

SOTA Newsletter

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Important Dates

- **OCTOBER 7TH** (10 AM-1 PM):
SOUTHSHORE FALL FESTIVAL
 - FILL OUT THE VOLUNTEER FORM-- EMAIL FROM LIZETH
- **OCTOBER 11TH-15TH**: FALL BREAK!
- **OCTOBER 25TH**: BOO BASKETS!
 - BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFO
- **OCTOBER 26TH**, 6-8 PM: TRUNK OR TREAT
 - REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE BY 5 PM ON OCTOBER 24
- **NOVEMBER 2ND**: LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR FOTA23
- **NOVEMBER 15TH**: GUEST SPEAKER
 - MORE INFO SOON!

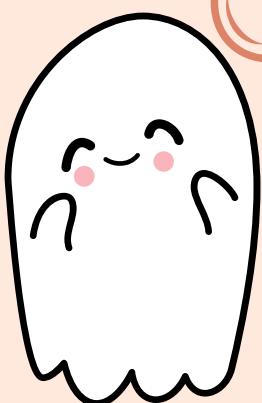


Congratulations to our 2nd year students, Madeline Mosing, Lauren Mullins, Olivia Fulton, and Maeve Mitchell, who were inducted into Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE). Pi Theta Epsilon is a specialized honor society for occupational therapy students and alumni. Its mission is to promote research and scholarship among occupational therapy students. PTE recognizes and encourages superior scholarship among students enrolled in accredited educational programs across the United States.



A group of 2nd-year students attended a luncheon to congratulate Dr. Iwaneko (who is an OT!) on his inauguration as Gannon University's 8th President!

Take a
brain
break!





MAIE GRISHAM

FROM FIELDWORK



Fieldwork level: 2b

Fieldwork site/setting: Acute care at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Population: I am in the Surgical ICU, so any trauma-based surgeries! Also, on Fridays, I am in the NICU 😊

Caseload: To meet productivity, we must see 7 patients a day, but since there is only 1 OT per floor, we see anywhere from 7-15 pts. per day

Responsibilities: Since it is only my second week, I do not have that many responsibilities, I am currently seeing 3-4 patients per day, but by week 4, I am expected to have a full caseload and see all patients by myself

Common assessments: We do not perform any specific assessments because of the setting. The main thing we do is gather information for the occupational profile, understand PLOF, and sometimes perform MMT. The patients in the SICU are very high risk, so usually, we cannot test anything else

Most rewarding experience: The most rewarding experience was I had a patient who suffered 10 gunshot wounds to his chest and abdomen. Two days after surgery, we got him up and walking, and he was able to feed himself. He started crying, saying how he never thought he would be independent again. It was so amazing to see someone go from their most vulnerable time in life to working their way back to independence.

Funny experience: The funniest experience was when I was working with a 97 y/o patient who suffers from dementia. She randomly started singing "You are My Sunshine." I sang the song with her, and we danced together. I asked her if she wanted me to sing the song again, and she immediately responded, "No, please do not sing that whole thing again!!" she laughed and said I was not very good at singing. It was so sweet and funny at the same time.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Devyn Aschenbach

- I am from Fairfield, New Jersey
- I am a first year in the OT program
- I am interested in brain injuries and Neuro Acute Care!
- My favorite class right now is Neuroscience!
- I maintain occupational balance by making sure to do one thing each day that makes me happy. Getting active always clears my mind.
- Favorite Occupations: working out and cooking
- Fun fact about me: I played D1 field hockey in college at Villanova, Go cats!



AN INTERESTING READ

Burton, B. N., & Baxter, M. F. (2019). The effects of the leisure activity of coloring on post-test anxiety in graduate level occupational therapy students. *The Open Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 7(1). <https://doi.org/10.15453/2168-6408.1451>