

# Alumni News & Notes

2000

**Rachel (Menasche) Georgeson**, husband Lance, and their two boys ages 9 and 12 are taking a year off to travel around the world. They are hoping to enjoy one on one family time and help the kids learn what is important in life. Bon voyage and safe travels!

**Jonna (Gaustad) Leighton** keeps busy chasing after her three kids and all of their activities in addition to her job as an acute care therapist at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene, Ore.

**Natalie (Beltram) Reed** manages the Joint Replacement Institute at Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville, Ore., for patients undergoing hip and knee replacement surgery.

**Susan Jankelson** has been co-owner of an outpatient orthopedic clinic called Rainier Family Physical Therapy since 2008. The clinic has raised over \$50,000 for a local group called Bridges - A Center for Grieving Children.

**Melissa (Lathrop) Leak** went back to school and graduated in May 2015 with a master's in global development and justice. She and husband Brian have become involved in anti-trafficking initiatives through their church and other local organizations.

**Julie Worski-Gustafson** works part-time in an outpatient facility and doing home health in Las Cruces, NM. She is one of three certified Lymphedema therapists and the only one providing services to the community at this time in Las Cruces.

**Jeremy Kern** works at Providence Milwaukie Hospital, specializing in mechanical diagnosis and therapy as well as wheelchair evaluations. He runs to stay in shape for soccer and competes in races, taking first place in the masters male 10K for the Race for the Roses in April 2016. He and wife Angela are busy raising their two boys.

**Emilie (Brewster) Kundert** has been working for Ergonomic Worksite Health Programs for the past 10 years doing wellness and injury prevention at

Weyerhaeuser in Longview, WA. She also recently started recruiting for The KOR Physical Therapy in the Portland area.

2005

**Ariel Salzman** married Brendan Robinson in April of 2016. They live in SW Portland. Ariel tested for and passed her CMPT through NAIOMT in May. Additionally, she has her Orthopedic Clinical Specialist certification.

2006

**Brianne Grogan** has been living with her husband and son in Germany since December 2010. Although she is not currently in clinical practice, she is actively pursuing her women's fitness business (FemFusion Fitness) and has written a new book titled, "Lady Bits: Understand Your Body, Elevate Your Health, and Reclaim Your Spark Naturally." Her book is available on Amazon.com and could be a great resource for your female clients!

2007

**Tasha MacIlveen** continues to work hard representing our profession in the APTA House of Delegates. The APTA House of Delegates took place at the beginning of June in Nashville. The Oregon delegation discussed policy and direction for the future of our profession. In particular, they advocated for a motion on student debt, which has grown much faster than incomes in the past couple of decades. Joining the Oregon delegation were two PT students from Pacific and a PTA student from Lane Community College - future leaders in our profession!

2008

**Kara (Lang) Schuft** and husband Peter Schuft welcomed daughter Maisie Lang Schuft on May 8, 2016.

**Kimberly Hee** and husband Nick Aina welcomed daughter Sydney Leialoha Tsugumi Aina on March 19, 2016.

**Mike Bridges** is the recipient of Pacific's 2016 Young Alumni Achievement Award. Mike is an assistant professor for the Pacific University School of Physical Therapy.

2011

**Jim Webster** and wife Emily welcomed daughter Grace Marie Webster on April 12, 2016.

2012

**Ashleigh Walters** is employed as a pediatric physical therapist with the Multnomah Early Childhood Program, where she works in Early Intervention with birth to 3 year-old children. She was profiled on the Pacific University website; the article can be found at pacificu.edu/AshleighWalters.

2013

**Liane Truong (Nakamae)** and husband **Daniel OD '13** traveled to Vietnam in 2015 to teach preventative healthcare to the rural cities of northern Vietnam with a team from their church. Daniel helped lead the team with eye healthcare and Liane taught physical therapy for the back and neck. The team also taught other preventative healthcare topics including dental care, women's health/maternity care, clean water treatment, and hand hygiene.

