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RESEARCH DAY 2016 AWARDS

19TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

KAREN MOCK RETIRES
WELCOME NEW FACULTY

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Greetings from the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences in the College of Health Professionals and Social Work. We are proud of our many accomplishments this past year. It has been a busy and exciting time. We have added new faculty members. Faculty and student research is being presented at state and national conferences. Our department has contributed research articles and new textbook publications.

We said goodbye to Occupational Therapy faculty member, Karen Mock. Karen will retire from the University after 19 years as a field coordinator in the Occupational Therapy program. She has been with the OT program since its inception and was an integral part of the program development. Karen will surely be missed. We also welcomed new faculty members Dr. Maria Colmer, Dr. Brigitte Belanger and Dr. Valerie Weiss, earlier in the year.

The Athletic Training program is looking to transition from the entry level Bachelor’s degree program to the entry level Master’s degree program in to meet the new requirements from the Athletic Training accreditation body.

The Exercise is Medicine on Campus® at FGCU was awarded the Gold level status from the American College of Sports Medicine. The focus is on campus health and wellness for the success of our faculty, staff and students.

FGCU Research Day 2016 was a highlight for our student research on campus with our students winning many awards for their research. In the College, Erika Rodriguez, Athletic Training Program, received the Undergraduate Student of the Year Award and Armando Hernandez, alumnus, received the Soaring Eagle Award.

In May, we applauded our graduating undergraduate classes of 14 Athletic Training and 35 Exercise Science students. In our graduate programs, 22 Physical Therapy doctoral students earned their white coats during a white coat ceremony and 31 Occupational Therapy graduate students were honored at a pinning ceremony.

We hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting things that are happening in our department. We look forward to continued success!

Eric Shamus PhD, DPT, CSCS
DPT Graduating Class 2016
 Twenty-two students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program earned their white coats during the annual white coat ceremony. The ceremony is an annual rite of passage for students in the professional portion of their physical therapy education.
Erika Rodriguez (2016, Athletic Training) was presented with the 2016 Undergraduate Student of the Year award in the College of Health Professions and Social Work. Left to right: Dr. Shawn Felton, Assistant Professor; Erika Rodriguez; and Dean Mitch Cordova, CHPSW.

Ellen Donald, PhD, PT, Assistant Professor, was honored for her milestone 20-year anniversary at FGCU.

SERVICE AWARDS

15-year award – Constance Krupp, BSc., OT/L, Faculty Assistant

10-year award - Arie van Duijn, EdD, PT, Associate Professor & Director of DPT Program and Shawn Felton, EdD, ATC, Assistant Professor

5-year award – Eric Shamus, PhD, DPT, Department Chair and Associate Professor

Erika Rodriguez (2016, Athletic Training) was presented with the 2016 Undergraduate Student of the Year award in the College of Health Professions and Social Work. Left to right: Dr. Shawn Felton, Assistant Professor; Erika Rodriguez; and Dean Mitch Cordova, CHPSW.
The FGCU Alumni Association honored Armando Hernandez (2014, Exercise Science) from the College of Health Professions and Social Work, as one of five outstanding graduates into the Soaring Eagle Society during an awards ceremony that was part of its annual Alumni Weekend in February. Soaring Eagles are alumni who have earned their degree from FGCU within the last decade, have dedicated time and resources to their communities and to FGCU and are considered rising stars in their professions. Armando, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, provides clinical care and support services to veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and their families as a program coordinator and health trainer for the Southwest Florida arm of the Boston Red Sox Home Base Program, hosted within the Department.
Kristen Hubbell (2016, Occupational Therapy) is the recipient of the Occupational Therapy Advisory Council Endowed Scholarship. Kristen is pictured with Dr. Lynn Jaffe, Program Director of the OT Program, at the President’s Scholarship Luncheon. The scholarship is awarded to an applicant who is enrolled in the OT program, and has a history of service to the community, academic merit and need.
Assistant professor Karen Mock was hired in October 1997 as the first academic fieldwork coordinator in the Occupational Therapy Program, the newest addition to the original College of Health Professions. Nearly 19 years later, Karen will retire on July 29. As the fieldwork coordinator for 16 graduating classes, she established several hundred internship partnerships throughout Florida and nationally. She has arranged nearly 900 fieldwork placements for more than 300 students.

