The 2011 Circle of Excellence Alumni Award is being given to Class of 2000 alumnus, Michele Lambaria PT, MPT, NCS. Michele works as a physical therapist at the Genesee Intermediate School District and as an adjunct instructor for the PT Department. When asked why Michele has chosen to give back to the department she stated “because I received such a great education in the UM-F program. Teaching and guiding the students is my way of showing my mentors my appreciation for the knowledge I gained that allows me to help so many people.” As a practicing clinician Ms. Lambaria recalls how beneficial it was for her to have lectures provided by PTs who were still working in the field. She feels that it is important for students to interact with instructors who are also full-time clinicians that work with patients, their families and other health care providers on a daily basis. Furthermore she believes that “this adds another layer of richness to the program and to the students’ experience. I also gain and strengthen my own knowledge and my clinical practice by teaching, as it encourages me to stay current in research and treatments.” Through achieving her ABPTS board certification in neurologic physical therapy, Michele believes that this was another way to advance her ability to provide the best care to her patients and the best education to the students.

She encourages other alumni to consider teaching as an adjunct faculty member and to serve as clinical instructors for the benefit of the students, the profession, and their own personal and professional growth. We are honored to have Michele as an adjunct instructor and the recipient of the 2011 Circle of Excellence Alumni Award.

A Thank You from the PT Alumni Relations Committee

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2012 REUNION
60/30 Anniversary
Question: What are you doing on October 12 & 13th in 2012?
Answer: Join us at the U of M PT 60/30 Anniversary alumni celebration! Set for homecoming weekend, this is going to be held in both Flint and Ann Arbor. For more information, see our website or call the department at 810.762.3373.
The Admissions and Recruitment Committee would like to formally thank all of our alumni who encourage and support individuals to not only pursue a career in physical therapy, but also to apply to the University of Michigan-Flint. Taking on volunteers and observation students is another responsibility added on to your busy professional lives. Spending time to mentor these future therapists is essential to the growth of physical therapy. Please encourage your volunteers to contact the UM-Flint PT Department with any admissions questions.

The Clinical Education Team Appreciates our CIs

University of Michigan Alumni give back to the Physical Therapy Department in many ways – one of which is serving as a clinical instructor for our current DPT students. The teaching and mentoring a clinical instructor provides is not only appreciated, but is a vital part of the student’s education. Some of your former classmates that have recently served as a clinical instructor are:

- Lucy French Class of 1974
- Joan McDonald Class of 1975
- Nancy McKay Class of 1977
- Rose Dishman Class of 1983
- Kerry Linder Class of 1985
- Jacqueline Grabsinski Class of 1991
- Kristin Keith Class of 1991
- Deron Lewis Class of 1991
- Gretchen Classens Class of 1993
- Tim Baker Class of 1994
- Nancy Goldner Class of 1994
- Deborah Reed Class of 1994
- Tari Pethick Class of 1995
- Kathy Washington Class of 1995
- Jennifer O’Connor Class of 1996
- Stacy Brew Class of 1997
- Michael Coffman Class of 1997
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- Tomika Wiley Class of 1997
- Delissa Wynn Class of 1997
- Todd Bailey Class of 1998
- Doug Helsom Class of 1998

- Keri Wickersham Class of 1998
- Carrie Brzezinski Class of 1999
- Bob Budai Class of 1999
- Jill Eustace Class of 1999
- Jason Hamilton Class of 1999
- Julia Okuly Class of 2000
- Melissa Erickson Class of 2002
- Anar Guru Class of 2002
- Mike Tiong Class of 2003
- Kelly Apostolovski Class of 2003
- Melissa Cates Class of 2003
- Sarrah Byrne Class of 2004
- Megan McCully Class of 2004
- Alan Hammond Class of 2005
- Nicole Mitchell Class of 2005
- April Massey Class of 2006
- Sarah Tindall Class of 2007
- Daniel Welch Class of 2007
- Nicki Wilcox Class of 2007
- Tracy Urbain Class of 2008
- Alycia Harbert Class of 2009
- Shannon Kleinert Class of 2009
- Krystal Reese Class of 2009

Go Blue on the Bricks

In coordination with Flint’s “Back to the Bricks” downtown celebration, plan on joining us on August 19th at the University Pavilion (303 S. Saginaw Street) from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for this festive event. There will be games, prizes, food and refreshments!

Inspiration from Dr. Scott Ward, APTA President

Dr. Scott Ward, President of the American Physical Therapy Association, will be at UM-Flint as part of the Hooding Ceremony for the Year 3 students on Sunday, August 28th. He has graciously agreed to give a presentation for our students while he is at UM-Flint on Friday, August 26th.

