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On July 25th, The Pi Theta Epsilon induction ceremony was held in the Loker Student Union. Cohort 9 members were inducted by Dr. Terry Peralta and the PTE officers of Cohort 8. New members received a Certificate of Induction and a yellow rose to signify their membership. The new members recited the pledge and poured together their jars of sand to symbolize their unity as an organization. Faculty members Dr. Diane Mayfield and Prof. Marilyn Noriega were in attendance as well as the friends and families of the new members. The PTE officers elected to serve this upcoming year include President: Samantha Itaya, Vice President: Jacqueline Sanchez, Secretary: Rachel Jao, Treasurer: Melanie Tang. Pi Theta Epsilon, Gamma Gamma chapter, is the honor society for occupational therapy students and alumni of California State University Dominguez Hills. Students graduating with membership in PTE receive a cord to wear for the graduation ceremony for distinction.

New Cohort 9 PTE Members:

Leah Bruce, Natalie Chu, Kira Condey, Lauren Davis, Michael Dreyfuss, Christine Ebrahim, Olivia Edmondson, Justine Escobar, Leah Fry, Samantha Itaya, Allyson Javier, Rachel Jao, Kerry Lamson, Laura Leppke, Maritza Marquez, Stephanie Pegan, Laura Perez, Jacqueline Sanchez, Julie Seng, Melanie Tang, Brittany Thompson, Stephanie Wagner, and Natasha Wolhein.

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Farmer's Market With a Cause

June 24th Several Cohort 8 Members, involved with the MOA Cabrillo Transitional Housing Community, collaborated with their Fieldwork Educator, Susan Brislin, MA, OTR/L, to bring fresh fruits and vegetables to the CSUDH campus. The students involved in the organization and sale of the items were: Amanda Affetto, Maia Cubos, Orland Garcia, Kiara John-Charles, Sara Martin-Bunting, Krishna Patel, Vanessa Suarez, and Timothy Tu. The students involved took shifts in between their classes to sell the items.



According to Susan, the remaining produce went to OASIS community center, a homeless center at the site. The 80 pounds of fruit and 40 baskets of cherry tomatoes were donated by the MOA Fresno Zuisenkyo Organic Farm. Susan also shared that because of the hard work of the students, the garden program will be honored at the staff appreciation luncheon at the US VETs Initiative, Veterans Villages Recovery Center luncheon this week. She proudly stated, "we [received the] winning staff of the year award! Thanks to the hard work of [the] students."

According to Susan, the farmers market raised \$471. The proceeds are going to benefit Tony, a Veteran at the Century villages at the Cabrillo transitional housing, to attend and present at OTAC. Tony will be presenting at the OTAC conference this October in Sacramento with Luz Machado, MA, OTR/L, Susan Brislin's counterpart at the VA.

The presentation will be on his leadership skill in the garden, life goals related to housing, his sobriety, recovery, family, and spiritual goals.

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Dr. Huang's Baby Shower and Prof. Johnston's Retirement Party

June 20 Dr. Huang and Prof. Johnston were showered with gifts and cake for their surprise party during the faculty meeting. As Dr. Huang opened dresses, towels, and bibs for her baby girl, Prof. Johnston opened gifts to enjoy her retirement with. Both Dr. Huang and Prof. Johnston have been teaching in the OT program for approximately 5 years. Dr. Huang will be returning next summer. Congratulations!



Dr. Huang and Prof. Johnston

Thank you Prof. Johnston!

After 5 years of teaching at CSUDH, Professor Johnston is officially retired. Prior to working at CSUDH, Prof. Johnston work at the neuropsychiatric hospital at UCLA, retiring in 2008. Beginning in January '09, Prof. Johnston taught five Spring and summer semesters at CSUDH. At CSUDH she taught a number of classes including history with Dr. Peyton, Conditions that Affect Health (Adult Semester/ Adolescent Semester), Case Seminar and co-taught Occupations Across the Lifespan for one year. When questioned about her experience teaching at the MSOT program, Prof. Johnston stated, "I thoroughly enjoyed my time at CSUDH...It was fun to watch them become OTs. I enjoyed watching the program grow, which it did during that five years. The faculty are bright and very involved and I liked working with them. I generally enjoy teaching, so it was a good experience." Thank you for all your hard work Professor Johnston!

