

## Calendar

### June:

- CE 5 Session 4
- AT 2 Session 3
- AT 1 Session 5
- DNP 1 Session 2
- Nursing 2 Session 2
- NATA Conference
- APTA Conference
- AANP Conference
- OS 3 Session 1

### July:

- Independence Day Holiday
- AT 2 Session 4
- AT 1 Session 6
- Peds 4 Session 5

### August:

- University Council Meeting
- Board of Trustees Meeting
- Alumni Banquet
- Commencement Exercises
- HPW 2 Session 4
- Nursing 2 Session 3
- DNP 2A Session 1
- DNP 2B Session 1
- Florida PTA Conference
- Basic ENMG Training 5 Session

## Spotlights!

- In April, Marilyn Schwartz, Medical Librarian for RMUoHP, completed a humanitarian mission to Lusaka, Zambia for the US Navy in a joint venture with the American International Health Alliance. She worked with a team from Russia, Croatia, and the US to set up a Learning Resource Center in the HIV/AIDS Clinic of the Maina Soko Military Hospital. Marilyn helped train medical personnel in literature searching, evidence-based practice, IT support, and library procedures. Great work!
- Mark Paterno (OS 3) co-authored "Rehabilitation after ACL reconstruction: Criteria-based progression through the return-to-sport phase" in this month's JOSP. T.
- Cheryl Maurer (OS 1, RMUoHP faculty) is on the cover of Physical Therapy Products this month. The article highlights her expertise in the foot and ankle.
- Dr. Mitch Rauh (Director of Research) gave a platform presentation at the ACSM Conference.

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## Pennington Hired as Full-time Academic Dean

On June 1, 2006 Sandra L. Pennington, PhD, RN joined RMUoHP as the full-time Academic Dean. Dr. Pennington will also continue serving as Graduate Program Director for the Doctor of Science program in Nursing. Dr. Pennington holds a PhD in Nursing from the University of Kentucky, has co-authored and reviewed textbooks, and has authored several articles. She is involved with clinical, educational, and legal consulting, and lectures on topics related to women's health, preparation for the NCLEX

examination, and evidence-based practice. Dr. Pennington is a past Salzburg (Austria) seminar fellow and Mellon Grant recipient and has taught nursing at the Baccalaureate and Doctoral Level.

Regarding her new role at RMUoHP, Dr. Pennington shared, "I'm excited about and humbled by the opportunity to assume the academic dean position and look forward to collaborating with these great faculty and students."

## Accreditation Update: Details and Timelines

RMUoHP is in the candidacy or "preaccredited" phase of the regional accreditation process, which is defined as follows: "Candidate for Accreditation is a preaccreditation affiliate status with the Commission following a specified procedure for application, institutional self-study, and on-site evaluation. Candidacy is not accreditation and does not ensure eventual accreditation. It is an indication that an institution complies with the Eligibility Requirements and is progressing toward accreditation. (NWCCU, [www.nwccu.org](http://www.nwccu.org))"

Additionally, RMUoHP is now listed in the new *2005-2006 Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education* directory, as published by the American Council on Education in consultation with the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

The RMUoHP Administration desires full accreditation at the earliest possible opportunity. However, there may be a severe penalty if RMUoHP were to unsuccessfully rush the process: the University would likely have to start the entire accreditation process over again, setting it back many years in gaining full accreditation. Because of these severe potential consequences, the Administration intends to exercise prudence and patience in our effort to gain full accreditation, which will likely require a minimum of two post-candidacy site visits. The first post-candidacy site-visit is scheduled April 30-May 2, 2007 (18 months after the award of candidacy by NWCCU). The second post-candidacy site visit will occur approximately 18 months after these dates. The site visitors for these two post-candidacy site visits are not authorized to award full accreditation, but will note progress or lack of

progress since the last visit. RMUoHP must specifically request evaluation for a final full accreditation site visit when both the University and NWCCU agree that it is prepared. If both of the post-candidacy site visits demonstrate strong performance across all standards, then a site visit for full accreditation evaluation will be requested. NWCCU guidelines stipulate a minimum of 18 months and a maximum of 54 months post-candidacy to receive full accreditation.

What does full accreditation versus candidacy status mean to a student who is currently pursuing his or her degree? Unfortunately, the answer to this cannot be generalized since some students are in clinically-oriented academic programs and some are research-oriented, terminal degree programs. Students who are clinicians are less affected by RMUoHP's accreditation status (now or later), since the University is registered with the State of Utah to award all degrees. Students who are academicians (or future academicians) may place more weight on graduating from a fully accredited university, since tenure and appointment decisions may be dependent upon that status. Having said this, it is important to understand that accreditation is an optional process and there is intrinsic value to the University's educational programs. A student's experience in a high-quality graduate program such as RMUoHP's will likely improve clinical practice, enhance instructional skills, and create professional leadership opportunities.

For questions regarding the accreditation process, please contact Dr. Stan Hartgraves, Vice President of Academic Affairs, at [shartgraves@rmuohp.edu](mailto:shartgraves@rmuohp.edu).



## Student Spotlight

**Lynette Collier,**  
CHE, MHA, OTR/L

Lynette Collier, an Occupational Therapist since 1976 and currently finishing her OTD at RMUoHP, has a diverse professional background in which she built departments, moved hospitals, and received awards for customer service. She is currently co-leading Great River Medical Center's (GRMC) high performance organization team using the Baldrige criteria for performance excellence and serves as an Iowa Quality Examiner. She is also a certified healthcare executive with the American Healthcare Executives. Lynette, who has master's degrees in community health and healthcare administration and is also retuning to complete a PhD in business, has an exciting new job, too!