In addition to creating and directing the fieldwork component of the Occupational Therapy Program, Karen was a co-developer of every course within the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy curriculum, and the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy curriculum. Over the years, Karen has taught all or part of 11 of the 23 courses in the curriculum, as well as two of the original core courses in the College undergraduate curriculum. The first years of the program were also the first years of the College and University. Karen contributed to the development of College policies and procedures by serving on numerous college-wide committees and chairing the CHPSW Clinical Affairs Committee for 13 years. She also served as the CHP Faculty Council Secretary and Chair. She also represented the CHP on the Faculty Senate, the University’s Academic Integrity Committee, the Library Committee and the President’s ADA Committee.

In the next chapter of her life, Karen says she wants to find out why snowbirds retire in Southwest Florida. She plans to do some crafting and says she is going to learn how to keep that hunk of clay centered on the wheel. She also looks forward to volunteering, learning Spanish, and traveling. She says she may even learn how to create and post to a Facebook page.

Please join the Department in thanking Assistant professor Mock for her outstanding leadership and contributions to student success during her tenure at FGCU in addition to wishing her well in her future endeavors.
Welcome New Faculty

**Dr. Maria Colmer**
Maria Colmer, OTD, OTR/L, joined the faculty in the Occupational Therapy Program in January as an associate professor and academic fieldwork coordinator, taking over the field work duties of retiree Karen Mock. Dr. Colmer has over 30 years of experience in occupational therapy, which includes serving as an Academic Fieldwork Coordinator for the OT program at St. Francis University. Her areas of expertise include: Industrial Rehabilitation, Ergonomics, Functional Capacity Assessments, and Back School/Body Mechanic Training. Dr. Colmer’s main practice areas include inpatient rehabilitation and outpatient therapy. Dr. Colmer is currently working on a research project called “Ergonomics and Body Mechanic Techniques in a Fast Food Restaurant.”

**Dr. Brigitte Belanger**
Brigitte Belanger, DSc, OTR/L, joined the faculty in the Occupational Therapy Program in February. Dr. Belanger recently retired from the U.S. Military, completing a career as an Army Occupational Therapist serving in various medical centers and including tours of duty in Iraq with Combat Stress Control and Afghanistan as a Concussion Care Specialist. Most recently she was the Associate Director for the Baylor Doctor of Science program in Occupational Therapy at Fort Sam Houston, TX. Her areas of expertise include: Orthopedics, Behavioral Health, Traumatic Brain Injury, Home Health and Gerontology.

Dr. Belanger’s interests are in the areas of veteran reintegration, as veterans transition from the military and pursue higher education; and animal assistant therapy. She is conducting preliminary research and developing several avenues to incorporate animal assisted interventions in the Occupational Therapy curriculum through experiential learning opportunities and research endeavors.

**Dr. Valerie Weiss**
Valerie Weiss, MD, MS, joined the department in January as the Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory Manager. She is an adjunct professor with the College of Health Professions and Social Work at Florida Gulf Coast University and has been teaching at FGCU since 2012. She earned an MD from Brown University Medical School followed by an MS in Medical Illustration from the Medical College of Georgia, where she further studied Anatomy and Physiology while learning to draw the human body. Prior to coming to FGCU, Dr. Weiss had her own business as a medical illustrator, providing medical illustrations to physicians, attorneys, educators, and other professionals. Her illustrations have been published in various books. Additionally, she has lectured to public and business groups about the connection between art and anatomy.
DPT Alumnus: Hard Work to Success

“Success will come when you work for it, push yourself to be the best you can be, and treat each patient like family...Your reputation as a great PT will follow you,” says Bryan Ruchin, PT, DPT, OCS (2005, MS Physical Therapy, FGCU), physical therapist and business owner.

