Eastern Michigan University

# Orthotics & Prosthetics

#### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Classes have been in session for about a month now and things have been in full swing! The incoming class has 19 new students and they've been busy making their first foot orthoses and working on the infamous Robot Project.

The second years are back from their summer full of clinical rotations and are diving in working on their TLSO's and seeing patient models.





### Mark Your Calendars: The Academy Annual Meeting

When: March 6-9, 2024 Where: Chicago, Illinois For more information:

https://www.oandp.org/page/annual-meeting





## Student Spotlights





Background: I was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida where I also attended undergrad at The University of North Florida. I received my bachelor's in Kinesiology in August of this year. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, crocheting, and taking care of my plants.

How did you find/choose O&P: I discovered O&P as a junior in high school when I had to have orthotic braces made for my feet. I'd always known I wanted to go into the medical field but didn't really know what I wanted to do other than that. Following that experience, I shadowed some practitioners and just fell in love with the field because of all the creativity and problem solving that goes into making a device for a patient.

What are you most looking forward to in the program: I'm very excited to be here going to EMU. As a Floridian, the fall and winter is definitely going to be an adventure. I am also so excited for all the hands-on experience we will get in the fabrication lab.



#### ERIN MALTBIE First-Year

Background: I was born and raised in Ludington, MI and received my undergraduate degree from Michigan State University. My major was in Kinesiology with a minor in public health promotions. Some fun facts about me are I love classic country music, I was in a police boat chase, and I used to work on a historic landmark.

How did you find/choose O&P: I became interested in the field while participating in an internship at an O&P office in East Lansing. I started working at the University of Michigan Medicine as a fabrication technician.

What are you most looking forward to in the program: I'm excited to continue my education, meet with others who have the shared interests in the orthotics and prosthetics field as well as take advantage of all the great experiences Eastern has to offer.