

EMU ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS

Virtual Tours Coming Soon

We will soon be updating our list of virtual visit days. These are great opportunities for prospective students across the nation to check out our program, and discover what makes EMU so special!

EMU O&P Apparel

Another round of EMU alumni apparel will soon be available for purchase. If interested, please contact Neely Heckman at nheckman@emich.edu.

Safety Protocols

As the pandemic continues, we are once again taking the safety of our students seriously. Currently we have reduced class size for in-person labs, and are hosting virtual lectures and office hours. In addition to this, the students will soon have the opportunity to receive the coronavirus vaccine, which will allow them to work safely with patient models. As always, student safety is our highest priority.



Virtual Outreach

Digital Divas, an EMU based organization that encourages middle and high school girls across Michigan to explore STEM careers, recently took over the Rackham research and development room. In years past, the organization has brought young women into the lab space for an O&P demonstration and a question and answer session. However, due to Covid, Digital Divas went fully digital this year! Instead of the live demo, two of our students were chosen to explain what O&P means to them. These interviews will be added to a virtual library of STEM interviews that will be accessible to the public.

New Social Media

In an effort to update our online presence and increase our accessibility, we have begun an EMU Orthotics and Prosthetic Program Facebook page. Please check us out at EMUOandP, and stay tuned as we continue to launch new social media platforms.



Leah Hall

Leah is originally from Kingsley Michigan, a small town just outside of Traverse City. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering from Lawrence Tech, where she played collegiate level volleyball. Leah is eagerly awaiting the return of intramural sports teams so that she can lead our program to a volleyball victory!



Anna Stark

Anna hails from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and obtained a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University. She worked as an engineer in manufacturing settings for three years before moving to Ypsi with her golden doodle Westley and husband Tim to pursue her O&P education.

Meet the Team!

We are excited to announce that the new GA team has been chosen for the upcoming year! All three chosen are more than capable students, and we are confident that they will continue to grow through the coming year. Without further ado, meet the new GAs!

Leah Hall

How were you introduced to O&P? I had a summer internship working as a tech at Teter Orthotics and Prosthetics going into my junior year of undergrad. I fell in love with the field and noticed when I went back to school I wasn't really interested in any of my classes that weren't applicable to the field of O&P anymore.

What GA duty are you the most excited to take on? I am most excited to help in the labs. I worked as a tech before coming to school, so getting my hands-on time in the labs is my favorite part!

Why EMU? I chose EMU because it offered a lot of hands-on experience even starting in the first semester. Other schools didn't offer that same type of experience that early into school. I also visited EMU before making my choice, and both students and staff here were super friendly and inviting.

Anna Stark

What has been your favorite first year class? It is hard to pick just one class, but my favorite class this year has been Lower Extremity Prosthetics. Working with patients and fabricating a prosthesis for the first time has been an awesome experience! I love combining the fabrication, problem solving, and patient care aspects of the field in one course.

What has the current team of GAs excelled at that you want to continue for the next cohort? The GA's for our year were very supportive and reassuring! They always encouraged us to learn from our mistakes and persevere during difficult parts of the semester.



Sarah Thomas

Sarah is from Chattanooga, Tennessee, but attended The University of Alabama for her Bachelors degree in Microbiology with a minor in Mandarin Chinese. She has a deep love of goats, and dreams of one day fitting a goat with a prosthesis.

Alumni Updates Wanted!

We always love to hear what our alumni have accomplished after leaving the program. If you've started a new residency, gained ABC certification, had a career shift, or just feel like catching up, please reach out to Sarah Thomas at sthoma96@emich.edu. We look forward to hearing what you've been up to!

Sarah Thomas

What are you most looking forward to in your second year? It sounds kind of silly, but I am excited to have a new group of first years on campus! I've always loved working with younger students, so I'm looking forward to being able to hold office hours with the newest class of the Eastern O&P program.

How do you think the new team of GAs will work together? Oh, I think we're going to be a dream team! Leah is fantastic with fabrication and going to be a huge asset in the lab, Anna used to work as a student advisor and gives the best advice, and I've already been working closely with the current GAs to learn the behind the scenes tasks that keep the program running.

A Big Thank You

A big thank you is owed to this year's team of second year GAs. Audrey, Remus, and Jaime handled their positions with grace in an unusual two semesters. They kept all the wheels behind the scenes turning this year, and made it look effortless while doing it. While we will miss seeing them around campus, we are excited to see where each of them goes in the coming years! Thank you, GAs!

