

## Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association 2017

This year's Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association (POTA) Conference had great representation from Misericordia University OT faculty and alumni. Recent graduate Allison Hausman, MS, OTR/L was selected to participate in the POTA Emerging Leaders program, a yearlong experience that began with a full day workshop prior to conference. We all recall Allison's excellent leadership as a student at Misericordia as well! Dr. Ellen McLaughlin, OTR/L, FAOTA began a 3 year term as Chair of the Commission on Education for POTA by attending a board meeting prior to conference and conducting two open sessions during the conference to discuss education issues across the state. Seven poster and nine platform presentations were conducted by numerous alumni from our entry level masters and doctoral programs. MU faculty, graduates and students presenting at conference are highlighted in bold.

### Presentations:

- *Prism Adaptation Treatment for Spatial Neglect.* **Krystal Robinson Bert, OTD,OTR/L, Ashley Murray, MS, OTR.**
- *Born Addicted: A Rehab Model for NAS.* **Carissa Snelling, MS, OTR/L, BCP.**
- *Conversations with Commissions.* **Ellen McLaughlin, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Michelle Marshina, OTD, OTR/L**
- *Student Teaching-Learning Strategies for Success.* **Sharon Novalis, PhD, OTR/L.**
- *Maternal and Neonatal Opioid Addiction: Occupational Therapy's Role.* **Erica Wentzel, MS, OTR/L.**
- *Curricular Design and the Doctoral Experiential: Meeting OTD Standard Specifics, Student and Profession Wide Needs.* **Tina DeAngelis, EdD, OTR/L and Lydia Navarro-Walker, OTD, OTR/L.**
- *Challenge Yourself: Creating a Conference Proposal with Confidence.* Michelle Baun, OTR/L, Susuan Connor, OTD, OTR/L, CCHP, Daniel Fichter, OTD, OTR/L, Traci Herc, MOT, OTR/L and **Lynne Huber, OTD, OTR/L.**
- *Student Designed Fieldwork Activity Kits that Promote Occupation Based Activities in All Treatment Settings.* **Patricia Wisniewski, MS, OTR/L, CPRP, Courtney Lancia, MS, OTR/L.**
- *Interoception: Innovative Intervention Protocol for Children with Autism.* Adam Amspacher, OTS, Alyssa Rea, OTS, Elizabeth Niehaus, OTS, **Kelly Mahler, MS, OTR/L, Sue West, OTR/L**

### Posters:

- *Increasing Older Adult Activity Engagement: Using the ACL as a Guide.* **Linda Harris, MS, OTR/L.**
- *Level I Fieldwork in a Homeless Shelter.* **Christina Wetzel, OTD, OTR/L** and Dawn Evans, OTD, OTR/L.
- *Flow Rates of Dr. Brown's Options Bottle System.* Presented by **Kim Kubistek, OTD, OTR/L.** ELM research students included Deidre Stevens, Jackie Cormier, Katie Kelly, Ashley Salerno and Kaitlyn Smalley.

- *Standardized Patient Encounters: Student Perception.* Audrey Zapletal, MS, OTR/L, E. Adel Herge, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA, **Tina De Angelis, EdD, OTR/L**, Kimberley Mollo, OTD, OTR/L, Tracey Vause-Earland, PhD, OTR/L, Alison Bell, OTD, OTR/L, Arlene Lorch, OTD, OTR/L, CHES.
- *Keeping the Spirit: Dementia and Spiritual Care.* Brooke Chaney, OTS, Leanne Lubinski, OTS, Savannah Major, OTS, Nicole O'Donnell, OTS and **Sharon D. Novalis, Ph.D., OTR/L.**
- *PromOTing the OT Profession: OT and Student Advocacy.* Meghan McGowan, OTS , Victoria Davis, OTS and **Sharon D. Novalis, PhD, OTR/L .**
- *An Agricultural and Horticultural Transition Vocation Program for Adolescents with Special Needs.* Presented by **Allison Hausman, MS, OTR/L and Fallon Cooper, MS, OTR/L.** Additional authors include Jennifer Dessoye, OTD, OTR/L, Alyssa Auer, MS, OTR/L, Megan DiGerolamo, MS, OTR/L, Quinn Fohlinger, MS, OTR/L, and Erin Huff, MS, OTR/L.
- *Development and Evaluation of an Occupational Therapy Doctorate Student Manual for the Experiential Component: Systematic Methods and Outcomes.* **Lydia Navarro-Walker, OTD, OTR/L, CLA, Tina DeAngelis, EdD, OTR/L** and Catherine Piersol, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA.