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## From the Director



Greetings from Chapel Hill. I am happy to report that the Division of Occupational Science is doing well and looking forward to seeing many of you at the celebration of 30 years of graduates in occupational therapy that will take place on October 23, 2010.

In this issue of the newsletter I want to focus on some resources you might find helpful in this time of health care turmoil—specifically, some resources to help us all respond to the increasing demand for evidence-based practice. AOTA's Centennial Vision calls

for a "science-driven evidence-based practice" by 2017, but the demand for evidence-based practice is not waiting for that date. Last semester I searched health insurance Web sites for information about payment for occupational therapy and was startled to see references to research from our journals and critical reviews. Recently a New York Times feature article questioned the effectiveness of some tried-and-true physical therapy interventions (which could just as well have been occupational therapy) and cited the limited, and often flawed, research to support them. The call for evidence to support the efficacy of health care interventions has been prominent in the health care debates in Washington, and the NIH is now particularly interested in funding studies that compare the effectiveness of different interventions for the same purpose. The demand for evidence-based health care interventions is here-evident in the popular press, insurers' demands, policy making, and research support.

How can you get to evidence-based information? Resources like the wonderful Health Sciences Library here at UNC are not available everywhere we practice, but here are some resources that you can access without being in a setting with a medical library:

- If you are a health professional in North Carolina, you can make use of the AHEC Digital Library (http://library.ncahec. net/). Check it out!
- Google Scholar will help you access abstracts and many full-text articles, for example the paper by Bennett and Bennett, titled "The process of evidence-based practice in occupational therapy: Informing clinical decisions." This paper presents evidence-based practice in a readable and useful manner with strategies and resources clinicians might find helpful. Google Scholar gives access to articles that reference the paper you have located.
- AOTA has some evidence-based resources on its Web site.
- Both the Cochran Library abstracts and OT Seeker are free online and provide systematic reviews of research related to specific health care topics.

If you need more, this is good reason for a trip to Chapel Hill to use the Health Sciences Library! Come see us while you are here.

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

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**Liz Hartzog '03** worked with her employer, Carolinas Rehabilitation, to establish the Carolinas Rehabilitation Occupational Science Time-Limited Scholarship. **Stacy Allieou Wilson** was the scholarship's first recipient. Read more on page 7.

## MEET OUR NEW PhD STUDENTS



SUMITA REGE received her bachelor's and master's degrees in Occupational Therapy from Mumbai University and was practicing as an occupational therapist at AllPMR, a premier institute for physical medicine and rehabilitation in Mumbai, India. Her clinical experience includes working with adults who have physical and neural impairments and children who are developmentally delayed. She currently works

under the guidance of **Dr. Ruth Humphry** as a research assistant. Sumita's research interests include the occupations of children, women, and families.

HEATHER FRITZ is originally from Ohio, and moved to North Carolina in 2001 with her small landscape design business. Upon returning to academia, Heather finished a B.S. in Spanish at UNC-Chapel Hill, and a MSOT from Winston-Salem State University. She continues to practice as a staff therapist at UNC Healthcare, teaches jewelry making when she has the time, and enjoys traveling,



outdoor activities, and trying new artistic endeavors. She and her husband now reside near Saxapahaw, N.C., and are the proud parents of a Doberman and newly adopted cat.

MACKENZI PERGOLETTI came to UNC from New York where she was the Assistant Chief of Occupational Therapy at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. While at MSKCC, Mackenzi started the outpatient occupational therapy pediatric service and specialized in adults with brain tumors, including both cognitive and physical impairments. She received her BS/MS degree from Russell Sage College and the Sage Graduate School. Mackenzi is also certified as an infant massage instructor (CIMI) and in Neuro-Developmental Treatment for adults with hemiplegia. Mackenzi's research interests include the occupations of children with cancer, eco-sustainable occupations, and community development. She lives in Carrboro with her husband, two-year-old daughter, and dog.



#### **Alumni Updates**

Cathy Lees (member of the second OT class) has been working at Carolinas Rehabilitation-Main in Charlotte since 1995 and is currently the full-time occupational therapist in the Seating & Wheelchair Clinic, one of the only fulltime seating clinics in the Southeast. She provides progressive seating to inpatients, evaluates them, and designs their manual and power wheelchairs if they require wheelchairs for their long-term mobility. She also sees many outpatients from N.C. and S.C. who are referred by their physicians for new chairs or for pressure mapping to determine the most appropriate cushion. "I have been in this position for two years and it was quite a change from 20-plus years in brain injury rehabilitation and management (do not miss the management at all!)," writes Cathy. "But I love the new learning, the 'Tool Time' tinkering that is needed to adjust chairs for function and comfort,

and I like working with the wide variety of persons and diagnoses. I still keep my Brain Injury Specialist Certification and interest in this population. Last year during my treatment for cancer I learned how to knit and have fallen in love with the process, the yarns, and the colors and textures. It is so relaxing and I can slip into that 'Zen space' much like I did years ago when I was a potter hunched over a wheel! Knitting, fortunately, is not as hard on the back. I am the chair of the NC Board of OT, as the former chair's term was up and I was the senior OT on the board and inherited the gavel. Serving on the board continues to be important and interesting, as we monitor practice in this state on behalf of the consumers of OT. The vast majority of professionals are kind, ethical, and honest, but we do discipline those few who break the law and dishonor our profession. Nothing is unique to N.C.; the same challenges face licensing boards across the country. We hope that as our goals and mission are better understood by the professionals in N.C., there won't

be such an adversarial relationship between the board and everyone else."

Wendy Avery ('83) returned home to South Carolina in 2005 after practicing in New York City and outside of Boston for a number of years. "I've worked in many 'physical disabilities' settings and specialize in assisting clients with dysphagia and acquired neurologic challenges," writes Wendy. "While working in Manhattan I coauthored, standardized, and published the Dysphagia Evaluation Protocol. I have two book chapters being published this year on the subject of treating adult dysphagia. I recently completed coauthoring and editing the second edition of AOTA's Self-Paced Clinical Course on 'Dysphagia Care and Related Feeding Concerns for Adults,' which will also be published this year. I live in Bluffton, S.C., near Hilton Head, with my two teenaged sons and work for Amedisys, a national home care company. In my free time I thrive on spinning, knitting, and traveling. I can be reached at wavery@hargray.com."

#### **Autism Grant Provides Traineeships**

This year the Division of Occupational Science offered two-year interdisciplinary autism traineeships to six incoming masters-level students. The traineeships, which provide tuition assistance and stipends, are funded through a U.S. Department of Education grant awarded to Drs. Betsy Crais, Martha Watson, and Grace Baranek, principal investigators associated with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Program for Early Autism Research, Leadership & Service (PEARLS).

The PEARLS mission is to explore the early development of children with autism and improve identification methods and interventions. The master's preparation program is designed to prepare a diverse cohort of students to provide state-of-the-art services to young children with autism and their families and to serve as leaders in their agencies and communities. Trainees gain experience and knowledge related to autism evaluation, intervention implementation, advocacy, and policy.

The trainees, drawn from both the Occupational Science and Speech and Hearing Sciences programs, have a demonstrated interest in autism services. Student **Caroline McCarty** became interested in early intervention while

working for the autism Society of North Carolina. "I've been fascinated to interview children with autism and hear about their sensory experiences as part of my work on the training grant," wrote McCarty. "They've each had unique ways of experiencing and interacting with their environments."

Trainees complete additional coursework, relevant practica, and gain research experience by working with faculty members on current studies. This year's occupational therapy autism trainees include McCarty, Kristin Burgess, Adrienne Miao, Katie O'Toole, Claire Salisbury, and Abigail Owens.

"I'm really interested in learning not only from some of the world's leading researchers in autism, but alongside them as we work together to explore assessment and intervention strategies and promote evidence-based practice," wrote Owens, echoing a sentiment shared by many of the students.

A second cohort of students is expected to begin the traineeship in the fall of 2011. Please visit our PEARLS Web site at http://www.med.unc.edu/ahs/pearls for more information.

# Sensory Experiences Project Awarded 'Stimulus' Grant

Dr. Grace Baranek and the Sensory Experiences Project (SEP) team were awarded a new two-year supplement grant through NICHD as part of the federal ARRA stimulus package in October 2009. This new study aims to determine various sensory subtypes in children with autism using a longitudinal survey with 1,000 families across the United States. This study will extend the original aims of the SEP grant to determine how sensory features may change across time, and how these features may impact children's functional skills and social participation. The funding has added several new positions to the team, including a postdoctoral associate. Dr. Karla Ausderau. who is a recent graduate of USC's Occupational Science doctoral program.

