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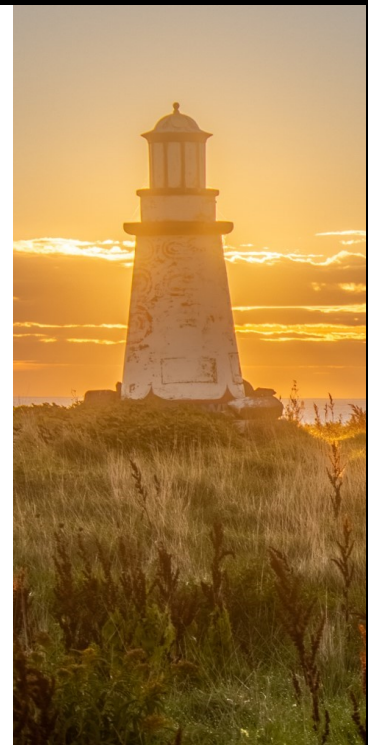
Changes abound! We are pleased to have celebrated four wonderful educators, and OT practitioners at the recent Retirement Extravaganza for four distinguished UNE OT Faculty (Jan Froehlich, Dr. Kathryn Loukas, Dr. Jane O'Brien, and Dr. Regi Robnett). UNE OT and the OT profession extends our gratitude to their service and commitment to OT education.



*Left-Right:
Jan Froehlich, Dr.
Regi Robnett,
Dr. Kathryn
Loukas, & Dr. Jane
O'Brien*

We are excited to welcome a new faculty member as of May 15, 2023 - Dr. Erin McCall

Read more about our current faculty team here: www.une.edu/wchp/ot/people



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Travel and Adventures
- Awards (Congrats Dr. Carol Lambdin-Pattavina!);
Congrats COTAD
- Welcome C/O 2025!
- Homecoming Weekend 2023!

Stay tuned for an alumni social event opportunity this Fall!
Save the Date: Friday, September 22nd in Portland
(Late afternoon, early evening). Details will be forthcoming.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Do you have news to share? Did you get a new job? A promotion? Get married? Expand your family? Go backpacking through the Himalayas? We'd love to share your news, photos, etc. Please provide your class year and your info and we will happily share it in our next newsletter. Please email your news to Dr. Elizabeth Crampsey (ecrampsey@une.edu) to have it included in our next newsletter.

PROGRAM UPDATES

UNE MSOT has been very busy, check out our latest news stories at the bottom of the page <https://www.une.edu/wchp/ot>

There have been two recent opportunities for UNE OT students to participate in immersion trips for global travel in January to Morocco and March to Guatemala.

The Adaptive Project Expo 4/13/23 was a resounding success with 3rd semester MSOT students making over 20 projects for our community for occupational engagement for children and youth that go back to more than 15 different organizations in the area and beyond. The event was lots of fun bringing together OT alumni, local practitioners, family members, friends, and other community members. This event was also livestreamed. The link can be found here <https://youtu.be/vYvnE58IEy4> Each year our community provides needs, and our students do their best to fill them. We hope you can be a part of this signature UNE OT program event virtually or in person in the future.

Students were presented with the UNE Graduate & Professional Student Affairs "Program of the Year" Award for their work in two student-lead organizations on campus: UNE Student Occupational Therapy Association (UNESOTA) and UNE's Coalition for Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity (COTAD). This work over the past year emphasized interprofessional discourse on anti-racist and anti-oppression practices in health care and our communities.

"Life takes on meaning in the minute-by-minute reality in which we experience ourselves achieving ordinary things."
-Gary Kielhofner, DrPH, OTR, FAOTA

FACULTY AWARDS



AOTA award recognition for Dr. Carol Lambdin-Pattavina was celebrated along with her co-author with the AOTA Special Interest Section Quarterly Writers Award.

AOTA Service Commendation for Dr. Carol Lambdin-Pattavina for her authorship and presentation and advocacy around the 988 State Awareness Building Presentation.

Dr. Carol Lambdin-Pattavina was awarded the WCHP Graduate Teaching Award in May of 2023 at the UNE WCHP Graduate Ceremony. This award is particularly significant to nominees and recipients as the nominations come directly from students. Congratulations, Carol.

PROGRAM UPDATES



Left: Students and faculty in Morocco

Bottom: Students at Transiciones, a mobility clinic in Antigua, Guatemala



Top: Students during the Adaptive Project Expo

Right: Program of the Year Award



Alumni Across the U.S.



