Celebrate Professor Pendleton in Retirement

Professor Karen Pendleton retired this past summer after over 50 years of service to Loma Linda University. Professor Pendleton was instrumental in developing manuals for the physical dysfunction courses in the earlier years of the occupational therapy program when textbooks were extremely limited. Besides her full teaching schedule, Professor Pendleton also coordinated the yearly occupational therapy study tour groups from Japan for the past 18 years. She touched many lives in her years of teaching. Thank you, Karen for all that you did.

Welcome, MOT Class of 2021!

So excited to have this amazing group of students join us.

Welcome back bash

Kicking off the new school year with lots of fun!
Serving Here and Abroad

We are so proud of our students and their hearts for serving others locally and internationally. This year 11 students went on mission trips to Peru.

Class of 2019 Celebrates with their White Coat Ceremony

For our masters of occupational therapy students, the white coat is a symbol of professionalism, responsibility, and dedication to providing evidence-based practice to meet the occupational needs of our clients and communities. Faculty jacketed the students representing our investment in student learning and our confidence in their future practitioners and leaders.

Research Colloquium

In August the Year 3 students completed the final step in their research process with the graduate research colloquium. It was an exciting night with over a hundred guests, family, alumni, and practitioners. We look forward to their continued engagement in research and scholarship.

Kinesiology TAs

Dr. Rakoski had some great TAs in kinesiology this year. Year 2 students had the opportunity to put on their teaching hats and teach Year 1 students various skills in MMT and ROM. It looks like they made time to have fun picking on Dr. Rakoski, too!

AOTA Roster of Fellows

Dr. Javaherian-Dysinger has been chosen to receive the AOTA Roster of Fellows at the 2019 Annual Conference in New Orleans. She is receiving this award in recognition of her contributions to Advocacy and Leadership in Practice and Education. She was nominated by Dr. Ben Atchison from Western Michigan University. Congratulations Dr. Javaherian!
Alumni Updates

Shanna Garcia, MOT, MBA, OTR/L
Class of 2009

Shanna works part-time at East Carolina University teaching and coordinating fieldwork. Shanna was recently accepted into the OTD Program at Gardner-Webb University.

Kaitlynn Mathews, MOT, OTR/L
Class of 2013

Kaitlynn practices occupational therapy in the acute care and pediatric setting. She enjoys helping kids overcome sensory and/or motor issues affecting feeding. She loves helping children increase their food repertoire to enjoy meals with their family and friends. Kaitlyn continues her heart for service with her donations to the clients of Roots Down this past October. Thank you for your service.

Erica Johnson-Herrera, OTD, OTR/L and Heather Theilen MOT, OTR/L
Class of 2014

Former classmates and now colleagues at East Campus Hand Center, Dr. Herrera and Heather Theilen are now Certified Hand Therapists. A huge congratulations to you both!

OTAC Conference 2018

The Annual OTAC conference in Pasadena was the 2nd largest conference in OTAC history. LLU was strongly represented with faculty and alumni presentations on a variety of topics ranging from PTSD in hand therapy to lifestyle medicine, to the Kawa, Spirituality, Drug Overdose, Technology, and more!

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From our Department to yours, we wish you a wonderful Holiday Season!

Finals are around the corner but there is always time to decorate and get into the holiday spirit!