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From the Chair

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The name Patti Maurer engenders fond memories in many VCU Department of Occupational Therapy alumni. Last December, Jayne Shepherd, Dianne Simons, and I met over lunch with Dr. Maurer's husband, Harold, and daughter, Laura. Through them, we had the opportunity to review her professional life and understand the depth of her contributions to the department, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the profession of occupational therapy. Dr. Patti Ann Zeigler Maurer became chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy in 1976. In celebration of this upcoming 35th anniversary, it is my pleasure to share with you some of the highlights of her distinguished career.

Dr. Maurer received her bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy from the Ohio State University in 1954. This was the beginning of a long and impressive academic career. She studied vocational rehabilitation counseling for two years at New York University and completed a Masters in Education in rehabilitation counseling at Boston University in 1958. In 1964, she completed her doctoral studies in counseling and guidance, with minors in psychology and education, at Purdue University.

Prior to joining the faculty at VCU, Patti held several other academic appointments. From 1961 to '62, while between her master's and doctoral degree studies, she

was an instructor at Tufts University's Boston School of Occupational Therapy. Upon completing her PhD, she joined the faculty at the Boston University Sargent College of Applied Health Professions. From 1964 to 1970 she directed research under a teaching and training grant from the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration and later became project director for a Children's Bureau grant that funded graduate education at Sargent College.

Dr. Roxie M. Black, Director and Professor of Occupational Therapy at the Lewiston-Auburn College of the University of Southern Maine shared the following about Dr. Maurer:

Dr. Patti Maurer was my instructor at BU in the mid sixties. I remember that she taught us organization and administration, and that we kind of gave her a hard time about it because it wasn't the most scintillating course on the schedule. I remember her being very patient with all of us, and never getting ruffled by anything we said.

Between 1970 and 1974, Dr. Maurer served in multiple roles, including visiting professor (Sargent College), lectureship (Eastern Shore Community College; Wallops Island, VA), and consultant (Towson University for curriculum planning). She managed all of these responsibilities while also serving as data analyst for a Personnel Management Study at NASA-Wallops Station. In 1974, the VCU Department of OT appointed her associate chair. She assumed full department chair responsibilities in 1976 and became director of graduate studies in 1984. Among the many roles she played in the department and university, teaching research was a primary interest. Her own area of research focused on work and work-related rehabilitation.

Dr. Scott McPhee, Associate Dean at Belmont University and Professor and Chair of the School of Occupational Therapy recalls Dr. Maurer as follows:

The thing I remember about Patti was how gracious she was, her quick smile, and her ability to see the good in the oddities dealt to her

(including me). She always made time to meet with me.... Bottom line: Patti was always an inspiration to me, and I was fortunate to have her as my mentor.

Throughout her career as an occupational therapist, Dr. Maurer authored and co-authored over 50 professional publications and presentations. She served on numerous committees and task forces in the American Occupational Therapy Association, including the Accreditation Committee, the roster of accreditation evaluators, the Commission on Education, and the National Task Force on Guidelines for Graduate Education in OT. Additionally, she chaired the Investment Advisory Committee and the Committee on Standardized Assessment.

Among clippings from newspapers and magazines in a file kept by the School of Allied Health Professions, I found a 1995 article on Dr. Maurer, entitled *Quietly Amazing*. In it Dr. Chestina Brollier wrote the following:

I think she developed this department into one with true national recognition. She was a well-known scholar.... But it was her personality that left the biggest mark. Dr. Maurer was a really quiet person who accomplished an amazing amount and inspired a lot of people. She was exceptional, and people appreciated her wonderful sense of humor; she would get this little glitter in her eyes and make some quiet, but absolutely hilarious statement.

Jayne Shepherd and Dianne Simons recalled lessons they learned from observing Patti in times of personal distress. Her quiet strength and fortitude were witnessed by many colleagues and students in 1979, while recuperating from an elevator accident. She put her occupational therapy skills to work by engaging in her own meaningful activities of reading, quilting, learning new crafts, and being with her family. She returned to work with a smile and rarely complained about her injuries or pain. In the 1990's, when once again faced with illness, Patti gracefully re-engaged in her teaching career, undergoing chemotherapy in the morning and

returning to the department to teach research and activities courses in the afternoon. In a recent conversation with Dr. Susan Robertson, who was on the VCU OT faculty with Dr. Maurer, Sue expressed how impressed she had been with Patti's ability to practice what she taught and to derive energy and health from the work she loved. Sue described how Patti wrote, from her hospital bed, an article on the power of work as a tool for healing.

At the 1994 VCU Commencement ceremony, the university announced the establishment of the Patti A. Maurer Scholarship in Occupational Therapy and named Patti professor emeritus. After a long battle with breast cancer, Dr. Maurer died on Feb. 16, 1995.



As Dr. Roberts has provided on the following pages, we would love to hear more from alumni whose lives were touched by Dr. Patti Maurer. If you are the recipient of a Patti A. Maurer Scholarship in Occupational Therapy, we would appreciate it if you would contact us. If anyone has photos or stories to share, we would also appreciate receiving them. Patti's husband, Harold, recently gave the department remnants of two quilts that Patti was never able to complete. We hope to have them completed in the near future and use them to remember Patti's commitment to occupational therapy and VCU.

Remembering Dr. Patti Anne Maurer

by Susan C. Robertson, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Remembering Patti Maurer...



Left to right: Jennie Seaton, Patti Maurer,
Eleanor Wolfe and Marianne Maynard

Patti took a chance on me, and I am indebted to her. She hired me as an Assistant Professor in 1977 and I worked with her until December 1980. Patti provided a stable, sound backdrop to test ideas and plan educational strategies. She trusted that I had the ability to create my role as an educator and she helped me do that by modeling incisive scholarly inquiry, well-planned course design, valid course evaluation, and collaborative professional relationships. Patti gave me many opportunities for professional development that have served me well throughout my career.

We shared the trauma of the elevator accident and its aftermath. I saw her use occupational therapy in her own life to stay the course through adversity, to accommodate to pain, and to use what brought her life meaning and purpose to reshape her work and personal lives.

She had many positive attributes that supported her management of the department.

Fair: She managed a diverse group of faculty so that each person had a chance to develop. Her highly logical, pragmatic style diffused many a conflict!

Facilitator: She fostered continuing education, peer support, and teamwork as ways of helping faculty build consensus, but at the same time, she was able to step in when we needed to come to a conclusion. The department, school, and university committee work she encouraged provided opportunities for professional development, networking, and interdisciplinary course development.

Team player: She advocated for the development of a book on assessment, each faculty member reviewing and contributing instruments. With regular meetings, the group outlined the publication format and strategy for writing. One faculty member went on to develop her

own evaluation instrument. This model led to the start of faculty teams to supervise student research: a senior and junior faculty team worked with groups of students to design their individual research proposals.

Supportive: She invited innovative ideas, patiently seeking to understand them thoroughly, willing to discuss the implications, and broaden the perspectives of herself and others. She was eager to help faculty develop their research interests.

Scholar: Patti was a strong advocate for evidence-based practice, long before it was popular. This trait generated collaboration on how to teach occupational therapy more effectively and how to organize the curriculum.

Honest: If she didn't agree, she would just say, "I see it differently". That caused me to think about other ways to perceive what was of concern to me. She could broaden my perspective by asking me to think, not telling me what to think!

Value-driven: Patti highly valued work. She wrote several articles. The best example was when she was in the hospital, recovering from the pelvic, back, and ankle fractures. From her hospital bed, she wrote an article for the OT Newsletter describing how keeping up with her work helped her accommodate to her loss of function and pain. She did lots of paperwork from her hospital bed, sometimes talking with me about work topics while we were recuperating.

Brave: Patti endured immense pain after the elevator accident, requiring at least 10 hours per day of bed rest in order to be up during the day. Despite chronic pain, she kept the focus on her work. She lived the power of occupational therapy.

Liaison: Being the Chair of a Department is not easy. She brought directives or concerns from the university and school to the faculty, and took our feedback and recommendations back up the hierarchy. She could find ways to express differences of opinion diplomatically.

Good organizer: Getting ready for the self-study associated with ACOTE accreditation was a massive effort, one she organized so that all could contribute. How she put that massive document together took superb organizational skills.

Tolerant: Bring on the diversity! She stuck with me through that challenging first year, helping me understand the culture of academia, the student perspective, and course development. She modeled scholarly thinking and behavior for a young clinician with

almost four years of community mental health experience from California!

Independent: She cared for her children while her husband worked in a different part of the state. Essentially a single mother during the week and Chair of the Occupational Therapy Department, she made time to design strategy, organize a task, and envision solutions to complex problems. This required lots of independent analysis and creativity!

Pragmatic: When the department had to figure out how to get a student in a wheelchair to the 4th floor classrooms before the elevator was installed, she coordinated with various services, finally relying on a member of the paint crew to lift the student in her wheelchair up and down four flights of stairs several times daily.



A Fond Farewell to Robin McNeny



Margaret McNeny, known to all as Robin, will retire from the VCU Health System (VCUHS) on September 3, 2010. After 33 years of service as an occupational therapist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, she emphasized that she feels completely comfortable in her decision, noting that the time is just right for her, the occupational therapy staff, and VCUHS.

Robin is an alumna of the VCU Occupational Therapy Class of 1977. Known by her classmate, Patsy Moore Barker, to have a strong interest in physical rehabilitation, Patsy, who was already working at the MCV Hospital, called her to inform her about the job opening. Robin accepted a position in 1977, shortly after graduation. *"I stayed here, but my job never stayed the same"*, she stated. Robin started as a staff therapist in general rehabilitation, but in 1983, when Dr. Henry Stonnington opened one of the first traumatic brain injury units in the country, Robin advocated for and was given

the OT position on that unit. She helped to plan the very first national brain injury conference, held at MCV/VCU and has been an ongoing contributor ever since. *"I am so grateful for the opportunity to ever have walked through the door here," she said. "Being here has given me opportunities to write book chapters and articles, teach classes and work with wonderful people...."* Her service to the Department of OT spans several areas, from fieldwork supervisor and coordinator to lecturer, committee member, and advisor.

In 1993, Robin became manager of a rehabilitation group, consisting of occupational therapists and therapeutic recreation specialists, and in 2002 she was promoted to the position of Manager of Rehabilitation Services, making her staff manager for all inpatient occupational therapy and therapeutic recreation in acute care, rehabilitation, and psychiatry.

When reflecting on the profession and the changes she's observed, Robin was especially admiring of the collective confidence that has evolved within the profession over the years, stating that *".... the OTs of 30 years ago blazed a trail; now OTs know the way."* In Robin's observations of current practice, she recognized a faster pace, greater consciousness of health care costs, and greater "tech savvy" as among the many characteristics that have evolved in the profession throughout the years.

In an article she wrote entitled, *Partners by Force*, she described the intimate and personal nature of occupational therapy practice which is imposed on clients and poses a unique challenge and opportunity for OT practitioners. *"To have had the privilege of working with so many patients at that level – their*

cultures and families. This has been an amazing opportunity, that I don't take for granted."

The Department of Occupational Therapy, its faculty, staff, and students - both current and past, wish Robin the very best in her retirement and look forward to her ongoing membership on our admissions committee. We are proud of the outstanding contributions she has made to the field of occupational therapy and we thank her for her years of dedicated service at VCU. Her straightforwardness, humor, organizational abilities, practical skills, and commitment to student education will be missed.

Best Wishes, Robin!

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE OUR ALUMNI?



Fiona Bessey-Bushnell (M.S., 2001) had an article on "sick day solutions for parents" published in the February, 2010 edition of *Richmond Family*. Trumping that accomplishment was the appearance of her son, Cameron, on the cover of the magazine's April, 2010 edition!

Sandy Cash (M.S., 1973) received a Retired Educators Commendation from the American Occupational Therapy Association on May 1, 2010 for her 25 years of teaching service in the VCU OT Department. Her award certificate honored her "commitment to the advancement of occupational therapy education."

Gwendolyn (Morgan) Carney (M.S., 2002) gave birth to twins Elijah and Eden on December 15, 2009. She and her family live in Nashville, TN.

Angela Carter (B.S., 1980) lives in Yorktown, VA and has "enjoyed her 30 years as an OT" in home health and PRN. She has 2 sons and a daughter and proudly reports her oldest child's completion of the first year of college.

Angela (Jones) Edney lives and works in Orlando, FL where she is Clinical Director at Aegis Therapies. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Allen Cognitive Network.