The SEP grant is actively recruiting North Carolina families of children with various developmental disorders (including autism) ages 2-12 years. If you know any families that have a child with a developmental delay/disorder who may be interested in participating, or would like more information about the SEP studies, please check out the Web site www.med.unc.edu/sep/ or contact the SEP project coordinator at jeanne\_murphy@med.unc.edu or (919) 843-5774).

Trudy Posner ('84) has been living in Holland, Pa. (outside of Philadelphia) since 2007, when she moved from Rockland County N.Y. (outside of NYC), where she still has an Occupational Therapy agency providing services to preschool students. "Two fantastic COTA's provide the services, and I supervise," writes Trudy. She is also working with 0-3 year olds in the Early Intervention program in Philadelphia, and primarily specializes in working with children on the Autistic Spectrum. She has two children, ages 14 and 17, and a wonderful husband.

Jeanne Appleton ('88) writes that she is married to a wonderful man named Pat Martin. "We don't have children but have two golden Labradors named Sophie and Emma and a cat named Fergie. We live in Janesville, Wis., and have for about 20 years now. I am presently working for the Janesville School District and serve children of varying disabilities from ages 3 through 21. I love my job and am involved in many projects within the schools, which

makes the job continually changing and always interesting. I spend my free time doing homeowner projects. When Pat and I bought our house we thought it was perfect. We have since redone the whole place room by room. Pat is a master at home repairs. I also love camping, walking my dogs, baking, and enjoying whatever the Wisconsin weather allows. I feel like UNC was an unbelievable place and the OT program stellar. I work with some of the staff from UW-Madison and tell them they come in a close second to the Tarheels."

Teri Gergen ('88) writes "Hello everyone! A couple of years ago, I transitioned from an administrative clinical position to teaching and am currently the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Director for Roane State Community College. This past fall I began working toward my doctorate in education through Nova Southeastern University. Leisure pursuits remain very high on my priority list! Although I'm in the process

of discontinuing my handcrafted soap-making business, I am making time for knitting, golf, and working with clay. Willie and I enjoy life on our Woolly Bugger Farm in east Tennessee where we raise much of our own food. Would love to hear from friends and classmates through Facebook. I can also be contacted via e-mail at gergent@roanestate.edu."

Tom Gilliam ('89) still lives in Hillsborough and has an 18-year-old son who is a senior in high school. He is now working at the Duke Hand Clinic after spending 18 years at UNC with the hospital and Hand Center.

Sheila M. Kirkman ('91) has resumed a permanent work schedule after eight years of PRN and is working 20 hours a week at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Sheila and Charlie have three children and live in Kernersville, N.C. Sheila writes, "I feel so fortunate to be working in a field that I still love and blessed to continue to have many opportunities for work."

#### **Alumni Updates**

Susan Saylor Stouffer ('91),

after practicing for several years at UNC Hospital in Psychiatry, taught Occupational Therapy at Barry University in Miami Florida for two years. She and her husband subsequently moved to Los Angeles in 2000 so she could attend USC and work on her PhD in Occupational Science, which she received in 2007. While completing her PhD, Susan began working for the Peace Center United University Church and continued as Director of the Peace Center after finishing her degree. "Though I am not working in OT," Susan writes, "I use my education and training all the time as I interact with many diverse individualsfrom people who are homeless to those with mental illness, to the many children and adolescents who participate in our children and youth peacemaking programs." Her contact information is Susan Stouffer, 1336 W. 25th St., Los Angeles, CA 90007.

Catherine Churchman ('92) writes, "I recently got married to one of my dear childhood friends, Andy Carrier. We chose the weekend of the blizzard (Dec. 20) for the big day and had a wonderful time in spite of the snow. We live in Virginia near where we grew up surrounded by lots of family and friends. I have four daughters (three I gave birth to ages 12, 8, and 5, and an 18-year-old step daughter). The three younger girls live with us, while the older one is attending college nearby. I work for the Shenandoah Valley Regional Program in both the Rockingham County and Staunton City school systems. I love my work and the incredible variety of challenges I'm presented each and every day."

**Lenore Champion ('93)** lives in Durham and is currently serving as the Lead Occupational Therapist for



Class of 1984 alumni Nan Dewire, Rebecca Wallace, Sue Porr, Kathy Sullivan, and Jodi Petry enjoyed a day at the beach together during the summer of 2009.