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The on-site garden has provided him with part-time income funded by the City of Long Beach O24U grant. Hopefully, more veterans will be able to benefit from this grant as well. The garden itself was funded by the Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grant written by Susan.

The assessments (COPM and ACIS) and interviews completed by C7, FW level II students, Tina Kim, Seema Gulrajani, and Leslie Walker, recent graduates of the program, will be used in the OTAC presentation. Because of their hard work, CSUDH will be recognized in the presentation.



SOTA NEWS

After a very busy Spring and Summer, C8 SOTA members are winding down and preparing for comp exams and Fieldwork II. SOTA will be hosting an end of summer event on August 16th. Location TBA. The event will be free for all SOTA members and pay-on-own for non-SOTA members.

SOTA also recently held elections for the new Cohort. New SOTA officers are: Co-presidents: Justine Escobar and Brandy Brosius, VP: Daniel Polster, Secretary: Stephanie Wagner, Treasurer: Timothy Arnold

A special Thank you to the outgoing board SOTA members: Co-presidents: Michaela King and Tori Hicks, Secretary: Nicole Lokietz, and Treasurer: Rachel Lo. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

SOTA wants you to keep a lookout for a Facebook invite to a fall shindig. Talk with the board members one to one and find out why you should join SOTA and all the exciting things planned for the upcoming year.



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Faculty Spotlight

Diane Mayfield, M.A., EdD, OTR/L

The California Foundation for Occupational Therapy will be honoring Dr. Mayfield with its CFOT Humanitarian of the Year Award. Dr. Mayfield is being honored for her international efforts to improve the quality of life for many residents in Bali, Indonesia. Dr. Mayfield co-founded a non-profit corporation in 2006 named Access Life International, Inc. The main mission of the company is two-fold; to provide a clean water supply to the villages and to provide mobility devices for people with disabilities.



The company works with the community to create and provide a filtered water supply to the village. In the



past, the women in the village would travel 2 miles by foot to carry a 5 lbs water bucket on their head. Moreover, Dr. Mayfield notes that much of the villages water supply was getting contaminated by the cattle that would roam into the wellspring. The company has made great efforts housing the water supply to prevent contamination and to bring filtered water to the villages accessible by pump.

The company also works to provide assessments, interventions, and mobility aids for people with disabilities. According to Dr. Mayfield, the company has partnered with Free Wheelchair Mission to provide wheelchairs for many residents. The chairs use bicycle tires for wheels and plastic chairs for the seat. An estimated 510 wheelchairs have been distributed free of charge.

The company has grown to approximately 17 employees including a PT and OT on staff. There are plans to expand to surrounding islands in the near future.

More information can be found at the company website,



www.accessli.org

CEU COURSE

Sensorimotor Approaches to Develop Trunk & Motor Control of the Upper Extremity for Neurological Conditions

On September 7th and 8th Prof. Paul Penoliar will be instructing a CEU Course on sensorimotor approaches for neurological conditions on campus.

Course Description: This course is designed to give participants basic knowledge for the development and the relationship of dynamic trunk stability and motor control in hemiparetic upper extremities utilizing a variety of sensorimotor concepts and techniques. How handling and facilitation techniques during the performance of occupations are applied in clinical practice to promote recovery of function following neurological damage. Video analysis of patients and lab practice will be emphasized in the learning process.

The Course is 1.6 CEU's (16 Contact Hours) If you have any questions, please email Paul Penoliar at ppenoliar@csudh.edu

Full Price: \$350

AOTA Member Price \$315

CSUDH Alumni Price: \$315

Upcoming Events

August 2013

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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September 2013

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December 2013

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WFOT

SOTA's End of Summer Get-Together

Fall Semester begins

Comprehensive Exam

CEU Course on Sensorimotor

June 17-21

August 16

August 26

September 6

Sept. 7 and 8

Application Deadline for MSOT program

Afternoon tea with Scholar

OTAC Conference, Sacramento

Fall semester ends

September 15

September 22

Oct. 24-27

December 13