

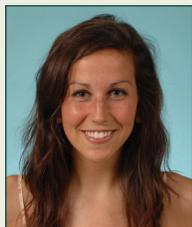
WUSOTA

Washington University Student Occupational Therapy Association

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Message From the President

We had many exciting WUSOTA events to wrap up the Spring semester. From Relay For Life to Theraball, there were many ways to get involved and have fun within our student body. Thank you to all the graduating chair officers!



-Janelle Hively

2013 - 2014 WUSOTA President

Advocacy

April is OT month and the advocacy committee went into high gear! Students created an "OT Around the World" display for the cases in the lobby of our building. A letter writing campaign resulted in 174 letters being sent to legislators. Third-year students held an Elevator Speech Lunch Talk. OT presentations for HPSLC and at local high schools were successful. Also, there was an advocacy table set up for Relay for Life, a 12-hour event rallying students together to raise awareness and to battle cancer, on April 5.



The "OT Around the World" display in the front lobby of 4444 Forest Park Ave.



Student volunteers painted a mural for the pediatric clinic at Paraquad.

Community Service

The Community Service Committee has been holding true to its mission to serve residents of the Greater St. Louis region by providing hands-on opportunities for students to volunteer. The Spring semester began with students volunteering at a Hope Lodge dinner and painting a mural for the pediatric clinic at Paraquad. Students also volunteered for social nights at Team Activities for Special Kids (TASK), leading activities and facilitating interactions between participants. The committee organized a Panty Drive and a Manicure for the Cause event, which raised money for Relay for Life by partnering with the Paul Mitchell School to sell manicures and dry haircuts. In April, students volunteered at NORC work day, Caring Solutions Adopt-a-Home Day and Relay for Life. The committee participated in the university-wide PB & Joy Drive (April 3-15) by providing drop-off bins in our department. Ongoing volunteer activity has continued at the Bridge and the Gladys and Henry Crown Center for Living.

Cultural

The Cultural Committee held an Ability Dining Experience on February 11, which allowed students to gain hands-on experience of social participation with a disability. Students

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were given a case to role play, acting either as a caregiver or an individual with a physical, cognitive, or visual impairment. Social interaction took place during the lunch hour and ended with a discussion on observed barriers and supports. It was a very successful event with more than 80 students in attendance! On April 9, the Cultural Committee hosted a Religion and Spirituality Forum, where representatives from the Mormon, Christian Science, and Native American communities spoke about their faith and spiritual practices. It was a wonderful opportunity for students and faculty to understand different spirituality practices and become more aware of these cultural differences as healthcare providers.

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee started off the semester with a bingo fundraising event at Hamburger Mary's. To end the semester, a tank top design contest will be held.

Global Awareness Committee

The Global Awareness Committee held lunch talks and a book club event during the first part of the semester. A successful Game Night fundraiser was also held. In April, the committee presented "Girl Rising," a film about girl's education around the world. Cambey Mikush, OTD '13, spoke with students about her apprenticeship at the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on April 16.

HPSLC

The Health Professional Student Leadership Council (HPSLC) hosted the Spring Case Study event on Thursday, April 10. Ten diverse teams of students from the occupational therapy, physical therapy, medical, pharmacy, nursing, and audiology/deaf education programs competed to select best practice care methods for a hypothetical stroke patient. Questions were posed to each discipline who then had to educate their team members on topics specific to their field relevant to the stroke case. After the instructional period, each team had a limited amount of time to select an answer to the field specific question without further guidance from that program representative.

This provided the five OT student representatives with the opportunity to practice collaborating with students from the broader health care team to make decisions about patient care. It also allowed the students to educate other disciplines on OT evaluation, goal selection, and the intervention process. The answers were judged by a panel of faculty members from each program. Bill Janes, OTD, MSCI, OTR/L, represented the Program in Occupational Therapy by providing insight into the profession's role in patient care with stroke survivors. WUSOTA hopes to make the OT students' presence even stronger in future case study events!



The 2014 Job Fair was a huge success, raising \$6,000 for WUSOTA.

Job Fair

A resume workshop was held to prepare students for the upcoming Job Fair. Students were also given the opportunity to have a professional headshot taken by a photographer. The Job Fair was held on February 27 and was a huge success, raising \$6,000 for WUSOTA.

MOTA

MOTA's Capitol Hill Day was held on February 26. Students had the great opportunity to meet and even give elevator speeches to politicians. Capitol Hill Day will now be an annual event, occurring on the fourth Wednesday of February. The MOTA Conference will be held on November 14-15 at the Lake of the Ozarks.



Students traveled to Jefferson City, Mo., for MOTA's Capitol Hill Day.

Professional Development

This semester was filled with professional development opportunities. This year's AOTA keynote speaker, Army OT Guy, gave an intriguing presentation and the ROHO tour was an exciting experience. In March, a WUOT alum and Travel OT in California presented to students via Skype. In April, second-years had an opportunity to tour Leaps and Bounds, a pediatric clinic founded by a WUOT alum.

Social

The Social Committee has been hard at work to provide fun opportunities to de-stress and spend time with friends around the St. Louis area! During February, students enjoyed outdoor ice skating in Forest Park. The biggest event of the year was Theraball, held at Third Degree Glass Factory. Attendees of this formal gala dressed up, enjoyed Chipotle food, beverages and danced the night away! It was a great way to celebrate the first-years' "first year" and graduation for the second-years!

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Congratulations to the 2014 - 2015 WUSOTA Executive Board! We look forward to seeing what you have in store for the organization.

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Theraball was held at the Third Degree Glass Factory.



Students had fun dressing up for the photography booth at Theraball.

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