Durham Public Schools. She and her partner, Susan, have four children: Alex and Jackson (14), Megan (13), and Kayla (6). "The kids keep us busy," writes Lenore, "and I find that the 'occupations' associated with parenting are the most challenging."

Carol Sease ('93) has landed a position in the rehab department at Western State Hospital in Virginia, after spending many years in the phys dys arena. "I am responsible for facilitating 20 groups per week for mental health consumers in a recovery model," writes Carol, "Because of my prior Art Education degrees, I was able to snag the fine arts groups and higher level crafts groups. We draw, paint and use mixed media. I am not 'teaching art,' but facilitating creativity and think of myself as an art coach/ OT. I help the students to draw from the right side of the brain and we are very process oriented. My art room is equipped with a potter's wheel, looms, kilns, and a multitude of craft supplies. I have spent the last year trying to integrate Art Education and Occupational Therapy and have begun writing a book to help OTs who would like to use fine arts as a treatment modality. I hope to retire in

four years and consider PhD work in the area of fine arts and creativity in mental health."

Anne Exum Barnes ('98) works for Southeast Family Services, has a contract at Governor Morehead School, and performs MDEs (Multi-Disciplinary Evaluations) for WCPSS. She has two daughters, ages 5 and 3. "I am enjoying working part time and being a mother full time!" writes Anne. In her spare time, she likes tennis and skurfing (surfing behind a boat).

Stan Bennett ('99) joined the United States Public Health Service in January of 2008 and is currently stationed at the Federal Correction Center in Butner, N.C. "I work with great therapists and medical personnel in providing healthcare to a 'captive' audience of people who decided at some point to take an extended leave of absence from their regular day jobs," writes Stan. "Kim and I still live in Wake Forest and we have three kiddos: Harper-8, Miller-6, and Graham-3. We love sporting, camping, beaching, skiing, and having fun. Kim and I have been married for 14 wonderful years and she currently has no plans to leave me (which is totally awesome!)."

Jill Mitchell ('99) MS, OTR/L, has her own business, JEM PEDIATRIC THERAPY, PLLC, which allows her to combine two of her passions, working with children with autism and animal-assisted therapy.

Shannon Rigsbee ('99) is the occupational therapy team leader at a retirement community in Roanoke, Va., that has skilled nursing, long-term care, assisted and independent living, and an outpatient therapy clinic. "In the past few years, our OT department has developed a driving evaluation program, a low vision

#### **Alumni Survey Results Summary**

Last year we sent a survey to all the alumni for whom we have e-mail addresses. Sixty-three individuals completed the questionnaires. Generally, respondents felt they were getting enough communication from UNC, and liked receiving it through e-mail and regular mail. Some would like more communication from the Division, and a few commented that what they received often asked for money. Most of those responding felt occasionally connected with the Division. A reunion in Chapel Hill was interesting or very interesting to 80%, who generally endorsed a dinner and formal celebration, a continuing education course, and a campus tour. Alumni, student, and faculty profiles were rated as most interesting topics for the newsletter. Fewer than half visit the Division Web site. The Alumni Development Advisory Board is using this information for planning. Thank you for taking time to respond.

program, and an aging-in-place home assessment program," writes Shannon. "I am most proud of the driving program that an OTR colleague and I proposed, developed, and continue to implement."

Marisa (Sparkman) Houser ('01) lives in Norfolk, Va., and works PRN for Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters. "I work a few days per month supervising two COTA's and new grads and the rest of the time stay at home taking care of my II-monthold twins, Luke and Avery, who were born March 9, 2009," writes Marisa. "My husband Ross is completing his urology residency this June and we are moving back to the Triangle, where he has accepted a position with Triangle Urology. We are thrilled to be returning to the area!"

Leila Ghassemian Early ('02) and her husband, Ryan, welcomed their first child, Connor Ryan, on October 29, 2009. Connor weighed 7 lbs and was 20.5 inches. Leila and Ryan are both thirdyear law students, Leila at NC Central's evening program and Ryan at Duke Law. Leila also works part-time in acute care at Durham Regional Hospital.

Kelly Godwin ('02) lives in Kailua Kona on the Big Island in Hawaii and works at an orthopedic clinic specializing in hand therapy. "I'm currently working on getting the direct hand hours to take the CHT exam in two years," writes Kelly. "I competed in a Half Ironman last May and I am thinking about joining a women's paddling team this spring. I can't believe you are selecting the Class of 2012. How time flies! Aloha!"