Michelle Judy Hill (B.S., 1991) is Executive Director of Empowering Therapy Services, Inc., a professional therapy company providing OT, PT and SLP services to school systems, private agencies and early intervention clients. She employs 10 therapists and oversees the OT programs for Smith County and Wilson County (TN) School Systems. Michelle is also a partner at Dynamic Solutions for Kids, an outpatient clinic serving children from birth to age 21. In 1999 she founded, and currently serves as Executive Director and Board Member for, Empower Me Day Camp, a nonprofit corporation for children with disabilities. She is County Contact for the Autism Society of Middle Tennessee and leads the Wilson County Autism Parent Support Group. She volunteers with the West Wilson Basketball Association Shooting Stars League for children with disabilities. Michelle is a 2002 graduate of Leadership Wilson and was chosen as one of *The Tennessean's* "Top 40 Under 40" making a difference in Middle TN communities. She is married to John Hill, Jr., and they are parents to John Reed, age 5 and Rylee Day, age 3.

Allison Krumpe (M.S., 2007) works with day program and outpatient clients at Health South Rehabilitation of Virginia and is Virginia Occupational Therapy Association/Capital District Chair. Allison is also adjunct faculty with the VCU OT Department and spoke to new graduates at the 2010 Connections reception. She and husband Mike just purchased a home on West Franklin St. in the heart of Richmond. Allison completed 4 triathlons and her first ½ marathon this year!

Denise Kinnish McCue (M.S., 1980) recently retired from the Norfolk (VA) Public School System after close to 30 years as an itinerant OT. She's looking forward to

having more time for volunteering, quilting, and family and friends.

Jeff Lederer teaches at Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky.

Scott McPhee, M.S, DrPH, CPAM, OTR/L, FAOTA (B.S., 1973) is Associate Dean, College of Health Sciences at Belmont University, Chair of the School of Occupational Therapy and Program Director for the Occupational Therapy Doctorate program. Prior to coming to Belmont in 1995, he completed a 21-year career as an Army OT and served for a short period as the Chair of OT at Misericordia, PA. He has served on several national and international committees and organizations that promote OT practice, as well as on editorial boards of three professional peer-reviewed magazines. Dr. McPhee is married to Hope McPhee and lives in Ashland City, TN.

Gail Metzger (M.S., 1988) lives in East Greenville, PA and works at Alrunia University and Good Shepherd Rehab Hospital.

Toni Smith Oakes, Ph.D. (M.S., 1978) directs the OT program at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, NC. Her father, Charles “Smitty” Smith (1949, VCU PT) was featured in an article in the Fall, 2009 edition of the MCV *Scarab* magazine.

Christine Raber (Ph.D., 2007) is faculty at Shawnee State University in Xenia, OH.

Debbie Reber (B.S., 1980) lives in Jacksonville, FL and works at Brooks Rehab.

Susan Rentz (1995) lives in Orlando, FL and works at Orlando Health.

Bill Schmidt (M.S., 1986) retired from the Henrico County (VA) Agency for Mental Health and Retardation Services where he’d worked as a vocational specialist and case manager with the County’s Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT). His second grandchild, Mark, was born in April this year.

Diane Sweeny Trowbridge (M.S., 1980) lives in Wirtz, VA and works at Carilion Clinic in Roanoke in inpatient rehabilitation. She has a daughter, Katie, age 26 and 3 sons – Roger, 23, Brian, 21 and Allan, 18.

Julie (Barron) Wells has her own private OT practice in Wellington, FL.

Carol (Subic) Wheatley (B.S., 1977) retired in June, 2009 from the Workforce and Technology Center in Baltimore, MD, where she provided workplace accommodations, driver rehabilitation, and supervision of the Assistive Technology Unit for 30 years. She currently provides driver rehabilitation services part-time at Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore. She’s been active in the AOTA Older Driver Initiative and the Association of Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (ADRD), written journal articles, and co-authored chapters for *Driver rehabilitation and community mobility* (JM Pellerito, ed.) and *Occupational therapy practice skills for physical dysfunction* (LW Pedretti, MB Early, eds.).

Patricia (Lacey) Zavesky (M.S., 1980) lives in Spring Hill, FL and works at Brooksville Regional Hospital.

We Remember...



Kathryn Lawrence Dragas (M.S., 2001) died at age 40 on December 17, 2009. Kathryn had been an occupational therapist at the Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughter in Norfolk, VA for 14 years.

