we have 26). Four months after I returned, I became a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Occupational Therapy Association (TTOTA) and was appointed the Public Relations Officer in December 2013, serving a term of two years.

In 2014, I became a member of the Association of Caribbean Occupational Therapists (ACOT). I was the chairman of ACOT’s 12th Biennial Scientific Conference of October 2015. The national associations whom members include, Barbados, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, Haiti, and Trinidad and Tobago, take turns in having the honor to host the conference in their country. The two-day scientific conference was a great success. It attracted fifty-six persons from the Caribbean, United States, Canada, United Kingdom and even some familiar faces from Florida International University (FIU)!

Due to my leadership role in the conference, I was then elected as the Vice President of ACOT in 2015 and I accepted Presidency on November 4, 2017. If that was not a mouth full, I presently work in two orthopedic clinics: Total Rehabilitation Centre and Renew Star Serpentine. One of the many characteristics my education at FIU taught me, which I hold dear to me, is how to think and apply myself in any capacity as an occupational therapist. I have a solid education that gave me the confidence to do all that I do. I fascinate myself in how much I have accomplished in the past six years and have become eager to see what else is in store. Do not forget, keep living life to your fullest (AOTA)!

Association of Caribbean Occupational Therapists (ACOT)

This past November Dr. Abdel-Moty presented at ACOT’s Biennial Scientific Conference, where she got to interact with OT’s from abroad, including Stephanie and other FIU alumni. Here are some of their captured moments:
OT Meet Martial Arts

Occupational Therapy is often recognized for its ability to successfully embrace and impact an array of settings, including those not deemed traditional in the clinical world. Thus, to no surprise, some often find their way into the field through extraordinary experiences. For Derrick, a current FIU OT program student, it stemmed from practicing Aikido, a modern form of Japanese martial arts, under the guidance of his Sensei who also happened to be an OT practitioner. Below is his story:

How did I choose Occupational Therapy as a career path? The answer to that requires me to answer the question of why I am an Aikidoka, or someone who practices the Japanese martial art of Aikido. Aikido for me is a unique experience especially for a martial art. First, it is non-competitive, meaning that there are no winners and no losers. There are two roles within the practice, one of the attacker who ultimately takes the fall, called Uke and the other who receives the attack and ultimately is the thrower, called Nage. Uke must be committed to attacking and Nage must neutralize the attack not by clashing with it but by blending with its force and direction and dissipating it. The dissipation ultimately causes the attacker to become off balance and fall.

The highest ideal of Aikido is defending yourself while at the same time keeping your attacker safe. It requires practice in a relaxed and focused state both physically and mentally to achieve. Ideally there is minimal force used in Aikido so it does not require great strength or size. Half of our practice is dedicated to the role of Nage and the other half to being Uke. This requires not only learning technique, but also how to fall properly. Falling here does not imply being defeated but is a means to keep ourselves safe. No encounter in Aikido is finished until we are standing and ready. I find Aikido to be challenging and rewarding both physically and mentally.

This leads me back to the question of why Occupational Therapy as a career path. Sometimes we are lucky enough to encounter someone who sees something in us that we may not see and points us in a direction we may not have considered. That person for me is my current Aikido Sensei. Her name is Wee-Wow Dumlao and she is the chief instructor at Gold Coast Aikikai. She also happens to be a graduate of the MSOT program at FIU and a practicing OT. While training with her over the years I came to a point in my life where my kids were getting older and I needed to decide what I wanted to do next. I had been a stay-at-home parent up until that point. Sensei suggested to me that Aikido and Occupational Therapy share some of the same goals. Those being engagement, socialization, physical and mental wellbeing, and occupation. Because Aikido does not require great physical strength and is non-competitive it is open to individuals of all ages and varying degrees of functioning. Practice can be downgraded or upgraded depending on the needs or abilities of the individual. Personally, I find my Aikido practice is very therapeutic and I look forward to someday applying some of the insights I have gained on the mat to my practice as an occupational therapist. The philosophy of Aikido itself is very applicable to interpersonal relationships of the type one might encounter in a clinical setting.
We would like to honor Joseph Sanchez for the countless times that he has served the occupational therapy program. Joseph has made a difference in the learning experiences of FIU OT students and alumni by volunteering his time and sharing his personal experiences as a recipient of occupational therapy services to students in the program since 2013.