Nancy Wolcott Doyle ('03), her husband, Rob, and daughter, Anna, are living in Cairo, Egypt. "We transferred here in June 2009 when Anna was 10 weeks old," writes Nancy. "We have been enjoying travels throughout the area-Sharm El-Sheikh, Luxor, Aswan, Athens, and Istanbul. In addition to being a mom and enjoying travels in this part of the world, I'm doing my OTD at Boston University in their online post-professional program."

Laura Hendren ('04) is a stay-at-home mom to two precious daughters, ages 10 months and 2 years. She also works PRN for Durham Regional Hospital in acute care.

Claire Ferry Heffron ('05) lives in Cleveland, Ohio, and is a school OT in

#### **Featured Alumna and Faculty Member**

## Lauren Holahan Class of 1996

Lauren Holahan is the Occupational Therapy and Medicaid Consultant to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NC DPI). Her work grows out of a collaborative project between UNC and NC DPI established over thirty years ago to provide North Carolina school systems specialty consultation and technical assistance.

Hill Department of Allied Health Division of Occupational Science, and travels throughout the state to work with practitioners, schools, LEAs, statelevel administrators, families of students with disabilities, reimbursement entities, and community agencies to improve outcomes for North Carolina public school students through:

- continuing education
- best practice promotion
- equalizing access to quality school-based service
- policy development, dissemination, implementation

Lauren serves as a board member on the North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy and speaks nationally on school-based occupational therapy and school-based Medicaid cost recovery. She also enjoys the role as Faculty Advisor to the UNC-CH Student Occupational Therapy Association. Her practice interests include ethics, special education policy, school OT's role in student health promotion, and embedded intervention.



a large district working with students in preschool through third grade. "I work with a great team of school psychologists, speech therapists, teachers, and physical therapists," writes Claire. "Most of the children I see have autism or other developmental delays. I am keeping busy with work and our one-year-old son, Finn, who will be a big brother in May!"

Elizabeth Jasper ('03) and her husband, Mike, have been quite busy since graduating as they now have a 5-year old son, Drew, and a 2-year-old son, Mitch. "Since Drew was about 18-months, I have worked on a PRN basis within WakeMed's continuum in a number of different settings including long-term care, acute rehabilitation, acute care, and a smattering of outpatient," writes Elizabeth. "Over the years since graduating, and in my

varied experiences in different clinical settings, I have come to realize that acute care is where my heart is at this stage in my career and personal life. The daily satisfaction I find in seeing someone do something they didn't believe they were capable of, or helping them transition to home following a devastating illness or injury, still amazes me."

Lauren Holahan

Cathy Schweiker ('05) has started a new job as the rehab director at Springmoor CCRC in Raleigh. "I am looking forward to the challenge and fun of it!" writes Cathy.

Courtney Britt Tesch ('07) lives in Charlotte, N.C. After two years with Genesis Rehab, she joined the staff of Brookdale Senior Living in January as an occupational therapist.

#### Awards Night Honors Students and Supporters

The Department of Allied Health Sciences hosted its third annual Student Scholarships and Awards Reception on November 4, 2009, at the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill.

Each DAHS division had the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of its scholarship winners and the generosity of its scholarship supporters. Three students from the Division of Occupational Sciences were honored at the event.

Liz Hartzog '03 worked with her employer, Carolinas Rehabilitation, to help establish the Carolinas Rehabilitation Occupational Science Time-Limited Scholarship. This new scholarship was created to reward a deserving Occupational Science student who has an interest in a career working in acute physical rehabilitation. Stacy Allieou Wilson of High Point, N.C., was the scholarship's first recipient. Carolinas Rehabilitation funded the scholarship in recognition of the excellent clinicians now working at the hospital who graduated from the UNC Occupational Science Program.

Suzanne Marie Hayes of Jacksonville, Fla., was awarded the June C. Allcott Fellowship, which recognizes students who demonstrate exemplary, ongoing, and new community service. In her life (1916-1996) June C. Allcott was a gardener of friendships. She explored the world as a traveler, weaver of baskets, culinary adventurer, designer of jewelry and clothes, guidance counselor at the University of North Carolina, computer explorer, music and art lover, and friend.

Lauren Brock of Estes Park, Colo., was one of nine students from across the nation selected for the Scholarship of Excellence Award provided by the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP).



