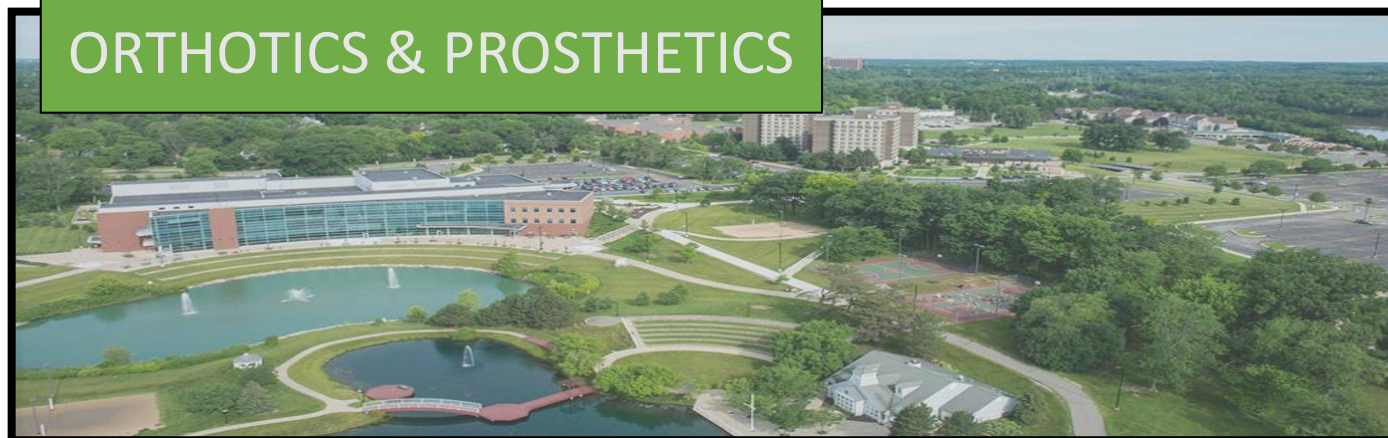


# EMU ORTHOTICS & PROSTHETICS



## Upcoming Info Sessions

[Graduate School Open House](#)

**Wed, November 10<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm**

Zoom only, registration required

Join MSOP students and faculty for a virtual or in-person facility tour. See what makes EMU so great and get your questions answered!

**Tues, October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

**Sat, November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10am\***

**Wed, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30pm**

**Sat, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**

\*In-person only

Please direct any questions to Program Coordinator Rebecca Spragg  
([rspragg@emich.edu](mailto:rspragg@emich.edu))

## EMU O&P Apparel

OOPS is currently organizing a 2021 apparel sale. Check back next month for order info!

## MSOP Social Media

Keep up with EMU MSOP through social media!

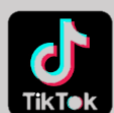


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INSTAGRAM  
Coming soon



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## WELCOME BACK TO CAMPUS!

The eagles have landed back on campus this semester! With coronavirus safety procedures still in place, first and second year O&P students are back in the classrooms with labs in full swing.

The class of 2023 brings 18 new students to our program, each with a unique background in O&P. First year students are quickly getting acclimated to the program, enjoying their new textbooks (courtesy of ABC), and already working hands-on making custom Foot Orthoses!



Coming off of a summer full of clinical experience, second year students are sharing stories and knowledge while jumping back in to classes with upper extremity prosthesis casting. All are looking forward to spending a full year on campus and making the most of the wonderful facilities EMU has to offer.

# MSOP STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

September, 2021

## ***Matt Brown (First Year)***



**Background:** Matt hails from Flint, Michigan. He completed his Bachelor's Degree in Material Science & Engineering from Michigan State University. Matt always knew he wanted to do something biomedical when he started materials science.

**First exposure to O&P:** In school, Matt worked for Johnson & Johnson Co. on hip and knee implants. Although great experience, he realized that he wanted to pursue a more patient-centered field. Matt spent some time shadowing in undergrad, solidifying his decision to pursue O&P.

**What excites you most about EMU's program?:** Matt really enjoys working with all the tools we have in our fabrication lab. He prefers a hands-on approach to learning and definitely can see that EMU's program is going to do a lot of that. Additionally, Matt has enjoyed running around campus and exploring Depot Town.

## ***Garrick Loewen (Second Year)***



**Background:** Garrick comes to us from LaSalle, Ontario and completed his undergrad at Windsor University in Human Kinetics. Following school, he worked for 4 years as a technician and 1 year as a clinical prosthetic assistant.

**What got you interested in O&P?:** Garrick describes O&P as a way of life within his family. His father opened a practice while he was growing up, and patients quickly started to feel like family.

**What are your biggest take-aways from summer clinicals?:** Biggest take-aways for Garrick include noticing the diversity in patient care and all the different ways clinicians can approach an issue. Also, Garrick saw lots of differences in the way people run their business, having spent time at both large corporations and small shops in Michigan and Colorado.

**As a second year, what advice do you have for first year students?:** Have fun! School is about messing up and learning from each other. Garrick feels his class at Eastern has developed a very relaxed, judgement-free environment that really facilitates their ability to learn from each other.

## ***Audrey Larson (Residency)***



**Background:** Audrey came to EMU after completing a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Montana State University. She was driven towards O&P through her classes, initially wanting to engineer O&P technology. Audrey soon realized she wanted a more hands on take in the field and became a technician before starting at EMU a year later.

**Residency location:** Audrey is currently completing her orthotics residency at Strong Orthotics in Rochester, New York. She is mostly doing outpatient care with a weekly visit to the hospital.

**What have you learned so far?:** So far, Audrey feels that she has learned a lot about optimization of devices as well as different tips and tricks from other clinicians. She says that EMU provided her with a great knowledge base and now she is learning the little things that really help with design.

**What advice do you have for those in the program?:** Audrey's best advice to current students is to ask questions! One thing that she does frequently is asks the same question to different practitioners to compare or combine the unique approaches. Additionally, she advises current students to try and see as many patients as they can during their residency.