Hooding Ceremony

The DPT class of 2011 will be participating in the annual hooding ceremony to be held on August 28, 2011 after their clinical education has been completed. The keynote speaker for this ceremony will be current APTA president, Scott Ward PT, PhD.
As a member of the APTA Section on Pediatrics, I look forward to reading the Section newsletter throughout the year. I was especially interested in the President’s Message by Joe Schreiber, PT, PhD, PCS, in the spring issue. Dr. Schreiber reminded members of the Section on Pediatrics Vision Statement, “By 2020, all children, individuals with developmental disabilities, and their families will have **direct access** to physical therapy services from **doctors of physical therapy** who are **board-certified pediatric clinical specialists**…” While this vision is lofty, I know that we can all agree that the intention is to provide our most fragile and vulnerable patients/clients with the highest quality care. Like any good strategic plan, goals provide a road map for achieving the vision. The Section has identified advanced education and lifelong learning as a goal area in the strategic plan. I would like to salute one University of Michigan-Flint alumnus who has made this commitment. Rebecca Myszenski, PT, DPT completed her post-professional Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in May 2011. During the course of her studies she chose to take elective coursework from the pediatric post-professional certificate/residency program curriculum. The certificate/residency coursework is based on the Description of Specialty Practice and is an avenue to assist clinicians in preparation for board certification. Dr. Myszenski delved into the research literature and was able to apply her past experiences in early intervention and school based practice to a variety of pediatric cases. Throughout the course, she identified opportunities for sharing what she was learning with her colleagues. Physical therapists like Rebecca are making Vision 2020 a reality! Thank you to all of the UM Flint PT alumni who are on the road!

Dr. Carol Daly, PT, PCS

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**Program Accreditation Renewed**

The professional DPT program at the University of Michigan-Flint is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). On April 19, 2011, our accreditation was reaffirmed. A special thanks to our alumni who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the on-site interviews.

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**FACULTY NOTES: Presentations, Publications, & Grants**

**Dr. Min Huang PT, NCS** achieved certification as an ABPTS board certified clinical specialist in neurologic physical therapy.

**Dr. Jamie Creps PT, OCS** and **Dr. Carol Daly PT, PCS** achieved ABPTS recertification in their areas of clinical specialization.

**Jennifer Blackwood** was awarded a grant from the Thompson Center for Learning and Teaching to attend the 27th Annual Conference on Distance Teaching and Learning.

To improve our relationship with PT alumni, please take this survey and share your valuable ideas:

http://umflint.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_54PDMYcGB1g59Y
Thank you, Students!

Our PT Student Telefund Stars

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The Alumni committee and the PT department would like to thank Brittni Meyer, Katie Juzysta, Naida Efendiyeva, Michael Johnson, Erica Williams, and Fan Yang for their help with getting out our last newsletter. These helpful students helped with folding and preparing the newsletter for mailing. Thank you for your service to the department.

Alumni Updates
Congratulations to alumni who recently attained ABPTS board certification:
- Class of 1999: Jason Hamilton - OCS
- Class of 2002: Anang Choski—OCS
- Class of 2007: Craig Fox – NCS
- Class of 2007: Dana Bruski – GCS

Thank you to Sheila Qualls for being a guest lecturer in the Metabolic, Endocrine, and Integument Intervention in Practice course for the Class of 2012.

Thank-You!

Sheila Qualls, guest lecturer

New Face in the PT Department

Crystal Quaderer, Academic Secretary Senior

With a Bachelors of Arts in Organizational Communications from UM-Flint, Crystal has quickly established herself as our office encourager. She works closely with the Business Administrator and is responsible for day to day office tasks.

Crystal lives in Otisville with her husband Matt, son Dawson, and dogs Laci and Scotty. She enjoys gardening, golfing, volleyball, and water fun. The organ donation program is near and dear to her heart.

If you call or visit the department, Crystal’s smiling face or voice will probably be your first contact. We are thankful to have her as an addition to the department!

News of Pro Bono Clinic Preparation

As a student physical therapist here at U of M-Flint I would like to thank all of our alumni for your continued support and service to the department and field of physical therapy. The department, program, and students would not be the same without your tireless efforts and contributions.

A group of first year students were selected as the board of directors to establish the physical therapy student run pro bono clinic. These students attended the annual Society of Student Run Free Clinics Conference in January to learn more about student run pro bono clinics. At the conference we were able to focus our efforts on networking opportunities with other PT student run clinics around the country.

We’ve set our clinic location at the north end soup kitchen; we’ve applied for the Rainmaker Grant; and we have decided on a clinic name: PT HEART (Physical Therapy Health Education and Rehabilitation Treatment). Our clinical handbook, policies and procedures, mission statement, calendar of events, needs assessment, documentation templates, fundraising, student volunteer search, and clinician search are underway and in progress. Our main goal is to open the clinic mid-October 2011.

We would like to reach out to our alumni and offer the opportunity to give back to our community and county. If you have an interest in volunteering as a PT clinician in our pro bono clinic or would like more information, please contact Leah Steichen at leahstei@umflint.edu or 734-740-2290. On behalf of the board of directors, PTD, and the student pro bono clinic we thank you!

Leah Steichen SPT
ALUMNI TELEFUND
Students, faculty, and staff of the department enjoyed talking with alumni during our May Telefund. Thank you for supporting the various student scholarships and emergency funds created to assist in developing future clinicians. Did we miss you? If you have had an address or phone number change, please contact Lorrie Jorgenson at ljorgens@umflint.edu or at 810.762.3373. We always enjoy talking with alumni!

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Shelby and Craig Schubert

Want to Serve?
If you don’t see a coordinator for your class, please consider serving in this capacity.

Would you like to join in contacting other alumni as we plan our 2012 Reunion?

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