

Congratulations to Farhad Haeri, PT, DPT, OCS, MTC, Assistant Professor of our PT Program for the following:

- For having his ePoster abstract titled: "Clinical Application of Vertebral Column Kinematic Evaluation and Musculature Assessment Using Real-Time Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Imaging" accepted by the annual Ultracon powered by the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine meeting in 2023.
- In collaboration with Dennis Torre, PT, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of the PT Program, for having their paper: "Application of Feedback Type on Performance of Abdominal Drawing-In Maneuver in Healthy Adults: A quasi-experimental Study of Motor Control and Motor Learning", accepted for publication in the Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics.
- For having their manuscript (see previous bullet) (Application of Feedback Type on Performance of Abdominal Drawing-in Maneuver in Healthy Adults: A Quasi-Experimental Study of Motor Control and Motor Learning, designated as an award-winning paper. It now has been selected to receive the Association of Chiropractic Colleges- Research Agenda Conference award. This is a magnificent achievement and an impressive honor!
- For having his presentation titled: "Presence of Ganglion Cyst at Guyon's Canal as a Cause of Ulnar Neuropathy Diagnosed with Clinical Examination and Diagnostic Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Imaging: A Case Report," accepted at the American Physical Therapy Association New York Conference 2023.

Congratulations to the Diagnostic Medical Imaging (DMI) Team, Yosefa Joy Pessin, DHSc, MS, RDMS, RDCS, RVT, Program Chair & Director, and Associate Professor, **Iryna Struk, M.S., RDMS, RDCS, RVT,** Clinical Assistant Professor, **Rivka Hellmann, MS, RDMS, RDCS, RVT,** Clinical Associate Professor, for having three e-poster abstracts accepted at the national UltraCon conference of the AIUM in March 2023! Abstract Titles were: (YP) - A Peek Into The Scope of Practice of Sonographers Across the United States: Who We Are and What We Do, (RH) - Let's Measure the Liver Better: A Pilot Study Assessing Inter-Rater Reliability When Measuring the Liver Volume Using Ultrasound, and (IS) - It's Not Black and White: Are NYC Sonographers a Diverse Group?

Congratulations to Rivka Hellmann, MS, RDMS, RDCS, RVT, Clinical Associate Professor of the Diagnostic Medical Imaging Program for having an abstract accepted to the 2023 CHEMED (Chemistry Education) Medicine and Ethics Conference! Her poster is titled: "Let's Measure the Liver Better: A Pilot Study Assessing Interrater Reliability when Measuring Liver Volume Using Ultrasound."

Congratulations to Yosefa Joy Pessin, DHSc, MS, RDMS, RDCS, RVT, Program Chair & Director, and Associate Professor of the Diagnostic Medical Imaging Program, for having her manuscript titled: "Scope of Practice of Sonographers across the United States: A Survey Study" accepted for publication in the Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Her scope of practice manuscript is now in print online.

Congratulations to Saren Ahearn, PT, DPT, Dip ACLM, Assistant Professor of the Physical Therapy Program, for passing the national exam, and she is now a board-certified Lifestyle Medicine Specialist.

Congratulations to Puneet Dhaliwal, PT, DPT, MA, NCS, CEEAA, Assistant Professor of the Physical Therapy Program, for the following:

- For publishing her manuscript titled: "Screening for Osteoporosis Risk among Community-Dwelling Older Adults: A Scoping Review"! It will appear in the Journal of Geriatric Physical Therapy.
- For being selected to be a guest lecturer at a workshop in Nepal that is sponsored by the Meridian Polyclinics and Diagnostic Center.
- For having her presentation accepted by the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Congratulations to the Health/Medical Informatics Team, Mohammad Faysel, Ph.D., FAMIA, Chair and Associate Professor, **David Kaufman, Ph.D.,** Clinical Associate Professor, and **Adiebonye Jumbo, Ph.D., ITIL,** Assistant Professor, and Clinical Coordinator, for having papers accepted to two upcoming international conferences, the MedInfo 2023 (The Official Conference of the International Medical Informatics Association) and the MIE 2023 (The Official Annual Conference of the European Federation of Medical Informatics). Drs. Jumbo and Faysel were the first authors on several accepted HI papers.

Congratulations to Brigitte C. Desport, DPS, OTR/L, BCP, ATP, Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Associate Professor, and **Alithia Alleyne,** Program Administrator of the Occupational Therapy Program for their outstanding work and excellence in serving the Downstate Community. They were honored at the 5th Annual Dale Blackstock, MD Award Ceremony.

