

Calendar

December:

- Nursing 1 Session 5
- Nursing 2 Session 1
- Office Closed: 12/23-26, 12/30-1/2

January:

- ECS Prep 3
- HPW 2 Session 2

February:

- Combined Sections Meeting (APTA) and RMUoHP Reception!
- TDPT 9 Session 2
- TODD 5 Session 2
- Basic ENMG Training 4 Session 2
- CE 5 Session 3

Updates!

- The La Quinta Inn and Suites rate for 2006 is \$49.99 per night.
- RMUoHP has arranged for fabulous rates with the Marriott Residence Inn in Provo. Students can share a two-bedroom suite for as low as \$99 per night! Call 800-331-3131 and ask for the Rocky Mountain University rate!
- Due to increased gas prices, the Express Shuttle rate from the SLC Airport to Provo is now \$26 each way.
- RMUoHP now has arrangements for discounted massages through Provo College's Therapeutic Massage program. Provo College is located two doors east of the University. The one-hour massages are \$16 (regularly \$20) and are offered from 6-10PM on Friday and 9-1PM on Saturday. To schedule an appointment call 801-818-8925. Leave a message with your name, number, preferred date and time, and mention you're with RMUoHP. The clinic student will then call back to confirm your appointment.

RMUoHP Receives Candidacy for Regional Accreditation!

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) granted *Candidate for Accreditation* status to Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (RMUoHP). The announcement came on December 5, 2005 from Dr. Sandra E. Elman, Executive Director of the NWCCU.

In a letter addressed to Dr. Richard P. Nielsen, President of RMUoHP, Dr. Elman stated: "On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that at its November 29, 2005 meeting, the Executive committee, acting on behalf of the Commission, approved Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions as a *Candidate for Accreditation* at the doctoral level."

As a Candidate for Accreditation, RMUoHP will be listed in the next issue of Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education, published by the American Council on Education. Accreditation or pre-accreditation by a postsecondary regional accrediting agency qualifies institutions and enrolled students for access to federal funds to support teaching, research, and student financial aid.

"Reaching Candidacy is climactic for this institution," said Dr. Nielsen. "In the decade since officially registering with NWCCU as a developing institution, we have been focused on meeting the requirements of full accreditation. Besides bringing us to the final step in this extended process, achieving Candidacy is something that validates who and what we are. We plan to pursue the final step to full accreditation with the same zeal, vigor and commitment that we have shown in all phases of this process."

Accreditation is an intensive process of institutional self-study and peer evaluation that offers a unique opportunity for all members of the institution (faculty, administrators, staff, students, alumni, and

board members) to participate in a focused process of ongoing institutional improvement.

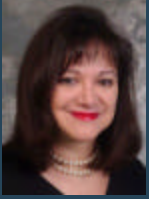
Institutions accredited by NWCCU are distinguished by their demonstrated ability to meet broadly accepted higher education standards of quality. The value of accreditation is not limited to quality assurance alone. Accreditation also fosters public confidence in the institution's ability to fulfill its stated mission and goals, facilitates student mobility between institutions, and enhances an institution's credibility with its peers. It provides effective mechanisms for creating institutional vision and enhancing programmatic and financial viability and effectiveness.

Candidacy is not accreditation, nor does it ensure eventual accreditation. Candidate for Accreditation is a status of affiliation with the Commission, which indicates that the institution has achieved initial recognition and is progressing toward accreditation. Following the award of Candidacy status, a university must comply with all accreditation milestones and timelines, which lead toward full accreditation. RMUoHP's Website will continue to provide progress updates on this accreditation process.

"Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort. The joy and moral stimulation of work no longer must be forgotten in the mad chase of evanescent profits. These dark days will be worth all they cost us if they teach us that our true destiny is not to be ministered unto but to minister to ourselves and to our fellow men."

-Franklin D. Roosevelt





Student Spotlight

**Beverly Mendes,
MSN, APRN-BC**

In May 2005, Beverly Mendes, of the RMUoHP Doctor of Science program in Nursing, was nominated by her peers and received the Nightingale Award for Excellence in Cardiovascular Nursing. Founded by the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut, the Nightingale Awards program aims to award nurses for excellence, lifetime achievement, and going beyond the call of duty.

Beverly has practiced in a variety of clinical and administrative positions in the cardiac lab, critical care, and cardiovascular surgery over the past 25 years. Beverly has been a Nurse Practitioner in the Cardiac Lab at Hartford Hospital since 2000. She graduated from the University of Connecticut Post Masters Certificate Adult Nurse Practitioner program in 2001 and is a recipient of the Marion White Outstanding Nursing Leadership Award. She received a Master of Science degree in Nursing with a specialization in Administrative Management from the University of Phoenix, and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Joseph's College in Maine.

Regarding her professional interests, Beverly says, "I am in involved in cardiology education, research, acute MI team, chairman of the diabetes task force in cardiology. My research intent is to investigate women in cardiac disease." Dr. Sandy Pennington, Graduate Program Director of the Nursing program at RMUoHP, said, "Bev brings to the program a wealth of knowledge, a commitment to the profession, and a dedication to improving the health of others. She, as well as the others in this inaugural group, exemplifies the mission of the University."