An FIU graduate, Joseph Sanchez was diagnosed with Spastic Diplegia, a form of Cerebral Palsy, when he was 2 years old. In 2011, after several complications and surgery, he was also diagnosed with Crohn’s Disease. Since then, Joseph has exerted himself to live independently and reach his goals. In December 2014, following 18 months of training and persistence, he obtained his driver’s license. With the help of his mentors and therapists, he was able to reach one of his most desired objectives: independent driving.

Nevertheless, Joseph’s ambitions did not stop there. Originally a special education major, he transitioned into recreational therapy after taking an introductory course in the field and loving it. He felt that this career path would enable him to help individuals just like himself. On July 2017, Joseph graduated from FIU with a bachelor’s in recreational therapy.

His dedication to surpass obstacles and persevere aren’t the only qualities that make Joseph remarkable. Today, we commend him for his service to the community. Joseph has two rescue dogs and just this past October presented for FIU’s Clinical Understudy and Research Education (CURE) regarding the power of occupational therapy. He volunteers in our very own FIU OT program, where he advocates for our profession and aides in teaching the students by bringing OT to life in the classroom. Joseph describes his interaction with students as being one of his best experiences. This, he states, is because he gets to help them truly understand the concepts they read about in their textbooks and witness their welcoming gratitude. Despite his numerous surgeries and staggering obstacles, Joseph continues to pursue his ambitions and give back to his community.

On behalf of the FIU NWCNHS Occupational Therapy Department, we extend our gratitude to Joseph Sanchez for his dedication to our students. Thank you, Joseph!
International Fieldwork

After successful completion of their first year in the program, OT students are given the opportunity to carry out their Level I fieldwork abroad in areas such as the Bahamas, Peru, and Spain, just to name a few. Thanks to Dr. Alma Abdel-Moty, program faculty member and academic fieldwork coordinator, FIU’s OT students have been traveling abroad for over a decade. Today, Dr. Abdel-Moty continues to provide students with opportunities to understand new cultures and experience the unforgettable. Below are some of their latest stories.

The Bahamas By: Jimmie Wilbourn, OTS

“Travel early and travel often. Live abroad, if you can. Understand cultures other than your own. As your understanding of other cultures increases, your understanding of yourself and your own culture will increase exponentially.”

–Tom Freston

I believe to become a more compassionate, understanding, knowledgeable, and well-rounded individual it is important to travel because nothing can take the place of personal experience. This mindset was cultivated when I joined the Air Force 8 years ago and my opportunities to travel became abundant. Quite simply, your world is a big as you want it to be. As an Occupational Therapist, it is within our framework to be culturally competent and I believe there is no better way than to immerse yourself in the culture of your clients if the opportunity arises.

Without further anticipation, my Level I fieldwork was in Nassau, The Bahamas at Doctors Hospital for one month. I was afforded the opportunity to see Occupational Therapy in outpatient and inpatient settings within the Bahamian culture. It became obvious early on that formal customs were equally as important as the therapy provided. While I was in both settings I saw a wide variety of disorders: lateral epicondylitis, torticollis, CVA, wrist injuries, De Quervains, arthritis, amputations, cancer, and hand injuries. Within my time there I was saw splinting, ultrasound, kinesiotaping, fluidotherapy, PT sessions, wheelchair management, and community integration. Being able to apply what I learned in the academic setting thus far was beneficial for me to connect the dots from a client’s first evaluation up until they are discharged. The value of my experience was invaluable because I was exposed to a wide array of clients from multiple backgrounds with varying diagnoses.

This opportunity was monumental in shaping the beginning of my OT career. Interacting with the clients and hearing their stories only deepened my inner drive to become an Occupational Therapist. One cannot have occupational therapy without culture and I am privileged to have been a part of the Bahamian culture for my Level 1 fieldwork.