Congratulations to Abdallah Saudi, MD, MPH, FASPC, Assistant Professor of our Physician Assistant Program, for presenting a conference abstract: "Impact of COVID-19 on Morbidity and Mortality Patterns across the Life Cycle and in Particular Underrepresented Groups," to a recent international conference in Egypt sponsored by the World Health Organization and the Arab Public Health Association.

Congratulations to Brigitte C. Desport, DPS, OTR/L, BCP, ATP, Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives, and Associate Professor, for being selected as a 2023 recipient of the Schneps Media Latin Community Impact Award. What an amazing honor!

Congratulations to Vikram Pagpatan, EdD, OTR/L, ATP, CLA, BCP, BCCS, BCTS, CAS, Assistant Professor and Admissions Coordinator, of the Occupational Therapy Program, for the following:

- For having his poster/abstract titled: "Social Media Competence of Healthcare Students and Professionals: The Occupational Science of E-Professional Behaviors," accepted for the 2023 annual national research conference on Envisioning the Future of Occupational Science.
- For having recently been elected President of the National Association for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Occupational Therapy.
- For receiving the Chancellor's Award for Faculty Teaching Excellence this year (2023). A truly outstanding accomplishment.
- For being elected to the Downstate Assembly of Faculty and Professional Staff as a UFS Senator.
- For having been selected by the AOTA to serve as an item writer for the National Board Certification in Pediatrics Examination. His selection is based on his recognized subject-matter expertise in pediatric OT practice.
- For having his presentation titled: "Examining Racial Equity and Social Justice Curriculum Implementation," accepted by the upcoming 1st Annual SUNY Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Social Justice Conference in Albany.

Congratulations to the Physical Therapy Program Team, Farhad Haeri, PT, DPT, OCS, MTC, Assistant Professor, and **Loraine Antoine, PT, DPT, Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor and Director of Clinical Education, for having been selected as recipients of the new Downstate Resiliency Award. Congratulations, Farhad and Loraine! This is a marvelous achievement. Thanks for going the extra mile during the pandemic to ensure that our operations continued.

Congratulations to Iryna Struk, M.S., RDMS, RDCS, RVT, Clinical Assistant Professor, of the Diagnostic Medical Imaging Program, for publishing her paper titled "Are NYC Sonographers a Diverse Group? Exploring Diversity and Perceptions Related to Culture Among Clinical Sonographers and Sonography Educators in New York City." It has been accepted in the Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Congratulations to Krystal Brewington, OTD, OTR/L, CPAM, CHT, Assistant Professor, of the Occupational Therapy Program, for publishing an article in the SUNY University Faculty Senate publication on the topic of "Sit up Straight! Good Posture for Good Health"! This is an outstanding contribution to the SUNY system.

Congratulations to Shushawna DeOliveira, DHA, Associate Dean of Program Operations & Quality, for a publication titled "Assessment of Health Professions Pipeline Programs that Effectively Recruit, Prepare, and Retain Underrepresented/Disadvantaged Students" in the Journal of Best Practices for Health Professions Diversity. This is an outstanding and impactful publication.

Congratulations to Jasmin Thomas, OTD, OTR/L, BCP, Associate Professor of the Occupational Therapy Program, **and three of her students** for having a poster presentation accepted by the 2023 AOTA Educational Summit. The poster title is "Academic Educator Perspectives on the Relevancy and Implementation of Emotional Intelligence Curriculum."

Congratulations to Adiebonye Jumbo, Ph.D., ITIL, Assistant Professor, and Clinical Coordinator, of the Health/Medical Informatics Program for the following:

- For having delivered the keynote address at a recent conference. The conference was the second annual international conference for the Association for Family and Society Scientists held in Nigeria, Africa. Dr. Jumbo's keynote address was delivered virtually in the opening conference session. Her topic was: "Sustainable Management of Family and Societal Resources: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives."
- For being elected to the Downstate Assembly of Faculty and Professional Staff as a UFS Senator Alternate.

Congratulations to Professor Henry Hanif, an Occupational Therapy adjunct faculty member, for being a contributing author of the mental health chapter in the recently published book titled, "Quintessential Occupational Therapy: A Guide to Areas of Practice".

Congratulations to Ronnie Lichtman CNM, LM, PhD, FACNM, Professor and Program Chair of the Midwifery Program, for being the PI on a research project that had a poster accepted for a national conference. The title of the study is "Use of Gender Neutral Language in IRB Guidance and Consent Forms." It will be presented at the National Conference on Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research. This is a research effort that includes other interprofessional collaborators, including Kevin Nellis, SUNY Downstate IRB Director.