From the Director:

The UNC Division of Physical Therapy has lost our visionary leader with the death of Margaret L. Moore, PT, EdD on June 15, 2016 at the age of 94. Dr. Moore’s life and career were dedicated to the advancement of physical therapy and she leaves behind an enduring legacy with the Division of Physical Therapy, Department of Allied Health Sciences, and the APTA, which has the Margaret L. Moore Award for Outstanding New Academic Faculty. Faculty, staff, and alumni joined Margaret’s family and friends for a celebration of her life at Carol Wood’s Retirement Community on July 9th. It was Dr. Moore’s desire that an endowed professorship be created because she understood how crucial this was for recruiting and retaining the highest quality faculty. Therefore, alumni wishing to honor Dr. Moore’s memory are encouraged to send donations to the Dr. Margaret Lee Moore Distinguished Professorship in Physical Therapy (345742), Medical Foundation of North Carolina, 800 MLK Jr. Boulevard, CB#7565, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. For more on Dr. Moore’s legacy, turn to page two.

In other news, UNC was well represented at the honors and awards ceremony at PT Next. As you will read about in this newsletter, Carol Giuliani, Karen McCulloch, and Elizabeth Nixon (DPT 2016) were recognized there with major APTA awards. Other noteworthy accomplishments include:

- The UNC Student Physical Therapy Association achieved the Honorable Mention Award for fundraising in the Pittsburgh-Marquette Challenge.
- Lexie Williams (DPT 2016) was accepted in the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Rehabilitation Fellowship Training Program. After graduation, Lexie will begin a residency in Neurologic Physical Therapy at Boston University.
- Caroline Cleveland (DPT 2018) was appointed as the co-CEO of the Student Action Health Coalition. A military veteran, Caroline has been featured in previous newsletters for her unusual path to the UNC physical therapy program.
- Vicki Mercer, PT, PhD, was appointed as the new Director of the Human Movement Science PhD program. Vicki has served as the Associate Director for the past few years and Interim Director since January 2016. The HMSC program admitted a record number of new students for Fall 2016. The 12 new students will bring the total enrollment to 30.

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DPT students participate in legislative day

First and third year UNC DPT students participated in legislative day on April 7, 2016, an event sponsored by the North Carolina Chapter of the APTA (NCPTA). Students met with their legislative representatives and aids to talk about HB 135, a bill to update the language in the physical therapy practice act. This bill would remove the stipulation that a physical therapist have a prescription from a doctor to perform spinal manipulation.

Students also listened to presentations given by guest speakers: Honorable Nancy Garland, attorney and former long-time director of APTA Governmental Affairs, David Edwards, president of the NCPTA, Mary Kay Hannah, leader in the Spinal Manipulation Task Force, and Dean McCall, vice president of the NCPTA and legislative chair.
Remembering Margaret Moore (1921-2016)

Born July 8, 1921 in Greensboro, North Carolina, she grew up in Richmond, Virginia. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education, American history, and general science from Madison College (now James Madison University), her Master of Arts degree in physical therapy from the Medical College of Virginia, and her Doctor of Education degree from Duke University. She was a World War II veteran, a captain in the U.S. Army, where she began her distinguished career in physical therapy.

Dr. Moore’s involvement with UNC-CH began in 1952 when she was recruited to become the first-ever chief of the Department of Physical Therapy at NC Memorial Hospitals (now UNC Hospitals). From 1957-1974, she served as director for the Division of Physical Therapy, one of seven divisions within the UNC School of Medicine’s DAHS. As an assistant dean of the UNC School of Medicine, she played an important role in establishing the Department of Medical Allied Health Professions, thus assuring close links between the various allied health disciplines, clinicians, and teachers in the school’s clinical and basic science departments.

Dr. Moore was an educator of great vision and voice for the physical therapy profession and for UNC-CH. Her brother, Howard W. Moore, of Paxton, MA; five nieces; six nephews and many great-nieces and great-nephews, survive her.