Margaret “Peggy” Virginia Howison (M.S., 1962), age 69, died peacefully in her Nanticoke, MD home on February 3, 2010. She retired in 1966 from Penn State’s Milton Hershey Medical Center where she developed feeding and other innovative pediatric programs. She contributed the chapter on Cerebral Palsy in the 6th (1983) edition of *Willard & Spackman’s occupational therapy*.

Nancy Miles Maupin, age 70, a former OT student at Richmond Professional Institute and instructor in the VCU OT Department died on July 16, 2009.

Nancy Tuggle (B.S., 1959) died on November 17, 2008 in Independence, VA. According to her obituary, “Her passion had been to help people maintain or improve the stability in their fingers to reduce pain, improve strength and function – and to normalize the appearance of their hands.”

News from the VCU Department of Occupational Therapy

by Jayne Shepherd

Students at VCU

Success and transitions! On May 22, 2010 our Graduate II students attended the School of Allied Health Professions presentation ceremony for completing their didactic course work. Their last semester of school was full of community service/adaptive projects for their psychosocial, activities, administration, and research practicum classes. Now **36 students are entering Fieldwork II** for the summer and fall of 2010. Placements are here in Richmond, Virginia and as far away as California! They are excited to be out in the real world of OT to complete their learning about occupational therapy! **A huge thank you to all who support Fieldwork education!**

On June 1, 2010 we welcomed 42 new MSOT students to campus. This year's class is made up of 5 men and 37 women. Thirty-three of the students are Virginia residents. The other 9 hail from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. The mean age of this year's class is 24, but the age range spans from 19 to 39. It is always fascinating to hear how these students "discovered" OT. Some have had an interest that goes back as far as middle school and others pursued careers in various job sectors only to find some years later that OT is where they belonged all along! Together this group of 42 new students will form life-long bonds as they embark on their next two and a half years of OT school together! Good luck to them in their Nature of OT class and Anatomy!

After a summer off to work and refuel, 44 of our Grad II students will return to campus in the fall to complete their 2nd year of the program, including another fieldwork I experience. We are always looking for new fieldwork sites, so please contact Jayne Shepherd if you are interested in a fieldwork student (Jshepherd@vcu.edu or 804-828-1564).

Faculty Happenings:

This year at the AOTA conference in Orlando, 5 faculty members presented their research, and many co-presented with newly graduated or currently enrolled students. In addition, many of our current and former OTD students presented at conference. We had a VCU alumni dinner in an Italian "singing" restaurant (Bergamos) and enjoyed the company of 15 alumni from classes ranging from 1980 to 2009!! It was great to reconnect and to learn how OT careers and family life have evolved over the years. While there, we were able to see Dr. Stacey Reynolds who is currently working on a K12 research grant at the University of

Florida while still employed by VCU. She looked very tan and relaxed and is enjoying her work. It was also a treat to see her son, Daniel who is growing taller and is now in the 3rd grade.

Dr. Jodi Teitelman had two co-presentations at the annual Southern Gerontological Society Conference held in Richmond this year during April while Jayne Shepherd traveled to Iowa to present to the Department of Education. Dr. Shelly Lane and Dr. Marie Anzalone have presented to numerous groups across the country on Sensory Processing and Neurophysiology while Dr. Tony Gentry has presented on assistive technology and cognition to a variety of groups.

Congratulations to Dr. Marie Anzalone who was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship by the University College Cork in Ireland. The award is a Research Lectureship and she will be collaborating with the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy as they develop a clinical doctorate with some online instruction (hopefully joining OTD students here at VCU in a Clinical Reasoning Course in the Fall of 2011). The Research component of the Fellowship will be focused on working with Irish OTs as they begin to nationalize their early intervention program. Marie will go to Ireland for 6 months in the Spring of 2011.

In May, Dr. Tony Gentry attended a conference of relief agencies in the Dominican Republic that is coordinating plans for physical rehab interventions in Haiti. He will be spending two days in the field learning how to apply a new \$5 amputee prosthesis (on actual patients!). This is through a Physicians for Peace program.

