



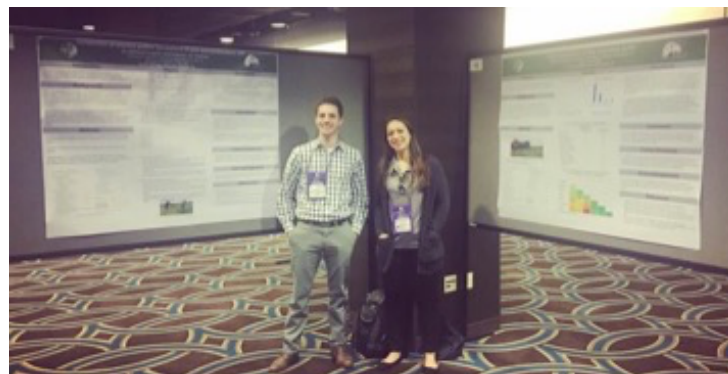
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

ORTHOTICS & PROSTHETICS

March 2018

2018 Academy Meeting

Last month, the faculty and several 1st and 2nd year students attended the 44th Academy Annual Meeting & Scientific Symposium held in New Orleans, LA. It was a great opportunity to learn about new technology, unique clinical perspectives and future residencies. Eastern Michigan University was well represented at the Poster Presentation Session, with five 1st year students, ten 2nd year students and multiple faculty members presenting their research.



Upper Prosthetics Interprofessional Event

Last month, the Occupational Therapy department partnered with our students for a seminar on upper prosthetics. There was a lecture session provided by OT and O&P experts at the University of Michigan, describing the mechanics and treatment behind working with upper limb amputees.

Following the discussion, groups of students worked together, using a prosthesis to complete various tasks such as brushing teeth, eating with a spoon and putting on a shirt.

Knowledge sharing between the students highlighted the importance of how closely the two professions may work in order to give our patients the best care.

OPAF First Swim, Snorkel, and Dive

Last weekend, Eastern Michigan collaborated once again with OPAF to host a clinic in the Jones Pool. This year, Orthotic & Prosthetic patients and their families had the opportunity to participate in swimming and scuba diving as in previous years, along with the new addition of snorkeling!

Many MSOP students and faculty were in attendance as volunteers and were able to assist patients and participate in the activities. We would like to extend a big thank you to our sponsors: University of Michigan, Capital City Scuba, Ropp Orthopedic Clinic, and Anew Life Prosthetics & Orthotics for all your help and support.



STUDENT PROFILES: CLASS OF 2018

Anna Miele



Hometown: Brighton, MI

Educational Background: Kinesiology @ Michigan State University

Topic of Capstone Research: Lumbosacral Orthoses and their success in the Management of Lower Back Pain

What got you interested in this topic?: I became interested in the topic after experiencing the effects of chronic lower back pain after a cheer injury that fractured my L5 vertebrae. I wanted to learn more about the orthotic options available for those experiencing lower back pain in hopes of relieving and managing it successfully.

What are you looking forward to most in residency? I am looking forward to working in the large hospitals of Grand Rapids upon beginning my Hanger Residency in May. I will be dealing with trauma patients who are in need of an orthoses initially so I will no doubt be learning from a wide variety of cases as I continue my journey to becoming a CPO.

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Emily Theisen



Hometown: Taylor, MI

Educational Background: Exercise Science @ Adrian College

Why O&P?: Originally I wanted to be a physical therapist, but after shadowing a PT one day I realized that it wasn't for me. I then heard about O&P from a guest lecture in one of my undergrad classes who was a student from Eastern, and that sparked my interest in the field. I always knew I wanted to work with patients and I love the variability that O&P offers - not every patient is going to be the same.

What are you looking forward to in the program?: Summer clinical rotations and getting more hands-on experience

Upcoming News & Events

March 16: 2018 Interprofessional Education Collaboration Event

March 22-23: Ohio WillowWood Visit

March 28: Tour of Becker Foundry

March 27, 29, April 3-6; 12-1 pm: Student Capstone Presentations

April 22, 11 am-12 pm: Class of 2019 White Coat Ceremony

April 22, 1-3 pm: Class of 2018 Graduation Ceremony