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ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Stay in touch. Ready to take a Fieldwork student? Are you a local to campus? Are you a leader or advocate for your clients? Are you interested in sharing something you are doing through a guest lecture or lunch and learn opportunity in person or virtually? Be involved. Be in touch. Be part of the UNE COmmuniTy.

“Occupational Therapy is where science, creativity, and compassion collide.”
-Jessica Kensky

PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

AOTA presentations this year in Kansas City, MO included:

Beals, C. & Walton, J. From struggling to succeeding: An innovative process for student development and support. Poster Presentation.

Crampsey, E, Beals, C., Walton, J., & Winston, K. Embracing intentional change in the MSOT admissions process. Poster Presentation.

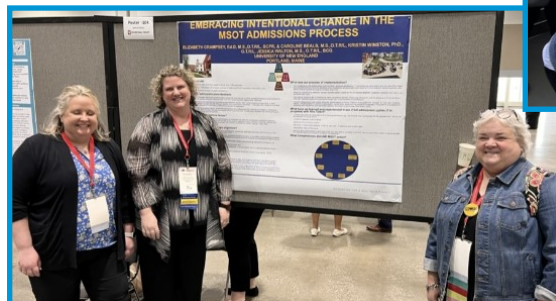
Crampsey, E. OT students' application of interprofessional education core competency domains during simulation. Poster Presentation.

Lambdin-Pattavina, C. Using the evidence to advocate for OT's role in mental health. Conversations that Matter.

Other Publications & Presentations

Dr. Elizabeth Crampsey presented along with Kris Hall, two oral presentations entitled “An Enduring and Sustainable Collaborative Learning Experience: A Cross-Institutional Virtual Simulation” and “Impact of Immersive Interprofessional Learning on Workplace Practice” in Cardiff, Wales, UK at The Academy of Medical Educators (AoME) and the International Network for Health Workforce Education (INHWE) joint conference June 27-29. Nineteen countries were represented, and UNE had 4 presenters in attendance.

Dr. Elizabeth Crampsey is the lead author on a new publication examining the impact of interprofessional learning on collaborative workplace practices. A research collaboration between UNE faculty, professional staff, and students, the paper, [“The Impact of Immersive Interprofessional Learning on Workplace Practice.”](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xjep.2023.100607) has been published in the Journal of Interprofessional Education and Practice. The impact of immersive interprofessional learning on workplace practice. *Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice.* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xjep.2023.100607>.



CLASS NOTES

Class of 1988

Cindy (Wilber) and Mark Melanson class of 1988 are enjoying retirement in West Virginia. They have been traveling in their RV and enjoy having the grandkids 4 houses away.

Class of 1991

Dr. Kimberly Davis received an AOTA Roster of Fellows Award in April at AOTA in Kansas City. Congratulations to you, Kim!

Class of 1994

Lisa Dussault OTR/L, CLT presented at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference (November in Chicago) on “Meeting the needs of a vulnerable population: Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Rehabilitation” with other members of University of Wisconsin, Carbone Cancer Center Adolescent and Young Adult interdisciplinary team. I primarily treat individuals going through cancer treatment or dealing with late effects of cancer care. OT provides a holistic model for addressing the treatment needs of cancer survivors.

Class of 2016

Emily Griffiths was named Encompass Employee of the Year. Congratulations, Emily, on this significant achievement. We are so proud of you!

We extend our congratulations to Mandisha (Devkota) Rank on her recent marriage.

Melanie Powell and Mike Peachman welcomed a new addition in June 2023. Congratulations!

Class of 2018

Casey Manion completed the Boston Marathon this April, and worked tirelessly in her training, but also raised over \$10,000 for the Special Olympics. Way to go, Casey!

Class of 2019

Congratulations to Jessica (Brown) Richard on welcoming a new family member this Spring.

Congratulations to Paxton (Arsenault) Spiller on welcoming a new family member this Winter.

Congratulations to Lauren (Bartholomew) Curry on her recent marriage.

Congratulations to Erica White on her recent marriage.

Class of 2020

We extend our congratulations to Katelyn (Antoine) Lewicki on her recent marriage.

Class of 2022

Congratulations to Erin McArdle on welcoming a new family member this Summer.

Mary Ryan obtained a new certification: LSVT Big from LSVT, Global Inc. Congratulations to you, Mary!

Joseph Mooney became a Certified Stroke Rehabilitation Specialist (CSRS). Congrats, Joe!

RESOURCES SOUGHT

A 2023 UNEMSOT graduate lives on the North Shore in Mass. and is looking for some shadow opportunities in the NICU setting. Can you help? mkain@une.edu

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