Grant submissions are on the agendas of Dr. Tony Gentry, Dr. Al Copolillo, (our new chair for almost a year!) and Dr. Shelly Lane, (our former chair, and Director of Research for the School of Allied Health Professions). Meanwhile, Dr. Dianne Simons, Dr. Jodi Teitelman and myself continue to keep the fires going for entry level admissions, accreditation (coming in 2012); and fieldwork.

Our OTD program expects to graduate 5 new students at the end of the summer when they complete their analysis of their Capstone Leadership Projects. We are continuing to accept applicants to the OTD program for fall. Please contact Dr. Shelly Lane, Director of Post Professional Education at sjlane@vcu.edu or 804-828-6523 if you have questions or need information.

Connections 2010 AND BEYOND

Thanks, as always, to continued generous support of the Medical College of Virginia Alumni Association (MCVAA) and its Executive Director, Barbara Payton, the 7th Annual Connections event was held on January 8th. This program and reception, held at the OT Department, celebrates students' transition from completing all coursework and fieldwork to becoming alumni of the Department, School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) and the University. Honored guests and speakers included Dr. Alexander Tartaglia, SAHP Associate Dean, and alumni, Allison Krumpe and Sarah Hopkins.

At the time of the celebration, the following newly-minted alumni indicated that they had found employment at the following locations:

- Lauren Andelin – Children's Hospital
- Melissa Cavanaugh – Genesis Rehab
- Cindy Creef – Sentara, Virginia Beach
- Brooke Dimaio – SRMC, Petersburg, VA
- Megan Gillette – Southampton Memorial
- Kacie Hopkins – Children's Hospital
- Beth Jandl – Charlottesville (VA) Health and Rehab
- Allison Mirra – Children's Hospital
- Jackie Parsons – Genesis Rehab Services, Virginia Beach
- Sherrie Payne – Riverside Convalescent Center
- Erika Reed – Sentara SNF
- Janel Rokitowski – Palmetto Health Baptist
- Emily Wilson – RACSB –PEID PRogam
- Jessica Welsh – Greenspring Retirement Community

Obviously, we'd love to hear from the rest of you in the class! Please let us know where you landed after graduation if you're not listed above and, if you are, more about your new practice (location, specialty areas, personal news, etc.), by writing jlteitel@vcu.edu



We would like to congratulate the Class of 1960 on the 50th Anniversary of their Graduation. The Medical College of Virginia Alumni Association held a Grand Alumni Society Induction Brunch Reunion Weekend Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the Omni Richmond Hotel. Dr. Cecil B. Drain, Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions, presented our alumni with their 50 year medallions. Again, congratulations!

Class of 1960 Reunion!



Gwenivere L. Hancock and Dean Cecil Drain



Ruth I. Jordan and Dean Cecil Drain

Why Support the Department?

These are exciting times for the Department of Occupational Therapy. We have successfully passed the leadership baton from Dr. Shelly Lane to Dr. Al Copolillo. Over the past year, we managed to reconnect with several members of our alumni, and we have continued to advance our reputation for excellence through research, teaching, and service. This year we were fortunate to acquire several new assistive technology items, making our assistive tech lab a state-of-the-art training center for occupational therapists working in a wide range of practice settings. We begin the academic year with a plan to share our knowledge and skill in assistive technology through quality continuing education, provided by the top experts in the field. The on-going challenge of maintaining our labs at the cutting edge of technological advancement continues.

Research and laboratory space continues to be a priority under our current Chair, Dr. Al Copolillo. We plan to build upon our research in sensory processing, vision rehabilitation, and assistive technology and to garner additional research funding that will provide our students with essential research skills. We will work closely with Dr. Lane, our School of Allied Health Professions' Assistant Dean of Research, to promote this agenda.

Support from alumni is greatly appreciated and will continue to be paramount to our students, faculty and staff. We appreciate what you do for us and look forward to your continued participation and unwavering support in these very difficult economic times. The Department has created the Occupational Therapy Priority Fund to help sustain academic programs, faculty and student development, and equipment and technology needs. These funds help bridge the gap between appropriated state support and what is additionally needed when providing the very best educational experience.

In addition to the Priority Fund, we continue to need Student Scholarship support. Our students continue to receive extensive clinical training and play an active role in the Department thanks to an increased amount of service learning opportunities. Many students are choosing occupational therapy as a second career. Student scholarship support is always needed, especially now more than ever because of the current economic situation.

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