

MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER



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Congratulations class of 2019!



Congratulations to the class of 2019! Our program held a graduation banquet on Saturday, April 27th and the students graduated the following day. Family travelled from across the country to celebrate them. We are so proud of all they've accomplished and grateful for all they've done for the program and are excited for each of them to continue their education in their residencies.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 23

8:00am-1:00pm: Michigan Science Center Outreach Program

JUNE 1

10:00am-12:00m: Free CEU seminar on avoiding burn out: Contact wbeattie@emich.edu if interested

OCTOBER 6

I TRI for MAC Triathlon

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

One of our students has won the \$2,500 2019 SPS Future Leaders Student Scholarship!

This scholarship is given to the most deserving future leaders in the O&P field. We are so proud of all that they have accomplished in the program so far and cannot wait to see how they continue to inspire others in the field!



CLASS OF 2020 RECEIVES THEIR WHITE COATS

On Saturday, April 27, the class of 2020 received their white coats at the program's White Coat Ceremony. The day was filled with family and friends celebrating their students and the completion of their first year.

The white coat marks the transition from the classroom to clinical practice. The class is now spending their summer completing clinical rotations across the county (and out of the country in Guatemala!). Throughout the summer, they will learn more from practitioners about the field and patient care, prepare for their final year of course work, and begin working on their Capstone projects.



OPAF EVENT

On March 24th, the Orthotics and Prosthetics program hosted First Swim, First Dive, and First Paddle clinics. The day was filled with new and experienced people with physical and mobility challenges learning how to swim, scuba dive, and kayak. MSOP students enjoyed working with participants and coordinating the event. It was a huge success!



A special thank you goes out to OPAF and all the sponsors of the event including the University of Michigan O&P Center, Ropp Orthopedics, Anew Life Prosthetics and Orthotics, Capital City Scuba, EMU Downriver Paddlers, and College Park. This would not have been possible without them!

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATIONAL EVENT

On March 29th, the second-year students (and 3 of our first-year students) worked alongside Eastern Michigan's physician assistant students and University of Michigan-Flint Physical Therapy students to learn the importance of the interprofessional clinical team approach. Prior to the day, they worked through online case studies. On the day of the event, their teams met with several orthotics and prosthetics patient models to discuss their cases and possible solutions. Students across all domains learned to recognize and utilize the skills of other members on the clinical team.

CONGRATULATIONS EMILY MICIK!

Congratulations go out to Emily for receiving a big award through the College of Health and Human Services! The award is given out to recognize a student's "academic achievements, program and community involvement, and commitment to your pursuit of knowledge in [their] chosen field, including demonstrated leadership skills among students in [their] program". Emily was representative of Health Promotion and Human Performance.

When asked what the award means to her, Emily stated that "it was really humbling and validating to receive it. It definitely felt like I was working REALLY hard throughout the program (turns out school plus kid is tough, who knew?), and it meant a lot that the faculty saw that and felt that it had merit." We are so proud of Emily and all her accomplishments and know she will continue to achieve so much in her residency!



THANK YOU GRADUATE ASSISTANTS (AND WELCOME NEW GA'S!)

As the academic year comes to a close, we want to give a special thank you to our graduate assistants this year, especially our now graduated second year GA's: Emily, Caleb, and Deborah. They've created these newsletters, organized patient models, answered first year students' questions, communicated with faculty and so much more. We are so grateful to have had them this past year and will miss them! They've helped bring the program to new heights and we know they will continue their amazing work throughout their career.

We would also like to welcome Rachel back on the GA team for another year along with Megan, Jess, and Jamie. We can't wait to see the great work that this team brings to the program in the coming year!