Peru By: Carolina Flores, OTS

When I think back about my fieldwork in Lima, Peru and reflect on my experience, I feel extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to learn about Occupational Therapy from a different cultural perspective. I felt extra lucky that I was able to do it in my hometown while staying with family. I had always spent my summers in Peru visiting family but had never seen how the healthcare and working environment operated. One of the biggest differences between OT at Integrando Y Aprendiendo and the OT I have been learning about in school, was the documenting process and the role of the therapist. I really valued how accepting and knowledgeable all the OTs were, as well as how committed they were to
Taking courses and learning even though it was not mandated to attend courses. I also really enjoyed the experience of using public transportation on my own since I was not completely familiar with the streets. One of my biggest challenges was presenting in Spanish to the entire team at Integrando y Aprendiendo because the terminology of OT is not always a literal translation, but having done that is going to help me in the future when I practice as an OT in Miami. I really recommend anyone who is debating going abroad for FW to do so.

Spain By: Deyris Correa, OTS

After 10 years, I returned to Spain for a level 1 field work opportunity that became one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Centro Socio Sanitario Hermana Hospitalarias San Luis is a psychiatric hospital located in Palencia, Spain. The hospital began offering services in 1889 and has been remodeled on numerous occasions focusing on expansion. Today, it is home to over 300 patients.

During my experience, I had the opportunity to see a variety of diagnosis such as dementia, schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, and conduct disorder. There were two OTs in the facility responsible for completing evaluations, administrative work and leading groups specific to individuals with conduct disorder. The OT aides led the majority of the group sessions focusing on creativity through arts and crafts, increasing fine and gross motor skills, cognitive activities and providing patients with real world tasks in order to increase a sense of independence. For example, a group of patients were responsible for washing clothes while another group folded clothes, and another group was in charge of distributing. Some patients were members of a movie club and travelled to a nearby theater then returned to the hospital to discuss. There were many small clubs like this that the patients enjoyed because it gave them purpose.

During the four weeks of fieldwork, I participated in weekly interdisciplinary meetings with the nurse, psychologist, psychiatrist, and occupational therapist to follow up on the patients’ treatment plan. I observed OT evaluations, multiple group sessions and I also led a few group therapy sessions independently such as arts and craft sessions.

It was truly an enriching learning experience where I not only developed professional skills, but also gained a new-found respect for individuals with mental disabilities. I would like to thank Dr. Moty for encouraging me to take a leap when selecting this facility. It was an unforgettable experience and I am grateful with the patients and staff who let me be part of their family for four weeks. I recommend this setting to anyone and everyone who wants to experience the root of Occupational Therapy: mental health.

The Bahamas By: Meagan Osteen, OTS

I had the privilege of completing my level I fieldwork at Doctor’s Hospital in Nassau, Bahamas and it was absolutely life changing! Not only am I thankful for the opportunity to travel while in school, I am so grateful for the people I met and the guidance I received while working in the Bahamas. I worked in the inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation unit at the hospital with an incredible team of occupational therapists. The occupational therapists at Doctor’s Hospital were nothing short of amazing; under their direction, I gained new understanding and even learned different techniques that I was able to apply in a very new, very real, hands-on setting.

Overall, this experience was one I will never forget. When I wasn’t working at Doctor’s Hospital, I explored as much of the island as I could! For me, this trip was not only about professional growth but personal growth as well. I had never traveled outside of the United States before going to the Bahamas and after living island life for the one-month duration of fieldwork, I can’t stop thinking about the next place I want to go! I loved this experience so much because I was able to see a different way of life and also compare occupational therapy in a different country to what we had learned so far in the program. My level I fieldwork experience is sure to
stick with me as I progress as a culturally competent student and future occupational therapist, and I am forever appreciative of Dr. Moty and the occupational therapy department here at FIU for providing this kind of opportunity.