Bryan’s hard work paid off after FGCU when he began his career as a staff physical therapist for Atlanta Rehabilitation & Performance Center in Georgia, where he was eventually promoted to clinic manager, and finally district manager before becoming part owner of the practice. Bryan says he chose FGCU “because the mission statement and direction of the program really interested me, and being in Florida was a plus.” While at FGCU, Bryan says his learning experience during a part-time position at a physical therapy clinic, Douglass Orthopedic and Spine Rehabilitation, was why he has pushed himself to get where he is today. “Each day, I was able to apply what I was learning to real-life patients. It was like a long clinical rotation,” he said.

After FGCU, Bryan received his DPT at Russell Sage College in 2007 and recently became a Board Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist. He lives in Atlanta with his wife, Lauren, and two daughters, enjoys running, spending time with his family and traveling.

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Wellness@FGCU: Creating a Culture of Health

Research shows that students who are feeling well physically, socially, emotionally, mentally and spiritually perform better academically. However, as a rule, wellness has not been systemically integrated into the university culture and students in higher education are experiencing higher rates of mental illness.

FGCU has undertaken an ambitious project to create a culture of wellness awareness that would simultaneously promote the health and success of FGCU students through the Wellness@FGCU Holistic Research Collaborative. The goal is to link existing programs to pre-existing University-wide data collected over the last two years on health outcomes and academic performance to promote a campus culture of wellness. Dr. Renee Jeffreys-Heil, associate professor, and Dr. Lynn Jaffe, Program Director of the Occupational Therapy program, have worked to bring together over 10 academic department and programs, over 24 faculty and staff and service learning projects for 10 students to bridge the gap between health and academic performance.

Beginning in the fall, two projects designed to improve faculty, staff and student health will be launched on campus. Interested faculty will be offered physical activity break lessons on video to use in classes that last longer than 50 minutes. Another program includes the Walk with a Prof Project. The goal of this project is to increase physical activity and student interactions on campus.

EIM-OC®

FGCU Exercise is Medicine on Campus® (EIM-OC) received recognition as a Gold Level Campus. Dr. Renee Jeffreys-Heil received an EIM® Emerging Leader award at the ACSM as part of the 2016 Exercise is Medicine World Congress held in conjunction with 2016 American College of Sports Medicine meeting in Boston in June. In Florida, only two schools have been recognized, one at the Bronze level and FGCU at Gold level, highest level of recognition.
Over the last few years, student-faculty research has grown to be a vital part of the educational process at FGCU, but even more so in the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences. Faculty in our graduate Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy, and undergraduate programs, Athletic Training and Exercise Science have been exceptionally successful in establishing excellence in graduate and undergraduate research. These efforts have led to more students presenting the outcomes of their research projects at state and national conferences. For many students, attending and presenting at their first conference is an incredible and very positive experience.

The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences has a number of students who presented at FGCU Research Day 2016, and state and national conferences over the last 12 months which is even more impressive. A look over the conferences listed on the following pages shows that our faculty and students traveled to all corners of the country to put FGCU on the map and spread the word that we are a great choice for in-state and out-of-state students who want to have a complete learning experience of first-class teaching combined with student-centered scholarship. But, as proud as we are of these achievements, the best is yet to come. In another 12 months, the list of student scholarly endeavors and successes will be even longer and more impressive.

“Having the opportunity to present our own research at a national conference was a valuable experience I'll always look back on with pride as I move forward with my education.”
- Alexander Britton (2017, Biology)
30th Annual Conference of the Human Anatomy & Physiology Society (HAPS)

Dr. Peter Reuter and eight undergraduate research students attended the 30th Annual Conference of the Human Anatomy & Physiology Society (HAPS) in May. Dr. Reuter and students co-presented four posters. Students received support for the trip from the Undergraduate Student Scholarship Support Awards (USSSA) from the Office of Undergraduate Scholarship and Honors Development Grants from the Honors Program for the UG students and Professional Development Fund Grant for Dr. Reuter.

Left: Dalton Clark (2019, Nursing) presents at the HAPS Conference with Dr. Peter Reuter. Right: Alecia Sabourin (2017 Biology) and Grant Grabarczyk (2017, Biotechnology).