This Alumni or Student Spotlight is a new, regular feature on the unique accomplishments of outstanding alumni or students as identified specifically by the faculty of RMUoHP.

Spotlights!

- **Dr. Ivan Mulligan** (Sports) was recognized in *PT Magazine* (October 2005) as one of 31 *Emerging Leaders* recognized by the APTA.
- **Dr. Gail Deyle** (Transitional DPT Program Director), was presented with the Kalterborn "Teach I Must" award by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT).
- **Dr. Carolyn Heriza** (Faculty) received her Fellowship in the APTA
- **Dr. Ron Bybee** (DPT) received the Texas Physical Therapy Association's (TPTA) Outstanding Physical Therapy Educator of the Year award.
- Congratulations to **Bryan Bost** (OS), who welcomed baby Charles on October 1, and to **Herb Karpatkin** (Neuro), who welcomed baby Benjamin on December 9!
- **Yolanda Rainey** (DPT) received the first Lynda Woodruff Scholarship in 2005.
- **Sandy Ganz** (Geri) was appointed to the Hospital for Special Surgery's IRB by Thomas Sculco, Surgeon in Chief.
- **Lawrence Jaffe** (MS) received his SCS.
- **Todd S. Ellenbecker** (Faculty) published a new textbook: *Page PP, Ellenbecker TS. Strength Band Training*, TS, Human Kinetics, Champaign IL, 2005.
- **Dr. Gail D. Deyle** (Transitional DPT Program Director) published in *JOSPT*: Deyle GD. Musculoskeletal imaging in physical therapy practice. *JOSPT* 2005;35(11):708-721.
- **Drs. Gail Deyle** (Transitional DPT Program Director), **Steve Allison** (Faculty), and **Matt Garber** (Faculty) published in *Physical Therapy: Deyle GD, Allison SC, Matekel RL, Ryder MG, Stang JM, Gohdes DD, Hutton JP, Henderson NE, Garber MB*. Physical therapy treatment effectiveness for osteoarthritis of the knee: A randomized comparison of supervised clinical exercise and manual therapy procedures versus a home exercise program. *Phys Ther* 2005;85(12):1301-1317.
- **Vickie Meade** (Peds) published in *Australian Occupational Therapy Journal*: Erhardt RP, Meade V. Improving handwriting without teaching handwriting: The consultative clinical reasoning process. *Australian Occupational Ther J* 2005;52:199-210.
- **Sherry L. Arndt** (Peds) received a \$5000 grant from the Section on Pediatrics of the APTA to research the topic "Efficacy of Neuro-Developmental Treatment to Improve Motor Function for Infants with Postural and Movement Dysfunction."
- **Dr. Martha Hartgraves** (Transitional OTD Program Director) delivered the keynote address at Annual Observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Merida, Mexico on December 2!
- **Jon Carling** (Ortho) and **Eric Bull** (Ortho) are holding their oral defense in January! **Daniel Panchik** (Hand Rehab) successfully defended his dissertation on December 12!

Have news to share? Email Jessica Egbert at jegbert@rmuohp.edu

Attending the APTA's Combined Sections Meeting in San Diego?

Don't forget to stop by RMUoHP's booth (#1400) in the exhibit hall, and join us for our reception and celebration of Candidacy on Friday, February 3 from 7-9PM at the San Diego Marriott!

Also, the Female Athlete SIG will host its first roundtable at CSM on Friday, February 3 from 7-8AM (location TBA). The Female Athlete SIG will also conduct its second annual business meeting the same Friday from 5-5:30PM (location TBA). The SIG encourages all current members and interested individuals to attend the meeting. For more information, please contact Mitchell J. Rauh, PhD, PT, MPH, Chair, Female Athlete SIG, mrauh@rmuohp.edu.

Resource Center Updates Marilyn Schwartz, MLS

Need a literature searching review? In 2006, a DVD featuring our medical librarian's lecture and demos on literature searching will be available. Please contact us at mschwartz@rmuohp.edu if you would like to purchase a copy.

Need copyright information? The Library of Congress has a public website for those interested in the latest information on copyright issues (<http://www.loc.gov/section108>). Faculty members will find guidelines for using materials in teaching.

Searching PubMed in Spanish or French: The National Library of Medicine announced that it now has Spanish and French search capability at

<http://askmedline.nlm.nih.gov/crosslan/>. Enter French or Spanish medical terms or phrases, and the citations and abstracts are returned in English. The search form and results display as text only, so searches can be performed with slower Internet connections. A Chinese searching function is also under construction.

Software for presentations and tutorials: Camtasia software is designed to help capture videos, create tutorials or presentations, and publish them in multiple formats. If you have used this software, please let the medical librarian know! The website for ordering the software is <http://www.techsmith.com/products/studio/default.asp>.