Dr. Martha Hartgraves, Graduate Program Director of the OTD program, shared, "Congratulations to Lynette Collier, who has been recently promoted from Director of Rehabilitation Services to Executive Director of Development at GRMC in West Burlington, Iowa. As a hospital-based administrator, Lynette has been very active exploring the development of practices and cultures among healthcare leaders supporting evidence-based decision-making. She has presented her work on evidence-based rehab management (EBM) to many groups of leaders and practitioners and presents next Spring at the Iowa Rehab Managers meeting. Her goal is to encourage healthcare managers to use research evidence (rather than anecdote-based) in their decision-making process."

Lynette credits her success to her husband of 30 years, Phil, who has been a constant support. Her children, Brendon (with wife, Jennifer) and Rachael, share her passion for research.

Regarding her RMUoHP experience, Lynette recounts, "RMUoHP allowed me to purposely reconnect with health-care as a provider; be amazed at the changes in the evidence-based model; explore occupation science with Dr. Pierce; challenge my understanding of qualitative and quantitative research and the value of integrating each into evidence-based practice; and to analytically use the evidence to explore the role of occupational therapy in heart failure; presenteeism in the workplace; and evidence-based management. An intense learning experience."

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

## Spotlights! (Continued)

- Kara Baxter (DNP 1) was awarded the second of two presidential scholarships available annually at RMUoHP. Congratulations!
- Dr. Gail Deyle, Graduate Program Director (transitional DPT), received his Doctor of Science degree!
- Guillermo Escalante (AT 1) presented "Anabolic Steroids and Anabolic Agents: Gym talk, Facts, and Fiction" at the Far West Athletic Trainer's Association Conference.
- James T. Mills, III (MS-PT 3) was the recipient of The 2005 Robert M. Kellogg Honorary Lecture on Excellence in Clinical Electrophysiology, given by Expert Clinical Benchmarks, LLC. The lecture was titled "The predictive value of electrophysiological testing in clinical outcomes."
- Michele Monaco (AT 1) presented on the "Millennial Athletic Training Student" at the Big Sky Sports Medicine Conference. Michele and Sarah Strand (AT 1) spoke on the same topic at the Lilly Conference as well, with guidance from faculty Dr. Malissa Martin.
- Tom Curtis' (Ortho 2) research on "The Lateral Scapular Slide Test: A Reliability Study Of Subjects With And Without Shoulder Pathology" was been accepted for publication in NAJSPT.
- Eilish Byrne (Neuro 3) was awarded a \$32,000 grant from the Pediatric Health Research Fund at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University.
- Lori Glumac (Peds 2) is defending her dissertation on July 19!
- Dr. Troy Adams (faculty) has two new publications:
  - Adams TB, Araas TE. Purging and alcohol-related effects in college women. *Int J Eat Disord.* 2006;39:240-244.
  - Adams TB, Rust D. Sexual norms among college students. *Am J Health Educ.* 2006;37:27-34.
- Teri Hoppenrath (MS-PT 2) and Dr. Chuck Ciccone (faculty) published in *Physical Therapy*:
  - Hoppenrath T, Ciccone CD. Is there evidence that Phonophoresis is more effective than ultrasound in treating pain associated with lateral epicondylitis? *Phys Ther.* 2006;86:136-140.
- Dr. Mitch Rauh (Director of Research) published in the Journal of Adolescent Health:
  - Pernick Y, Nichols JF, Rauh MJ, Kern M, Ji M, Lawson MJ, Wilfley D. Disordered eating among a multi-racial/ethnic sample of female high school athletes. *J Adol Health.* 2006;38(6):689-695.
- Janet Nagayda (OTD 1) published a new textbook:
  - Nagayda JM, Schindehette S, Richardson J. *The Professional Portfolio: Development and Use Throughout Your Career.* Thorofare, NJ: Slack Inc; 2006.

Have news to share? Email Jessica Egbert at [jegbert@rmuohp.edu](mailto:jegbert@rmuohp.edu)!

**"To do two things at once is to do neither."**

-Publilius Syrus

### HP Discounts Now Available!

Click on the "FAQ" link on the RMUoHP website at [www.rmuohp.edu](http://www.rmuohp.edu) - then select "Do I need a laptop?". Click on either the Dell or HP logos to get to the corresponding academic discount website!

## Resource Center Updates Marilyn Schwartz, MLS

### Interlibrary Loan Requests

- The Interlibrary Loan Request Form was added to the library page of the RMUoHP website. This form must be completed in full and is required for the processing of all interlibrary loans. Your cooperation is appreciated!

### ESBCOHost vendor for CINAHL

- *Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health* is being purchased by and being solely available through EBSCO. RMUoHP will continue offering CINAHL on Ovid along with EBSCO's version, but no later than the end of 2007. A trial of the EBSCOHost version is available until this purchase is complete. For more information, email [mschwartz@rmuohp.edu](mailto:mschwartz@rmuohp.edu)

### Library Website Improvements

- A literature searching tutorial was added to the library page of the RMUoHP website. The lecture is intended as a review, but if you are viewing it for the first time and need the accompanying handouts, please email Shanin Young at [syoung@rmuohp.edu](mailto:syoung@rmuohp.edu).
- Watch for further updates to include links to medical school library catalogs nationwide.

### Literature Searching Tip

- Remember that if you are printing a full-text article from Ovid and there is no .pdf available, click on "print preview" to make sure the graphs, charts and illustrations print out full-sized.