National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)

Nils-Otto Jaasko (2016, Athletic Training), Christopher Gonzalez (2018, Nursing), Abstract submission was selected for presentation, chosen from more than 4,000 submissions. Correlation of 2D:4D ratio, vital lung capacity and self-reported athletic ability in women, Peter Reuter, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, College of Health Professions & Social Work, 30th National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Asheville, NC, April, 2016.
American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Annual Meeting and 7th World Congress on Exercise is Medicine® 2016

Lauren Griffin (2016, AT) with Dr. Shawn Felton.

Left: Tony Burkett, MS, with Dr. Shawn Felton and Dean Mitch Cordova, CHPSW

Dean Mitch Cordova, CHPSW, and Reggie Scott, Head Athletic Trainer for the Los Angeles Rams football team with their presentation, “Expanding the Diversity of Certified Athletic Trainers in Southwest Florida: Building the FGCU Pipline.”

National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) 2016 7th Clinical Symposia & Athletic Training Expo

Eric Moogerfield (2016, Athletic Training)

Dean Mitch Cordova, CHPSW, and Reggie Scott, Head Athletic Trainer for the Los Angeles Rams football team with their presentation, “Expanding the Diversity of Certified Athletic Trainers in Southwest Florida: Building the FGCU Pipline.”
American Physical Therapy Association 2016 NEXT Conference and Exposition was held in June in Nashville. The major theme is the new slogan for the APTA, #ChoosePT, as well as the national initiative "Get PT First." Both are aimed at the cost-effective benefits of physical therapy for early intervention to prevent secondary disability and reduce use of opiate pain medications, as well as associated risk of addiction and dependence.

Ellen Donald, PhD, PT, and Dr. Kathy Swanick presented a poster, "Self-Reported Use of Vital Signs in the Adult Outpatient Physical Therapy Setting," along with FGCU alumnus Joshua Peters ('14, DPT). Dr. Rose Pignataro and Dr. Aimee Klein gave an educational session titled, "Diabetes as a Musculoskeletal Risk Factor: Prevention and Management."

Dr. Kathy Swanick, FGCU faculty and President, Florida Physical Therapy Association (FPTA), Dr. Eric Shamus, Department Chair, and Dr. Arie van Duijn, Director of the Physical Therapy program, served as Florida Chapter Delegates to the APTA 2016 House of Delegates in Nashville, TN in June. Discussion topics included physical therapy scope of practice, imaging performed by physical therapists and the role of PT in battling the opioid epidemic. The House of Delegates of APTA is the highest policy-making body of the physical therapy profession today. The APTA House of Delegates action is a reflection of the deep commitment the association has to this opioid epidemic, and the energy and excitement surrounding the ChoosePT initiative to educate the public about the safe alternative of physical therapy.
An FGCU research team was invited to present its findings of its Law Enforcement Occupational Fitness (LEO) project at the National Strength & Conditioning Association (NSCA) Tactical Strength and Conditioning (TSAC) Annual Training Conference in San Diego in April. The LEO project is a collaborative effort with FGCU and the Lee County Sheriff’s Office geared to enhance health and well being of the certified and civilian personnel of the Lee County Sheriff’s Office.

Members of the FGCU Exercise Science research team include Dennis Hunt, EdD, CSCS, Assistant Professor; and Barbara Hess, MA, Instructor, who both presented at the conference, as well as Debbie Chapa, PhD, ACNP-BC, Director, DNP program, George Washington University and Scott Lucia, Captain, Operational and Tactical Support-Special Operations, Lee County Sheriff’s Office.

The NSCA TSAC conference hosts leading experts in law enforcement, military, and first responder fields who present and collaborate on topics such as mitigating injury risk, strength and conditioning essentials, exercise physiology, nutrition, and job-specific training.

Scott Bradley (2016, Exercise Science) was selected for presentation at the 2016 National Strength and Conditioning Association Conference (NSCAC) in New Orleans in July.
Research Day 2016 Awards

Dean’s Award, Undergraduate Student

Original Investigation

“Tasting with our eyes: How color can influence the taste of food and drink.” Faculty mentor, Dr. Peter Reuter. From left: U.S. Rep. Curt Clawson (R-Fla.), Emily Dolan (senior, Anatomy & Physiology), President Wilson G. Bradshaw and Dean Mitch Cordova, CHPSW.

Dean’s Award, Undergraduate Student Case Study/Series

“The efficacy of two thermal modalities and the effect on hip flexion.” Faculty mentors, Dr. Shawn Felton, Kelley Henderson and Dr. Mitch Cordova. From left: U.S. Rep. Curt Clawson (R-Fla.), Lauren Griffin (2016, Athletic Training), President Wilson G. Bradshaw and Dean Mitch Cordova, CHPSW.

Presidential Award, Undergraduate Student

“Collegiate volleyball player experiencing unilateral blindness with strenuous activity.” Faculty mentor, Dr. Jason Craddock. From left: U.S. Rep. Curt Clawson (R-Fla.), Kaitlin Posey (2016, Athletic Training), President Wilson G. Bradshaw and Dean Mitch Cordova, CHPSW.
The DPT students with Dr. Kathy Swanick and Dr. Eric Shamus attended the FPTA Student Conclave at Florida International University in Miami in January. The FPTA Student Conclave is a yearly professional development event hosted by PT and PTA students from Florida.

31st Annual South Eastern Athletic Training Symposium (SEATA)

Students in the Athletic Training class of 2016-17 met at the 31st Annual South Eastern Athletic Training Association Student Symposium (SEATA) in Atlanta. Instructor Kelly Henderson presented her research on head and face injuries for the Student Competencies Workshop and on Dermatologic Conditions.
AOTA from a Student Perspective
By Laurel Smith, STET

Socializing into the Profession

Approximately 10,000 occupational therapy (OT) practitioners and students gathered in Chicago for the 2016 AOTA national conference to network, collaborate, and share innovative ways to help people live life to the fullest. This year’s conference theme was “Evidence & Outcomes: Empowering the Profession”. Four faculty members, five students from the second-year cohort, and eight first-year cohort students from the OT program were given the opportunity to explore our profession and all of its possibilities. Dr. Lynn Jaffe and Dr. Sarah Fabrizi along with four second-year students presented research posters. Dr. Edwin Myers participated in an RA session as part of a committee’s resolution to explore licensure portability for OT. Dr. Maria Colmer attended sessions to enhance her role as in-coming Academic Fieldwork Coordinator.

The conference offered more than 1,000 educational sessions and poster presentations and 350 exhibits. Educational sessions popular among the student group included: early identification of the signs of autism spectrum disorder, community mobility, animal-assisted therapy, aging in place, and interventions with wounded warriors to improve quality of life. Another session addressed strategies to take the National Board of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam. “A common connection between the sessions was the push for the need for research and importance of evidence-based practice,” says Laurel Smith, 2017 OT.

The group was welcomed by a live band with opening remarks from AOTA President Virginia (Ginny) Stoffel. This year’s keynote speakers, Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes, were incredibly inspiring. These young, active newlyweds were participating in the Boston Marathon and suffered traumatic lower extremity amputations when they fell victim to the terrorist bombing. They addressed the important role that occupational therapy had in their lengthy rehabilitation process. The couple commended their occupational therapist, Ann Marie Orr, for moving through all of the stages of recovery with them. The couple told their story in a manner that appealed to practitioners, students, and other guests, leaving the room speechless and inspired.

The first-year cohort students in attendance at the conference held a debriefing with the rest of the class the following week. The goal next year is to have more than 20 students from our program in attendance when the conference moves to Philadelphia, for the AOTA’s Centennial Celebration.

Dr. Linda Martin received the 2016 American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Retired Educator’s Commendation for her Commitment to the Advancement of Occupational Therapy Education. Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy from 2001-2015.
Research Opportunity Highlight for Pre-ES Student

Veronica Menendez, sophomore in the pre-Exercise Science program probably never thought that a Spinal Cord Injury forum hosted by Marquette University on the FGCU campus this spring would lead to an opportunity of a lifetime internship in Wisconsin. Since May, Veronica has been working alongside biomedical and physical therapy researchers on the Marquette University campus on a project involving muscle fatigue and spinal cord injury, compiling cerebral oxygen saturation and blood flow data and collecting background research, as well as observing and assisting with other research projects.

“I was thrilled to hear my acceptance into the program. I knew this research opportunity would be a great experience for me and that I would be learning a lot.”