Costa Rica  By: Genevieve Macia, OTS

“Everything is pure life here”, one the first things I heard upon arriving to Costa Rica. The experiences, the people, the culture, and adventure in San Jose, Costa Rica truly made for a refreshing breath of “pura vida”. My Level I Fieldwork was completed in Hogar Carlos Maria Ulloa, an institution/home for the elderly and what an unforgettable time it was. Costa Rica turned out to be greater than I could have ever imagined!

I remember a resident stating that she cried her first month when her daughter decided it was best that she live in the institution. She admitted that she felt that way, however, because she didn’t yet know what a great place it was, and I concur.

I had the privilege of learning and gaining experience under the supervision of an outstanding Occupational Therapist (OT), and assisted in various activities alongside her two assistants and another Occupational Therapy (OT) student from Costa Rica completing his program at Universidad Santa Paula in San Jose. Throughout the week, the Occupational therapy department offers group therapy sessions to teach, strengthen, maintain/prevent the deterioration of skills of its residents. Some of these groups are the PEG, Programa de Estimulacion Gerontologica, Retando Nuestra Mente, and multi-sensory group.

I had the honor of leading two of the groups with the other OT student. We challenged the residents to recall facts and learn new things to maintain their level of cognition in Retando Nuestra Mente, and stimulate their senses in the multi-sensory group.

I also got the opportunity to have hands experience, helping out with two cases as well as participate in preparations for a choir performance as well as a national holiday celebration, and other fun activities. I even learned how to repair pneumatic wheelchair tires.

By the end of my time, I was surprised to see just how much I was going to miss everyone I had met at el Hogar, and what an impact Costa Rica had on me. It’s people and culture are so welcoming. The ticos’ (what Costa Rican’s call themselves) humility, love, and unity, felt genuine, making my experience truly unique.

From hiking in the rainforest, looking out from hanging bridges, visiting breathtaking waterfalls, water rafting, and working with the residents of the home, Costa Rica found its way into my heart!

I’m thankful for this incredible opportunity which afforded me insight into aging and disability under the lens of a different culture and the impact that culture and environment truly have on these two. Thank you to my professors who make it possible for us to have amazing experiences, like this one.

The Caribbean  By: Susie Demesmin, OTS

I have always loved the Caribbean. I am a first generation Haitian-American and learning about different cultures has always been truly important to me. When given the opportunity to merge my love for Occupational Therapy and my passion for the Caribbean, I decided to take the chance. I am so very grateful that I did. I learned a myriad of things that books do not teach. I learned how to care for people that spoke a different language and did not look or act as me as well. I can confidently say that as a result of this opportunity, I will become a more knowledgeable, caring, and culturally aware therapist. I would be remised if I did not thank Dr. Alma Moty and the Occupational Therapy department for allowing me to fulfill my dreams! Go Panthers!
Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE)

PTE recognizes outstanding academic achievement and scholastic excellence of occupational therapy students.

Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE), the national honor society for Occupational Therapy Students, takes pride in supporting research and education in the field of Occupational Therapy. This year, our organization is striving to follow that mission by providing its members with fully funded opportunities to participate in hands-on courses, attend lectures and conferences, and become certified in practices such as the Interactive Metronome. PTE also values collaborating with other organizations in the community. This year, we collaborated with SOTA to raise awareness about OT. PTE also collaborated with Physical Therapy students and hosted splinting courses. Under the guidance of Dr. Huerta and Dr. Moty, we will strive to make this year effective for FIU’s OT program and all students involved!

Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)

SOTA seeks to increase campus and community awareness of the occupational therapy profession.

This year, SOTA has had many exciting events that have aimed to enhance the lives of our student body and the lives of those in our local community. Some of our events include World OT Day and volunteering for the We Coach Foundation. Our students hosted an event in the GC lawns for World OT Day to promote awareness about the profession of Occupational Therapy to all FIU students. Also, our students volunteered at a Halloween event hosted by We Coach Foundation, which supports families with special needs to be as prepared as possible for the challenges they may face when their children are transitioning through life.

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Thank you for helping keep our OT program Worlds Ahead!