Let’s All Welcome Our New Students! Nutrition and Metabolism and Physician Assistants!

The new SHP Nutrition and Metabolism students began their journey with orientation on June 2.

The Physician Assistant’s Program accepted 90 new students attending orientation on June 30.
Student Ambassador SHP Potluck Social
March 25, 2014

Our Fabulous Student Ambassadors!
The Student Ambassador’s Potluck Social was a fun event for all SHP Programs!
CLS Students Educate Young Kids About The CLS Program at the Galveston County Education Festival

On May 10, 2014 CLS students participated in representing UTMB at the Galveston County Education Festival. At the education festival, CLS students taught kids about the importance of the microscope. They also taught kids about blood and the different properties of it that help to keep us alive and healthy.

Theresa Dang, Madison Carbaugh, Jaffar Altowaileb, Young Choi, Ricardo Gonzalez
OT's Take Part in the Inter-Professional Pediatric Advocacy Program

Six OT students, Ms. Natalie Bachynsky from nursing and other nursing students took part in the IPAP (Inter-professional Pediatric Advocacy Program). This is the fourth group (semester) that this program has run with a new interdisciplinary group of students each time. In two of these semesters there have also been PT students. This is offered as a Selective in the OT department and is part of a grant with Natalie Bachynsky as PI. Chris Baker, Dana Wild and Patricia Fingerhut, are also involved with the students throughout this program. This is a program together with Child Protective Services, where supervised groups of interdisciplinary students go to the homes of children with disabilities who are being followed by CPS to do evaluation and provide some service to these families. Each semester the project culminates in a comprehensive report the students put together (as an interdisciplinary team) to provide to the social workers working with the family. The program has been very successful. The social workers and families have really appreciated the input as they try to provide for these children with disabilities. Guided tours of the Children’s Assessment Center in Rice Village will be offered to students this summer. Children that are physically and sexually abused are interviewed and examined at this facility. It is extremely beneficial to see the environment and techniques utilized to offer care and comfort while gathering evidence to obtain justice for these children. Occupational therapy, play therapy and counseling is also provided to the victims at the CAC. Perpetrators are interviewed on the other side of the facility (police department and prosecutors staff this portion of the facility). Click here to learn more http://cachouston.org/what-we-do/
Arpita Patel, 1st year MPAS student, recently presented her poster at a large global health conference in Arizona. Her poster was titled “Science with Societal Implications: Detecting Mycobacterium Tuberculosis in Africa”. Arpita was the only PA student there representing UTMB SHP and the Physician Assistant’s Program! Her article was represented in the Clinical Microbiology Newsletter.

Great job Arpita! We are proud of you and your work!
Physician Assistant Students
Rally for Blood Drive Donations!

Left to Right: Daniel Starks, Lucia Ruggieri, and Brittany Peeler

PA’s
Last Time
Together
Before They
Head Out on
Rotations!
PA’s Jump For Joy!
Clinicals are Finally Here!
The DPT’s! Young Professionals Making a Difference!

DPT’s at Physical Therapy Olympics

The billiards team includes: Cassie McCully, Jessica Chastka, Brittni Serwinski, Claire Conroy, Alyce Henley, Alex McCain

DPT’s at the Float!

Ashley DePalermo, Claire Conroy, Ashley Segovia, Cassie McCully
DPT’s Dream League Volunteering as Angels in the Outfield

Top row:  Nate Jones (DPT1), Kyle Blair (DPT1), Erin Wikelius (DPT1), Jared Hutchens (DPT2), Stephen Smith (DPT2), Alaina Cleland (DPT2), Tim Hu (DPT2), Norbert Rios (Anesthesiology Resident), Lianah Flores (DPT2)

Front row:  Stacie Curtis (DPT1), Claire Conroy (DPT2), Becky Wigdahl (DPT2), Jessica Chastka (DPT2), Ashley DePalermo (DPT2), Lindsey Nguyen (DPT2), Sofia Perez (DPT2), Brittni Serwinski (DPT2), Alicia Danto (DPT2)

The Dream League is an exemplary organization that brings children of all ages with physical and mental disabilities together, in a safe and nurturing environment, to play America’s favorite pass-time, baseball. For the second year in a row, a few students from the DPT Class of 2015 (and a couple of students from the DPT Class of 2016 for the first time) participated in this organization as “Angels in the Outfield”. As Angels (as the volunteers are deemed, for short) are paired with a player and play, visit, and assist them with anything they need during the games.
UTMB’s United to Serve day is an initiative that allows UTMB students, faculty and administrators to unite to help serve the surrounding community. This picture was taken at New Life Fellowship where 2 medical students, 3 nursing students, 1 UTMB staff member, and 2 Physical Therapy students came together to distribute donated food to qualifying Galveston community members.

DPT’s at Physical Therapy Olympics

Part of the dance team includes: Alyce Henley, Emily Ellett, Alex McCain, Claire Conroy, Ashley De Palermo
Drum Fishing

Tournament for the Physically Disabled

DPT Volunteers include: Frances Saldivar, Claire Conroy, Jared Hutchens, Jessica Chastka, Daniel Lupo

This year marked the 17th annual Drum Fishing Tournament for the Physically Disabled, hosted in Galveston, Texas. Students from the UTMB PT program have been involved with this event for many years (namely due to the passion and encouragement from professor, Dr. Mossberg in the DPT department) in helping the physically disabled contestants board the boats in the morning, and off-load at the end of the competition, in the afternoon.
The Respiratory Care students held their **White Coat Ceremony** on Friday May 23, 2014. These are Junior students preparing to enter clinical rotations for the first time. May you all have much success!

At the White Coat Ceremony left to right: Muhammad Hasan, Carlos Gonzalez, Rufus Stephen, Matthew Plummer, Hasan Akber
Respiratory Care students take class trip to San Antonio from May 28-30, 2014 to attend the Texas Society of Respiratory Care Annual Conference

Socializing after the conference—Left to right: Jimmy Avira, Muhammad Hasan, Rufus Stephen, Guadalupe Salinas, Mohini Bhakta, Cindy Nguyen, Karima Sayani, Flora Mosqueda, Tahira Akber, Jane Doan

Exploring San Antonio—From left to right: Cindy Nguyen, Muhammad Hasan (in front bent down), Guadalupe Salinas, Flora Mosqueda, Jane Doan (in front), Tahira Akber, Jimmy Avira, Hasan Akber (in the back) Guys in cowboy hats unknown...just plain friendly folk.
RESPIRATORY CARE STUDENTS PLACE IN THE FINALS IN THE “SPUTUM BOWL” AT RESPIRATORY CARE CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN

Combined teams from left to right: Tahira Akber, Hasan Akber, Jane Doan, Muhammad Hasan, Lillian Wang, Rufus Stephen and Cyndi Nguyen

UTMB-1 Team picture from left to right: Tahira Akber, Hasan Akber, and Cyndi Nguyen.

UTMB-2 Team picture from left to right: Rufus Stephen, Lillian Wang, and Jane Doan
Above: Taking time out for a group photo at the Respiratory Care Annual Conference in San Antonio. Below: A stop at Buc-ee’s for another group photo.
RESPIRATORY CARE STUDENTS
A “must stop” at Buc-ee’s on the way home!

Respiratory Care students, and Dr. Jon having some fun at Buc-ee’s after the Convention.
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