2015

**Jessica Hawley-Gamer** welcomed daughter Noelle Shiloh on Sept. 14, 2015. She works at www.womensphysicaltherapy.com, which has three locations in the Los Angeles, Calif. area. Jessica is seeking specialization in pelvic floor rehabilitation, lymphedema, pre and post-natal therapy, high-risk pregnancy, and some pediatric conditions for dual treatment of mother and baby. Her clinic offers yoga, Pilates and their very own salt therapy pool. Additionally, the therapists provide home visits for pregnant women on bed rest. ◀



## Directory & Websites

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2015 US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics  
<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physical-therapists.htm>

North American Institute of Orthopedic Manual Therapy (NAIOMT)  
[www.naiomt.com](http://www.naiomt.com)

PT Magazine [www.apta.org/PT\\_magazine/index.html](http://www.apta.org/PT_magazine/index.html)

Physical Therapy Journal [www.apta.org/PT\\_Journal/index.html](http://www.apta.org/PT_Journal/index.html)

Therapy Student Journal [www.TSJournal.com](http://www.TSJournal.com)

Wheelless' Textbook of Orthopaedics [www.medmedia.com](http://www.medmedia.com)

Oregon Physical Therapy Association [www.opta.org](http://www.opta.org)

Medline [www.medportal.com](http://www.medportal.com)

Physician and Sports Medicine [www.physsportsmed.com](http://www.physsportsmed.com)

Outlines of Clinical Medicine [www.avicenna.com](http://www.avicenna.com)

American Physical Therapy Association [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org)

Oregon State Licensing Board [www.ptboard.state.or.us](http://www.ptboard.state.or.us)

Employment Opportunities email: [sfisher@opta.org](mailto:sfisher@opta.org)

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## A Message from Retiring Director Rutt

**Richard A. Rutt** | DIRECTOR



On May 21, 40 graduates walked across the stage to receive their hoods and diplomas signifying successful completion of their studies for the doctor of physical therapy degree. We welcome these graduates as colleagues in the profession of physical therapy. This is the last commencement ceremony I will attend as a core faculty member and director of the School of Physical Therapy as I will retire effective June 15, 2016.

As has been the case for each of the last 23 years, this year has been very busy and exciting. In the fall we hosted a three-member site visit team from the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). I certainly appreciate the students, faculty, alumni, employers, CCCEs, and clinical instructors who participated in this visit. We recently received the final report from the commission and reaffirmation of the program's accreditation for another 10 years. We also conducted a very successful nationwide search for a new director of the school. We are excited to welcome Dr. Kevin Chui as the newly appointed director of the School of Physical Therapy. Dr. Chui is an energetic and accomplished academician

who is an excellent choice to take over the leadership of the school. I, personally, couldn't be more pleased with his selection.

I was sitting in my office cleaning out my desk and I looked through my folder of class photos from the last 23 years. I was filled with so much appreciation for all the good and challenging times that those pictured brought to my life over the years. Many memories flooded my mind: students sitting in the hall outside the classroom because they were more than seven minutes late for class and couldn't enter until break (the door was never locked), defining the newly-coined medical term "assilosis," shaving heart designs on hairy chests just prior to stress testing demonstrations, or triggering the electronic fart machine hidden in a unsuspecting student's backpack. These are but a few of the many, many memories that I will carry in my heart forever.

I have enjoyed each of the healthcare professions in which I have been involved; first being a nurse, then becoming a physical therapist and finally an athletic trainer. Having spent the last 30 years of my life as a PT and AT educator has been both gratifying and satisfying. I will look back on those years with much appreciation for all the opportunities that have been afforded to me and, particularly, for the opportunity

to work with incredible faculty and staff at Pacific. It has been a wonderful ride. Enjoy your summer. ◀

## A Note From the Editor

**Julie Robertson '00** | EDITOR

Greetings fellow alumni! Welcome to our 17th edition of the alumni newsletter. Each year I enjoy receiving updates from all of you, and each year I am amazed and impressed by how much the PT program has grown and changed. My primary source of gathering updates and information from you is through your class contacts. Each year prior to the newsletter submission deadline, I email all class contacts for information so please get in touch with your class contact with your current email address so you can send updates for the newsletter. As you can see on the Class Contact list, many classes are not represented and I do not have updated email addresses for all contacts. Please email me at [jrobertson@fvcc.edu](mailto:jrobertson@fvcc.edu) with updated information, or if you would be willing to represent your class. In addition, I love to receive photos from your days in the PT program or from class reunions to include in the newsletter, so please send me those as well! I hope everyone has a fantastic summer!