Originally from Guatemala, Veronica grew up in Miami with her parents and older sister. While searching for a university, she says she and her father did a lot of research. “The Exercise Science program (at FGCU) was a great option because it exposed me to multiple job opportunities, and I am interested in attending physical therapy school.” After visiting FGCU campus, she made her decision. “I loved the dorm set up and it was not too far from home.”

Encouraged by her father, Veronica began looking for a volunteer opportunity in a physical therapy setting during her sophomore year. Veronica emailed Dr. Eric Shamus, Chair of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences Department, to inquire about a volunteer opportunity. Dr. Shamus recommended Marquette University Biomedical Sciences Internship opportunities, which piqued Veronica’s interest. “I never been up north that far, but the website information looked interesting and it seemed like a great school and nice campus,” she said.
In February, the College of Health Professions and Social Work hosted a Marquette University forum on the FGCU campus, entitled, “Spinal Cord Injury: Improved Outcomes through Research.” Marquette University researchers, Dr. Tina Stoeckmann, Clinical Associate Professor; and Allison Hyngstrom, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, presented research findings to more than 170 students, clinicians, faculty and alumni.

As part of their visit, Veronica met with Drs. Stoeckmann and Hyngstrom to discuss the internship and was later told that she had been accepted for the program. “I was thrilled to hear of my acceptance into the program. I knew this research opportunity would be a great experience for me and that I would be learning a lot,” she said.

Veronica will begin the Exercise Science program at FGCU in fall 2016 and is a member of the National Society of Leadership and volunteers with the FGCU Global Medical Brigades and Relay for Life in Miami.
1. Why did you choose the DPT program and how has it helped you toward your career goals?
I chose my major because it allows me to have the greatest impact on improving the lives of others in a variety of ways. The DPT program has taught me a wealth of knowledge so that I will graduate as an expert in the field. I also am given many opportunities to work with patients in a variety of settings in order to develop my skills, which will allow me to be an impactful physical therapist in the future.

2. What assignment/activity in your program has had the most impact on you as a student?
During the first semester of the program, we had an assignment where you had to go complete an activity in a wheelchair. We were assigned to a partner, so each of us had to spend half of the time in the wheelchair, and half of the time being a caregiver. My friends and I went to eat and then saw a movie. This experience completely altered my mindset, as I began to see through the perspective of a patient rather than strictly thinking as a student. I feel as though remembering activities such as this one has deepened my understanding and allowed me to better relate to patients during clinical.

3. Describe the most rewarding or memorable college experience.
My most memorable moments have occurred during my clinical experiences, especially in the hospital. It was extremely rewarding to be able to help patients improve so dramatically in such a short period of time. I enjoyed being able to lift their morale and help them to accomplish their goal of returning home.

4. Any last words of wisdom to fellow students in your program?
I would tell other students to work hard and study but not overly stress or overthink everything in the program. Take time to actually enjoy the many experiences and have fun along the way!
Left: Dr. Jason Craddock with Athletic Training alumni and current senior students with former NFL Quarterback Doug Flutie (center) at a Roy Hobbs Baseball Tournament. Roy Hobbs Baseball is an adult amateur recreation baseball league, servicing teams and leagues across the U.S. and is affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union. The Roy Hobbs Baseball Sunshine classic is an annual event held at the Player Development Complex in Fort Myers. The AT program faculty, alumni and students provide athletic training services for this event.

Athletic Training Class of 2016 at FGCU Research Day

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AT Class of 2016
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Mikaila Beuning (2017, Exercise Science) is breaking FGCU school records. Mikaila, a member of the FGCU Swimming & Diving Team, broke the school record for the 1-meter board with a score of 297.70, placing second on both the 1-meter and 3-meter boards at the 2016 Coastal Collegiate Sport Association Conference Championships. This qualified her for the NCAA Division I Zone B Diving Regional meet where she placed in the top 45 on both boards.
OT on the Ropes

Occupational Therapy students master the ropes during an experiential learning laboratory at the Eagle Challenge Course sponsored by FGCU. Students focused on group processing and encouraging creativity in intervention selection. The Eagle Challenge Course is located at the Buckingham Center, 18 miles north of main campus.

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