



Quick News Flash

March 2011

Here is a quick summary of some of the latest news from the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas.

STUDENTS

1. **Class of 2010 – Final MPT Class**
 - a. Angelo State University graduated its 9th and final class of 16 MPT students in December 2010.
 - b. One of the graduates, Ashley McCoy, was asked to present her research on student membership in the APTA/TPTA to the Board of Directors of the TPTA. She has been asked to join the Reach 100 Campaign.
 - c. Students who received awards from that class include:
 - i. Academic Excellence Award – Karen Hudson
 - ii. Clinical Excellence Award – Karen Hudson
 - iii. Research Excellence Award – Rose Mary Morgan
 - iv. Golden Ram Award – Greg Rickert
 - v. MWD Clinical Excellence Award – Shauna Owens
 - d. We have received word that three of the graduates passed the licensure exam.

2. **Class of 2012 – First DPT Class**
 - a. Our first DPT class successfully completed an acute care rotation in 2010. This rotation followed an intense course in acute care management that included up to 15 hours/week in a local hospital working alongside licensed physical therapists. The students reported that the time in the hospital was great preparation for their full-time rotation.
 - b. They are preparing for their second rotation in outpatient orthopedics this summer. Their preparations for this rotation includes up to 3 hours per week in a local outpatient clinic. The students have been placed in sites in the following states across the country for their 10 week full time rotation: California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Utah, Ohio, Virginia, Connecticut, South Carolina and Florida.

3. **Class of 2013**
 - a. Our second DPT class is preparing for their acute care rotation this summer. They are taking part in the acute care management course with integration time at the hospital.

4. **Class of 2014**
 - a. We have completed the interviews for the next DPT class. We expect to enroll a strong class of up to 22 students that will begin the program in May 2011.

5. **Class of 2007**

The Physical Therapy Department was deeply saddened by the news that Jenifer Minton Sledge died on January 27, 2011, in San Antonio following a double lung transplant.

FACULTY

1. **Ms. Harriet Lewis, PT, MS**
 - a. She is completing the second year of a three year term as a member of the Clinical Instructor Education Board of the APTA. She is a Basic and Advanced Clinical Trainer. She is available to conduct credentialing courses for clinical instructors in both the basic and advanced curriculum. In September 2010 she returned to Samuel Merritt University in Oakland, CA to teach the advanced CI course by herself. She taught the basic course in Kerrville in November. If you are interested in either course, please contact her at 325-942-2394 or Harriet.Lewis@angelo.edu.
 - b. Ms. Harriet Lewis, PT, MS assumed the presidency of the Central ACCE Consortium in March 2010.

2. We have hired two new faculty members.
 - a. **Heather Braden**, PT, PhD came to us from clinical practice, but has previous teaching experience with the physical therapy program at UTSA.
 - b. **Yi-Po Chiu**, PT, PhD came to us from LSU New Orleans.

3. We are awaiting a response from a very good candidate who will join **Lynne Hughes**, PT, MS, OCS, in teaching musculoskeletal/orthopedic rehab.

4. We are pleased that **Debbie Stafford, PT**, continues to teach the spinal cord unit in the second Neurosensory System Problems course. She comes from her home in San Antonio, TX to teach the course content in 2 one week blocks.

5. **Scott Hasson**, PT, EdD, FACSM, FAPTA, received the Outstanding PT Researcher Award for 2010 at the recent TPTA Annual Conference in Arlington, TX.

PROGRAM

1. We are currently in the second year of our DPT curriculum. The second year students successfully completed rotations in acute care last year. Our clinical sites reported that our students were well prepared and able to progress more quickly through the rotation. We feel that this is a direct result of the

significant integration time that the students received from Shannon Medical Center and San Angelo Community Medical Center during the Acute Care Management course.

2. The College of Nursing and Allied Health held its second Job Fair in February 2011. We look forward to this becoming an annual event and anticipate that it will occur later in the spring semester in the future. If you would like to be a part of the fair next year, please contact Ms. Nancy Budewig, PT Office Coordinator at ptdept@angelo.edu or 325-942-2545.

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

1. The College of Nursing and Allied Health is pleased to announce the formation of a Friends Program for persons and/or organizations that wish to support the mission of the College with a monetary gift. Persons and/or organizations that choose to become a Friend will receive increased access to our students and acknowledgement on the website. The money collected will be used to support the students in the form of assistance to attend national meetings, assistance with the cost of clinical rotations, and assistance for nursing and physical therapy program activities that are not funded by the state. Please contact Dr. Scott Hasson, PT, EdD, and Head of the Department of Physical Therapy for more information about the program. (scott.hasson@angelo.edu, (325) 942-2547)

UNIVERSITY

1. The university was named one of the 371 Best Colleges by the Princeton Review in 2009 and again in 2010. It was also included in the list of best colleges at CollegesofDistinction.com.

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