

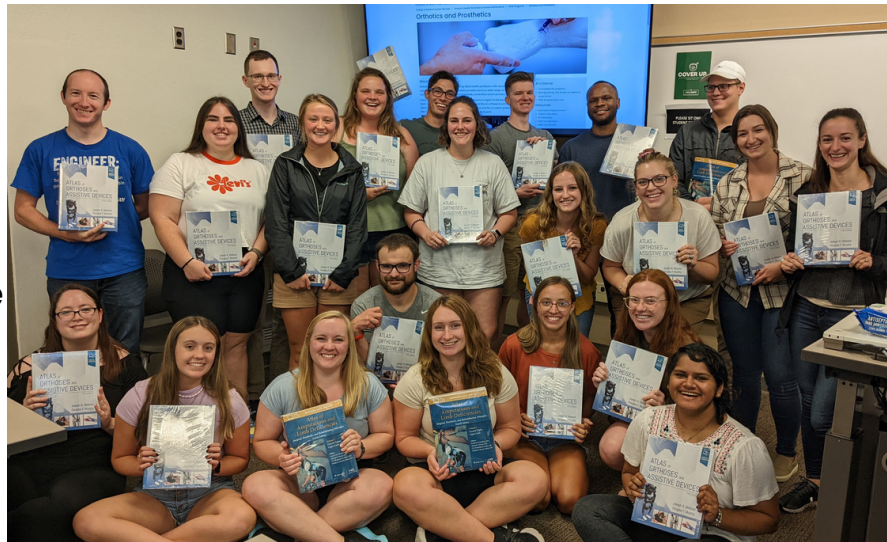


EMU Orthotics & Prosthetics

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WELCOME BACK!

We have been back on campus for a month and are straight back into labs and lectures! Almost everything is back in person this year with COVID protocols in place. The incoming class is almost full with 22 new students! They are settling in well and getting their hands dirty in the plaster lab already making foot orthoses.



Second years are back from a full summer of clinical rotations. They are happy to be back on campus and catch up with their classmates. Excited get into upper extremity classes, they've already been casting their TLSO's and started seeing patient models.



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS!



Spencer Van Wagener (second year)

Background: Spencer grew up moving all over the USA but considers Colorado Spings home. He got his bachelors in Exercise Physiology from Brigham Young University in Idaho. After this he worked as Physical Therapy technician for 5 years.

What did you learn during your summer clinicals? Spencer thoroughly enjoyed his time in various clinics this summer. He feels he developed a better understanding of the field and the type of work and environment he is interested in for his residency. He got lucky working with clinicians and technicians that let him work hands on in the lab to improve his skills.

What advice do you have for the new 1st years? His advice to the new first year students is to stay ahead of your assignments so they don't pile up at due dates! He also suggests to try everything the way it is demonstrated to open yourself up to new strategies and learning from experts.



Cat Carlisle (first year)

Background: Cat is from the Flint, MI area and just graduated from the University of Michigan Flint with a bachelors in Mechanical Engineering. Her undergrad thesis was designing a prosthesis for her three-legged cat Megal!

How did you find/choose O&P? Cat has wanted to be in O&P since she was very young. As a young girl she saw prostheses in movies and when she realized they were real she thought it was the coolest thing. She wanted to go into R&D for it but realized her love of working with people and seeing the end result of what she made, so here she is now starting the EMU program to do what she's always wanted to do.

What are you most looking forward to in the EMU O&P program? Cat feels the faculty and students have been so nice and invested in her success that she is most excited to learn everything she can from them. She is also excited for the hands-on experience that will help her succeed as a clinician. Cat also can't wait to start thinking about ideas for her capstone project.

STUDENT AWARDS

ABC Orthotist/Prosthetist Student Scholarship

This scholarship was awarded to 4 lucky students this summer

Danny Gieselman
Sophia Mancini
Kayleigh Neely
Anna Stark



"I am beyond honored to be a recipient of the ABC Student Achievement Scholarship. As I now enter into residency, this generous gift will allow me to put financial stressors from student loans to the side, and allow me to place all of my efforts on learning and becoming the best O&P clinician that I can be." –Daniel Gieselman

EMU Outstanding Graduate Students

Sophia Mancini

In the field of Orthotics and Prosthetics, Sophia Mancini is already making her mark! She is the recent recipient of an ABC

Student Achievement Scholarship. Currently, she's researching potential workplace accommodations for pregnant women who work in O&P. Sophia says, "The future of O&P is female, so it's important that we know the proper precautions to have a safe pregnancy while working." Additionally, she and Shannon Everly presented an award-winning poster entitled "Enhancing O&P Education with Unlimited Access to Gait Analysis Using Virtual Reality," at the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists National Meeting. After graduation, Sophia plans to live and work in her hometown of Youngstown, Ohio. To achieve all of this success, Sophia tries to stay as organized as possible by planning ahead, making sure that she has time for all of her academic work, and ensuring that she has time for herself. For fun, she hangs out with her family and plays bocce. She says, "It's a fun, competitive way to stay connected with my friends, family, and Italian heritage." She also enjoys exercising, hiking, and reading. Great job with all your accomplishments, Sophia!



Sophia Mancini



Shannon Everly

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Shannon Everly is in her second year in the Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P) Master's program here at EMU. Her research focuses on defining where the Certified Prosthetist Orthotist (CPO) fits into the healthcare team, and how their roles and qualifications are similar to that of Occupational and Physical Therapists. She's currently hard at work on her capstone project. When all is said and done, she hopes to stay in Michigan, start her residency in Orthotics and Prosthetics, and remain involved with EMU's O&P Program. To help her through the program, Shannon says that she is working with an amazing, supportive cohort here at EMU. Additionally, she has learned to be aware of when she needs to take a break. To do so, she loves catching happy hours with friends, spending time with her boyfriend, enjoying her family, and doing outdoorsy activities. To stay motivated, Shannon visualizes her future and realizes that all her hard work now will make her an informed clinician. She's happy to be part of a field that makes a difference in people's lives. Shannon is certainly making a difference here at EMU!

**"Mobility is a right we should all have access to, and I've found a lot of purpose in advocating for our patients and helping them maintain their mobility." –
Kaleigh Neely**

CHHS Class of 2022 Outstanding Student Madison Ciccaglione

Madison is a 2022 graduate of the O&P Program and is completing her residency with Allied O&P in New Jersey. She completed her undergrad degree in Exercise Science at the University of Delaware – Newark. She excels in and out of the classroom. She is a great support to her fellow students and will always offer a helping hand. Outside of the classroom, she works at Sun & Snow Sports where she is a master ski boot fitter – for those with two feet or just one! She loves tacos and all kinds of music and is a joy to have in the program.