Save the Date for Homecoming 2016

Return home for a weekend with friends at Homecoming 2016, Oct. 14-16. Visit pacificu.edu/homecoming to learn more and register for reunions, campus tours, athletic events and more this summer.

**College of Health Professions Celebration – May 6, 2017!**  
Join alumni, faculty, community partners and friends as we honor the 10th year of the Hillsboro Campus with fanfare, festivities and interprofessional continuing education. The planning team is seeking alumni who would like to present a session. The campus is a partnership with Tuality Community Hospital and the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center. Many healthcare programs will celebrate milestone anniversaries, including the School of Physical Therapy's 40th.

Further information will be available this summer. Questions can be directed to Lisa Downing at lisa.downing@pacificu.edu. We also honor Richard Rutt's 23 years of service with the School of Physical Therapy. Throughout his time here, he has been a passionate advocate for our students as they pursue their dream of becoming a physical therapist or athletic trainer. Even in retirement Richard is carrying on this tradition by establishing the Rutt-Morgan Scholarship. This scholarship will provide financial support to minority students as they pursue their dream of becoming a physical therapist. As a way to honor Richard and his dedication to Pacific and its students, please consider making a gift to the Rutt-Morgan Scholarship. Questions and assistance can be directed to Traci Goff at tgoft@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2838. ◀

Students Serve at High School Event

Physical therapy and athletic training students participated in the Binational Health Week event at Hillsboro High School in October 2015 with Dr. Jose Reyna DPT. The service everyone provided to the community was greatly appreciated. ◀



Connie Wang MSAT '17, Hannah Patchen '18, Mary Roberts '18, and Elaina Gayles '18



Daniel Rodriguez '16, Ryan Willoughby '18, Felyse White '18, Nani Ostrom '18, Erika Chason '17

Salud

Students kick off the summer volunteering at Salud!  
If alumni are interested in volunteering this summer, please contact Jose Reyna, PT, DPT at reyn1741@pacificu.edu. ◀



Krista Dunton '16, Claire Gubernator '17, Dr. Bridges, Sarah Tomscha '16, Kiilani Kaaikala '17



Tim Valenti '17



Tim Valenti '17, Ruth Blake '17, Dr. Bridges, Katie Faw '17



Amy Weller '17, Amy Peterson '17, Erika Chason '17, Kim Seymour '16 Heather Beichner '17

Student Awards for 2016

- Alumni Award/Outstanding Graduate  
Mariah Miller
- Outstanding Service to the School of Physical Therapy  
Luke Dumyahn & Trinh Le
- Director's Award  
Annie Johnson
- Valedictorian  
Laura Perry
- Community Service  
Krista Dunton & Daniel Rodriguez

Alumni Class Contacts

This is the current list of class contacts. If your class is not represented and you are willing to be your class contact person, please email the editor at jrobertson@fvcc.edu. In addition, a couple of the email addresses below are out of date so please contact me if you have an updated email address. Thank you! ◀

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Keep us Up to Date!

Let us know what you and your colleagues are up to.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
What's happening: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2016 Graduates

- Kristen Allen
- Molly Billingham
- Mattea (Zabala) Colahan
- Kylie (Chandler) Danher
- Lindsey deCampos-Stairiker
- Christina Dodini-Marquez
- Luke Dumyahn
- Krista Dunton
- Julia (Strang) Dwyer
- Kevin Fujimoto
- Holly (Cowan) Galis
- Chloe Hallyburton
- Jill Harsch
- Cory Harum
- John James
- Annie Johnson
- Natalie (Stewart) Kiefer
- Marylynn King
- Daniel Krueger
- Trinh Le
- Ernesto Marquez
- Mariah Miller
- Christopher Mitchell
- Ashley (Brugnoli) Mortensen
- Robin Panzer
- Laura (Kelder) Perry
- Andrew Pirttima
- Anna Potoczny
- Jocelyn Riordan
- Daniel Rodriguez
- Jordan Rupp
- Kimberly Seymour
- K'rene (Delplanche) Sher
- Elizabeth Sims
- Sarah Staropoli
- Aaron Taniguchi
- Sarah Tomscha
- Rebecca Turner
- Erin Wall
- Kimberly Williams

