

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



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OPAF – First Swim, Dive and Paddle



On Sunday, March 24th, EMU and OPAF hosted the annual First Clinics (for the 9th consecutive year). This year we had instructors for swimming, kayaking and scuba diving that assisted our 15 participants in the pool. We hope that we can improve our community involvement for future years. Help us spread the word about this great event! Thank you to our sponsors and all of the volunteers!

To learn more about OPAF, check out their website at:
<https://www.opaffirstclinics.org/>.



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 27

O&P Program Banquet, Student Center Room 310AB

1st Year White Coat (11:00-12:00p)

Family/Friends Tour (12:00-1:00p)

2nd Year Graduation (1:00-3:00p)

APRIL 28

EMU Graduate School Commencement, Convocation Center at 1:30p

KAFO COURSE BY GARY BEDARD, CO, FAAOP

Thank you so much to Gary Bedard for visiting EMU March 20th and 21st to provide education on stance control orthoses and KAFO fabrication instruction!



ACADEMY MEETING IN ORLANDO, FL!

Last month wrapped up another successful trip to the Academy Annual Meeting & Scientific Symposium in Orlando, FL. Some of the highlights include the student poster presentations, catching up with alumni and supporting our faculty presenters!

(Images below, Left: Deborah Gay and Rebecca Kalinich, Middle: Jacob Lindquist, Rebecca Spragg and Caleb Rhynard, Right: Group photo of 1st and 2nd year students)



GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The Graduate Research Conference (GRC) was held on Friday March 22nd. The Orthotics & Prosthetics program had 15 posters and 18 presenters represented! We even got a shout-out on the EMU CHHS Facebook page (March 27th post)! <https://www.facebook.com/CHHSEMU/>



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Shout-out to 2018 graduate, Jodi Meeker, for her recent efforts at the National Hanger Education Fair in Las Vegas, NV.

"You know she is a rock star and she continues to prove it every day. She presented a residency poster presentation (along with fellow alum Anna Miele). In addition, she presented a 30-minute case presentation in front of about 75 her colleagues titled 'A novel approach to the treatment of muscular dystrophy using a laminated KAFO with detachable AFO section and a locking knee joint'." -Lindsay Reynolds, MSOP, CPO



FACULTY AWARD

Congratulations to Associate Professor Jacob Lindquist on receiving the Marshall Award for Service (College of Health and Human Services) from Eastern Michigan University! "Jake represents the true nature of service, willing to support multiple causes for the betterment of the students, the program, the college, the University, the profession, and the area community. I am proud to have him as a member of the faculty of this program." Well said by Program Director, Wendy Beattie!

SPOTLIGHTS

2ND YEAR – CHRISHELLE PATTERSON

Hometown: Colleyville, TX

Education: B.S. Anthropology with a concentration in Forensic Anthropology from Baylor University

Topic Capstone: Improving Orthotic Treatment Adherence Among the Diabetic Population

What are you looking forward to in residency? I am so excited to have the opportunity to work with the amazing team at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab. I'm really looking forward to learning as much as possible during my time there, and also to the unlimited access to Chicago deep dish pizza.

What will you miss most after graduating? I'll miss the fun we have! Sure, the past couple semesters have been insane, but being able to goof around with my cohort during the 12 hour days made things just a little bit easier.



1ST YEAR – STEVEN DEWITT

Hometown: Grand Haven, Michigan

Education: Michigan State University (Go Green!) and majored in Kinesiology.

Why O&P?: I come from parents who are both health care providers. I knew I also wanted to spend my life helping others and to help them live their best life. The thought of being able to help someone gain the ability to walk or return to their normal activities again after losing that freedom really captivated me. I am also really interested in the advancing technology aspect of this field (big Transformers fan) and thought this is the perfect profession that mixes all of my interests.

What has been your favorite project/class this year? So far, I think I have enjoyed Lower Prosthetics 1 the most. Learning about all the different components, and getting to apply everything we have learned up to this point with patient models has been a very exciting and fulfilling experience.

Where are you doing summer clinical rotations? And what are you looking forward to most?: I am doing my summer clinical rotations in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I know I have one set up at both Teter and Hanger and am waiting to hear from Mary Free Bed. I really like the Grand Rapids area and would like to end up practicing there at the end of all of this.

