Some people like to think about their dreams. Other people act on their dreams. Lorne (Mac) Mac-Donald (Class of 2001) is actively pursuing his dreams and he dreams BIG! After graduating in 2001 he moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado to open a private practice http://www.falconpt.com/. He and his wife Beth, who is his business manager, will be opening their 5th private practice clinic on June 1 and are already working on plans for the 6th clinic. In addition to the clinics Mac and Beth operate, they are also actively pursuing their dream to open an athletic training facility with some other community members. Current plans for the facility include in-door training space for football, basketball, lacrosse, pole-volting, swimming, judo and other combative sports. Like I said Mac dreams BIG!

What is especially impressive when you talk with Mac is his emphasis on providing quality care for his clients, creating a positive work environment for his staff, and his commitment to give back to the community. He supports his staff to continue their education through enrolling in transitional DPT programs and certification programs so that they can provide the best care to their patients. Mac himself is currently enrolled in a DPT program and working on his manual therapy certification. He has expanded his practice by bringing on PT partners to assist them in opening their own private practice offices within Falcon PT.

Mac and Beth give back to the community in a variety of ways linked to their practice. They are proud sponsors of the United States Olympic Judo and the USA Taekwondo teams providing both financial and medical care for the teams. They also support local events such as the American Cancer Society’s annual Relay for Life event. This represents only the “official” ways that Mac and Beth give back to the community. Mac is passionate about the people he works with and simply likes to help people out, whether it is a local athlete or a financially struggling PT student. Mac has also been generous with the UM-Flint PT program, both financially and through his offer to give a talk to our DPT students next fall (when he is in Michigan for the UM-OSU game) on how to start their own private practices. We are looking forward to Mac’s talk and very much appreciate his support! Keep dreaming BIG Mac and providing an excellent example of following your dream!
FACULTY UPDATES

The Physical Therapy Department is going through some big changes. Both Trish Curatti and Shirley Mapes left to return to clinical practice this past year, we wish them well in their new endeavors. When they left we combined their faculty positions with 3 new faculty positions to create 5 new faculty positions in 5 different specialty areas to support both the professional DPT program and the post-professional transitional DPT and certificate programs. We are excited to introduce to you 3 new faculty members who will begin over the spring and summer months.

Jennifer Blackwood, PT, MPT, GCS is a 2000 graduate of our program who recently achieved American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists (ABPTS) certification in geriatrics. She has a rich background in geriatric physical therapy clinical care. She has prior teaching experience with DPT students at Wayne State University and the University of Toledo, and with PTA students at Professional Skills Institute in Toledo, Ohio. She also provided continuing education training for AEGIS Therapies in various areas of geriatric care. Jen will be returning to school for her doctorate as soon as she gets settled into her new faculty position.

James (Jamie) Creps, PT, AMPT, OCS, CMPT has a BS in PT from the University of Toledo / Medical College of Ohio and a MPT degree in Orthopedic Physical Therapy from Andrews University. He will receive his DSc in Orthopedic Physical Therapy from Andrews University this August. Jamie’s clinical background has focused primarily in orthopedics with an emphasis on manual therapy. He currently owns his own private practice in Blissfield, Michigan and will be using this year to transition out of his private practice and into the academic world by teaching part-time, primarily in our orthopedic certification program. His prior teaching experience includes instructing PTA students at Owens Community College, serving as a CI for DPT students, and providing in-service training to physical therapy professionals. Jamie will join our faculty part-time in July and full-time in 2010.

Carol Tuthill Daly, PT, DPT, PCS received her Certificate in PT from the University of Iowa and her post-professional DPT with a pediatric concentration from Drexel University. She has been ABPTS certified in pediatrics since 2002. Carol is currently a supervisor and physical therapist at St. Luke’s Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where she is involved in patient care in the NICU and oversees two pediatric outpatient clinics. She has been teaching pediatric neuromuscular therapeutics to DPT students at St. Ambrose University since 2006 and has been a CI for DPT students for many years. Her research experience and interest is with therapeutic horseback riding. Carol will join our faculty in July and will pursue an academic doctorate once she gets settled into her faculty position.

WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF

Kelly Bouchard left to pursue other career options as she neared completion of her master’s degree. Debbie Seyerle left to take a part-time position elsewhere in the university so she could spend more time with her family. Best wishes to Kelly and Debbie! We recently hired Stacie Petriken as our new secretary, Christina Wixson as an administrative assistant to support the new post-professional educational programs, and Jaime Bedford to support clinical education. Please welcome our new staff as you interact with them!
The Physical Therapy Department, School of Health Professions and Studies, University of Michigan-Flint is offering an online post-professional (transitional) doctor of physical therapy degree to US or Canadian licensed physical therapists. This online post-professional DPT program also includes an option for clinical concentrations linked to APTA residencies in orthopedics, neurology, geriatrics, pediatrics and cardiopulmonary physical therapy to fast track to sit for the ABPTS clinical specialization examinations in these clinical concentrations. Graduates of DPT programs may obtain these same clinical concentrations linked to APTA residencies by applying to the post-professional Clinical Certificate programs. Individuals wishing to receive information about the online post-professional DPT program, clinical concentrations/clinical certificates, please email the Office of Graduate programs at gp@umflint.edu or Christina Wixson in the Physical Therapy Department at cwixson@umflint.edu to express your interest or visit the Graduate programs webpage http://www.umflint.edu/graduaterprograms/physical_therapy.htm or Physical Therapy Department http://www.umflint.edu/pt/Post-ProfessionalDPT.htm.

FACULTY ACCOLADES

Dr. Cindy Pfalzer will receive the University of Michigan-Flint’s highest award for scholarship, the Scholarly Achievement Award this Fall. Dr. Pfalzer’s research and presentations have helped to remodel oncologic physical therapy to address rehabilitative needs of patients to regain their fitness and full functional potential both during and following cancer treatment. She has also made significant contributions to research with persons who have multiple sclerosis. Congratulations Cindy!

Ms. Amy Yorke was recertified as a Neurologic Clinical Specialist by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists. Congratulations Amy!

PLANS, PLAN AND MORE PLANS

Reunion Planned for Class of 2001
We are helping the class of 2001 plan a reunion for fall 2009 and working with our alumni association to get some UM football tickets for the event. The date has not yet been finalized. Let us know if you are interested in attending and we will be sure to get you details as they are available.

Scholarship Fundraising Dinner for David Potter
Jason Hamilton and Maggie Potter are planning a scholarship fundraising dinner for David Potter on Thursday, May 7 on the UM-Flint campus. Classmates and others who knew Dave are invited. Please contact Jason Hamilton at jasonham@umflint.edu if you have questions.
It’s that time of year again when you will be hearing from us for our annual telefund which is scheduled for the evenings of:

**May 11-14, 2009**

Your generous gifts in the past for the Wilson scholarship, Darnell endowment as well as the student related funds for clinical education emergencies, research and our unrestricted account have all been maximally supportive of our efforts. We hope you will take a moment to send in your pledge this year. If we do not hear from you prior to the telefund, we hope to reach you to at least talk to you, if not to receive a pledge from you. Our students, faculty and staff look forward to this “reunion” with so many of you each year through a short conversation. It is so nice to hear your updates and also to share our information with you. THANK YOU!!!!!!
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COMMENTS FROM ALUMNI FORM
If you would take a minute to fill out the following information, and/or attach an additional page, we would like to share this information in future newsletters. If you have updates on name or address changes that you want us to know for your file, we would appreciate hearing from you on an ongoing basis. In either case, please send this information to: Physical Therapy Department, University of Michigan-Flint, 303 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI 48502.

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Recognition of Clinical Specialists

**Congratulations to our alumni who became American Board of Physical Therapy certified this past year!**

**Geriatrics**
- **Jennifer Blackwood, PT, MPT, GCS** (Class of 2000)
  Ms. Blackwood received a bachelor’s degree in physical therapy from the University of Michigan-Flint in 2000.

**Orthopedics**
- **Annalee Appledorn, PT, DPT, OCS** (Class of 2003)
  Ms. Appledorn graduated in 2003 from the University of Michigan-Flint with a doctorate in physical therapy.
- **Janis Montei, PT, BS, OCS** (Class of 1980)
  Ms. Montei is a 1980 graduate of the University of Michigan with a certificate in physical therapy and Bachelor of Science Degree.
- **Robin Phillips, PT, OCS** (Class of 1988)
  Ms. Phillips received a bachelor’s degree in physical therapy in 1988 from the University of Michigan-Flint.

**Sports**
- **Branden McDowell, PT, DPT, SCS** (Class of 2003)
  Mr. McDowell graduated from the University of Michigan-Flint in 2003 with a doctorate in physical therapy.

Recognition of Clinical Recertification

**Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy**
- **Annalia Polemitis, PT, MPT, CCS** (Class of 1998)

If we have forgotten anyone, please feel free to contact the physical therapy department!

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