Faculty Activities and Accomplishments

Each year at the annual conference, the OPTA takes the opportunity to recognize those in our profession who have provided outstanding services to the profession of physical therapy. OPTA has two awards that honor people that have gone the extra mile: the Mercedes Weiss Service Award and the Distinguished Service Award. Richard Rutt, PhD., PT received the 2016 Mercedes Weiss Award.

**Bob Nee, PT, PhD, MAppSc** and **Michel Coppiters** co-authored a book chapter entitled "Neurodynamic management of the peripheral nervous system" that appears in the 4th edition of Grieve's Modern Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy. For more information please search the Elsevier store for the title.

**Jose Reyna, PT, DPT** and students kick off the summer volunteering at Salud! If alumni are interested in volunteering this summer, please contact Jose Reyna at reyn1741@pacificu.edu. Jose and students also participated in the 2015 Binational Health Week event held at Hillsboro High School! It is a much appreciated service that was provided to the community and



Pacific students, alumni, and professors

was the only opportunity for a health screening for many of the participating individuals.

**Brian Wilkinson PT, DPT, CHT, CCI** received a 2015 Pacific University Faculty Development Grant. He also presented a lecture entitled "Ergonomics for Strings Musicians" at the Mini ASTA Conference.

**Barbara Johnson, PT, MSPH, PhD** was appointed to the Interprofessional Education Program committee and presented in an Interdisciplinary Case Conference on Oct. 27, 2015.

**Verna Ourada, PT, PhD** has left the School of Physical Therapy to pursue



Jeremy Hilliard, Dr. Rutt, Derek Fenwick

other endeavors. We will miss her and wish her the best.

**Andy Weyer, PT, DPT, PhD** will join the School of Physical Therapy. He will be traveling from Madison, Wis. and we look forward to welcoming him this Fall. ◀

A Message from the College Dean

**Anne E. Barr-Gillespie** | VICE PROVOST & EXECUTIVE DEAN

I am pleased to announce that, effective Aug. 1, 2016, Dr. Kevin Chui will assume the position of director of the School of Physical Therapy at Pacific University. Dr. Chui earned a PhD in pathokinesiology from New York University in 2005 and a doctor of Physical Therapy from MGH Institute of Health Professions in 2011. Dr. Chui is a geriatric certified specialist, an orthopedic certified specialist, a certified exercise expert for aging adults, and a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists. He also completed the American Physical Therapy Association Fellowship in education leadership and a doctoral level certificate in manual therapy from

Regis University. Dr. Chui was selected from among an impressive set of finalists after an exhaustive year long national search. Members of the search committee recommended Dr. Chui for his many significant strengths, as noted by a wide cross-section of academic administrators, faculty, students and staff, following a two-day campus visit and interview. Dr. Chui joins Pacific from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT, where he has served as chair and physical therapy program director in the Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences since 2014. He joined Sacred Heart University in 2005 as an assistant professor, where he has successfully risen to his current leadership

role. Dr. Chui is an accomplished leader and scholar who impressed all of us in College of Health Professions with his knowledge of the major issues in healthcare, his expertise in developing relevant health professions education programs that prepare graduates for contemporary practice, and his calm and compassionate demeanor. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Chui as the new leader of the School of Physical Therapy and as a member of Pacific's senior administrative team. Dr. Chui will take the place of retiring School of Physical Therapy Director, Dr. Richard Rutt, who has served the physical therapy program for 23 years, director for 12 years and as a member of the Pacific faculty since 1993. ◀

Find Employment Opportunities Online

Check out the Pacific University PT webpages for employment postings. From the PT page click on Alumni and then view the different states at the bottom of the page. Select a state and review the opportunities that are posted. If you have a job listing that you would like posted, email mell9585@pacificu.edu. Take advantage of this great opportunity to market your position! ◀