



MARCH 2017

EASTERN MICHIGAN O&P

CLASS OF 2017 WILLOWOOD VISIT

The 2nd year MSOP students were recently treated to an educational seminar hosted by Ohio WillowWood. Over the course of two days, students were introduced to the vast range of WillowWood liners, feet, and were also given a tour of the entire facility. Students were also given the opportunity to use the Omega Scanner and software – split into four groups, each team scanned and fit test sockets to a transtibial patient. This was an awesome, interactive, educational experience for the students, as they were provided invaluable knowledge on products and technology they will certainly use as future practitioners. A huge thank you to Andy, Steve, and the rest of the WillowWood team for their time and exceptional hospitality.



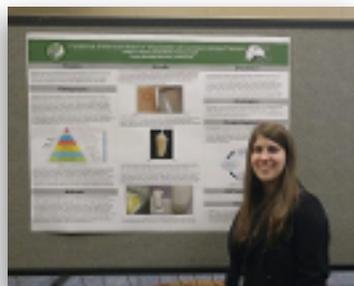
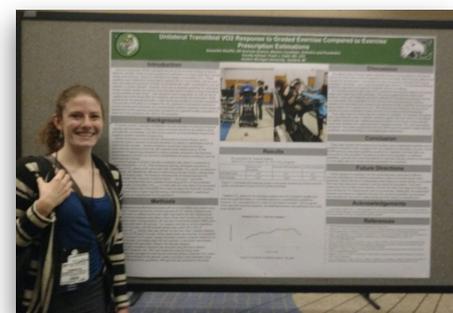
2017 ACADEMY MEETING

This year, the Annual Academy Meeting was hosted in Chicago, IL. A large percentage of the Classes of 2017 and 2018 attended to discover new products, attend lectures on current research, and network with other students and professionals. Five EMU students also presented posters of their research. First year student Samantha Stauffer commented about her presentation, "It was thoroughly enjoyable. For the most part, I was being asked more what my forward direction/future goals for my research was. I am excited to present again next year."

FIRST SWIM PADDLE & DIVE



On March 18, Eastern Michigan collaborated with OPAF to successfully host another annual First Swim, First Paddle, and First Dive Event on campus. Volunteers were able to teach clinics simultaneously in swimming, kayaking, and scuba diving to Orthotic & Prosthetic patients and their families in the Jones Pool. Several MSOP students attended and were able to assist patients and participate in the events. A big thank you to our sponsors, University of Michigan, SOAR, AdN, and Capital City Scuba, and all of the volunteers for all of your help and support.



Congratulations to one of our faculty members, Professor Sun Hae (Sunny) Jang for winning the prestigious 2017 CHHS Marshall Award for Teaching Excellence. Sunny was also the recent recipient of a 2017 CHHS Research Award.

Additional congratulations to two of our students: Kirsten Hameister was one of five award winners of the 2017 Graduate Research Conference Outstanding Scholarly/Creative Award and Geoffrey Smith was awarded the 2017 EMU Gold Medallion For Leadership.



STUDENT PROFILES: CLASS OF 2017

Kirsten Hameister

Undergrad: BS in Biology-Psychology, Tufts University

Why O&P?: I've always loved rehabilitative medicine, but orthotics and prosthetics offers the chance to work with my hands, making things that help people.

Overview of your Capstone Research: Measuring changes in varus knee alignment caused by different knee unloading orthoses. The heart of my research is in integrating hard science into clinical practice - using outcome measures and well-designed research to reinforce the legitimacy of our profession.

Future Plans for your Research: My regional residency director agreed to enroll several Bay Area Hanger Clinic locations in a nationwide study of outcome measures and treatment efficacy, so I have that to look forward to in 2018.



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Samantha Stauffer

Hometown: Newark, DE

Why O&P?: My mom introduced me to one of her friends who had a transtibial amputation when she knew I was looking into athletic training. I went with her to an appointment with her prosthetist and have wanted to enter the field ever since.

Interests in the Field: Physiological changes post-amputation and lower extremity Orthotics.

Overview of your Research: The effects of amputation on resting energy expenditure.

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

April 3rd, 9-11am: BionX fitting presentation with patient model

April 4th: Tour of Becker Foundry

April 5th, 11th, & 12th, 12-1 pm: Student Capstone Presentations

April 24th, 11-12 am: Class of 2018 White Coat Ceremony

April 24th, 1-3 pm: Class of 2017 Graduation Ceremony

April 27: Rush Foot CEU Seminar (free)