"I see my future as an occupational therapist as much more than a job; I see it as an incredible opportunity to work alongside people from many different backgrounds, empowering them to reach their goals. I love occupational therapy because it promotes an emphasis on the value of each individual's unique background, goals for the future, and personal perspective of their situation. When I finish graduate school I hope to work with underserved populations, both in the U.S. and through continued international volunteer work."

**Lauren Brock**ASAHP Scholarship of Excellence Award

"Receiving the June C. Allcott Fellowship is rewarding to me because, like the person for whom it is named, I also have a desire to impact the lives of those around me. As a volunteer I have been involved primarily with children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities. It was my experiences with these individuals that inspired me to become an occupational therapist. Occupational therapy strives to enable individuals to participate in activities they find personally meaningful. Seeing the triumph on a child's face when they finally master handwriting, or an adult being able to dress independently after a stroke, shows how valuable these everyday occupations really are."



**Suzanne Hayes** June C.Allcott Fellowship



Liz Hartzog '03 and Stacy Allieou Wilson

"For as long as I can remember I've always had a passion for helping others, and upon entering college I set my sights on finding a career in the medical field that would enable me to do so. I knew occupational therapy was the right career for me when it came up as a match on a career assessment test. Ever since then I've done what I could to learn about this vast field and how I can excel in it. As I continue to learn as a student and future clinician, I hope to positively impact the lives of others by practicing the core values of this profession so that I may fully embody the characteristics of an excellent OT. I am very grateful for the Carolinas Rehabilitation Scholarship and recognize it as an opportunity that will help me reach my full potential."

Carolinas Rehabilitation Occupational Science Scholarship

### **Alumni Updates**

Evan Dean ('07), his wife Alison, and two-year-old daughter Addie welcomed Griffith (Grif) Edward Dean, in June 2009. "Funny story about Grif's arrival: I delivered him," writes Evan. "We didn't make it to the hospital in time and he was born in our bedroom. The EMTs arrived in time to cut the cord, which was a relief. We are living in Rochester, N.H., and are enjoying the Northeast. Professionally, I'm still working for Community Partners, which is a community-based agency serving people with developmental disabilities. I'm an in-house consultant working with our adult population and the only OT on the team. I'm responsible for working with our direct-care staff and our day programs to create more client-centered and meaningful programs for people. I am also teaching a lab through UNH. I supervise twelve students per semester who come into our programs and create group activities for our clients. It's great community-based experience for them and it keeps me connected to the OT world. I'm also the Treasurer for NHOTA."

Sarah Beth (Cox) Deans ('09) writes, "After a busy summer, fall, and holiday season, Lewis and I are getting into our life rhythm and loving it! I am working at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in acute care. I am learning a lot and working with some great folks, including other OTs, PTs and SLPs. I am also in the midst of taking the steps to becoming an independent contractor. With this I hope to explore non-traditional settings and extend OT services to a variety of communities and populations, however the specifics are yet to be determined."

Christine Gunnigle ('09) was recently appointed to the North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy, joining Lauren Holohan ('96) and Cathy Lees.

Leslie Ann Massey ('09) spent a month backpacking through Europe while studying for boards. She now lives in Charlotte and works at Carolinas Rehabilitation-Main with Liz Hartzog ('03) and many other UNC graduates. "I am working on the adult inpatient Spinal Cord Injury team and continue to learn something new every day," writes Leslie Ann. "I have a great team that I work with and feel so blessed to have a job that is so rewarding."

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Save the date! We are planning a big celebration for October 23, 2010. Jodi Petry and her committee are organizing an event with continuing education opportunities, a festive banquet, tours, and plenty of time to catch-up with old friends. We'll keep you informed as plans develop.

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#### It's Not Too Late to Name a Scholarship

We invite our alumni and friends to name a time-limited scholarship with a contribution of \$1,000 per year for two years by June 30, 2010. You and your family will have a chance to meet the student recipient of your scholarship at the Student Scholarship and Awards Reception in November. Your \$1,000 annual contribution can be matched dollar for dollar, which means that a student will receive a \$2,000 scholarship for the upcoming year. A limited number of the time-limited scholarships remain available for dollar-for-dollar match, so if you are interested, please act quickly! Each annual \$1,000 pledge payment is due by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011) so that the scholarship can be awarded to a student for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 academic years.

For more information about how you can become a scholarship donor, please contact Kyle Gray at 919.966.3352 (office), 919.923.4908 (cell), or kyle\_gray@med.unc.edu. ■