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• Debbie Thorpe, PT, PhD was instrumental in the invitation of UNC Chapel Hill to become a charter member of the Cerebral Palsy Research Network. Debbie was appointed co-Director of the “Adult Patient Reported Outcomes” group that will lead the creation of a new patient outcomes registry.
• Lisa Johnston, PT, DPT, was appointed to the APTA Clinical Education Task Force and was recently awarded a grant from AHEC to develop an on-line training program for clinical preceptors.
• The Pediatric Physical Therapy Residency was credentialed by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE).
• Dana McCarty, PT, DPT was recently appointed to the ABPTRFE Accreditation Committee.
**Physical Therapy student Elizabeth Nixon receives APTA student award**

UNC-Chapel Hill doctor of physical therapy student Elizabeth Nixon recently received recognition from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) as the 2016 recipient of the Student Assembly Outstanding Physical Therapist Award. Nixon is scheduled to graduate in 2016 from the program, one of seven divisions within the UNC School of Medicine’s Department of Allied Health Sciences.

Debby Givens, the director of the Division of Physical Therapy, said the award acknowledges Nixon’s ability to be a student leader and her heart for service. According to Givens, Nixon has traveled several times to Washington, D.C., and Raleigh to advocate on issues that impact physical therapists, patients, and students. “Recently, Elizabeth was the only PT student from North Carolina to attend a national federal advocacy event,” Givens said. “She drove home and the next day she was at the statehouse advocating for HB 135 with the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association. She is quite a maverick.”

The APTA is an individual membership professional organization representing more than 90,000 member physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students.

**APTA honored Giuliani, McCullough, at June meeting**

Faculty members Carol Giuliani, PT, PhD, and Karen McCulloch, PT, PhD, NCS, were honored at the June 2016 meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) in Nashville. Giuliani was honored as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the APTA; McCulloch, received the Lucy Blair Service Award.

“This is a tremendous recognition for both Dr. Giuliani and Dr. McCulloch, two faculty members who are passionate about their work to promote and improve the health, activity, and participation of people of all ages in North Carolina and throughout the world,” said Deborah Givens, PT, PhD, and director of the Division of Physical Therapy.

In nominating Giuliani for this honor, Professor Michael T. Gross, PT, PhD, FAPTA, said Giuliani’s work has advanced the profession of physical therapy through groundbreaking work. Additionally, her work has led to university-community partnerships including promotion of improved mobility and reduced falls and falls risks among older adults. “She has provided direct patient services and organized staff who provide resources at local county departments on aging, retirement centers, and community resource centers,” Gross said. “These activities are coupled with her own research activities, research activities of her students and junior faculty mentees, and her clinical teaching of our DPT students.”

Similarly, McCulloch has shown a commitment to service at the state and national association level. McCulloh has assured the best care among patients with neurologic disorders through the education of therapists and by promoting patient advocacy. This work has resulted in best practices of neurologic physical therapy.
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WHAT'S NEW IN PT
Summer 2016

Meet the members of the class of 2018!

DPT travels to Guatemala

For the sixth consecutive year, the DPT Program has offered an elective course for third year students during which students identify personal learning objectives centered on expanding their clinical and professional skills in working in a culturally diverse environment. Fourteen students, two residents, four faculty/alumni traveled to Guatemala for this week long service learning experience this spring. Students and leadership provided patient care and educational programs at Las Obras Sociales del Hermano Pedro, a hospital and long term care facility in Antigua. The team also traveled to surrounding rural communities of Alotenango and Santa Maria de Jesus to provide consultative visits for people living with disabilities and health fairs to provide general health and wellness information for the community.

“From the moment we stepped foot into Las Obras, I witnessed the individualized attention, care, and affection that was provided to each resident... I know that I will return to the States with a different outlook on patient-centered care.”

-Lexie Williams, Class of 2016

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"Dr. McCulloch can always be counted on to help the association and profession with thoughtfulness and exceptional quality," according to Ben F. Massey, Jr., physical therapist and president emeritus of the APTA. McCulloch has held many leadership roles in the Neurology Section of the APTA, including service on the board of directors. She is also active in the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.

About Dr. Catherine Worthingham:
Catherine Worthingham, PT, PhD, FAPTA, was a change agent who was effective, respectful, and honest. She motivated others to make an impact within the physical therapy profession. She was also a visionary who demonstrated leadership across the domains of advocacy, education, practice, and research. The fellow designation is to honor Worthingham and inspire all physical therapists to attain the high level of professional excellence and impact in terms of advancing the profession she exemplified.

About the Lucy Blair Service Award:
Nominees must be physical therapists who are physical therapists or physical therapist life members of the association. For this APTA national award, the service contributions must be of exceptional value to the association.