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Kindred Hospital Rehabilitation Services (KHRS) and RehabCare are the leading providers of rehabilitation services, including physical, occupational and speech-language therapies, to over 2,000 hospitals and long-term care facilities in 47 states. The SPOTon newsletter is our way of informing, recognizing and celebrating the students who form the future Therapy community.



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KINDRED IN THE NEWS: MOUNTAIN VALLEY



Pictured left to right: Eric Olsen, PTA; Cherie Gilson, PTA; Rusty Wood, PT; Kathy Gilseth, Rehab Tech; Tara Lodi, DPT; Josh Aggson, SLP; Laura Gulley, COTA.

Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation, Mountain Valley in Kellogg, ID was honored to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. Mountain Valley was one of only four recipients of the 2016 award, and the first skilled nursing and rehab facility to receive a Baldrige Award in its history!

As **Tara Lodi**, DPT Program Director at Mountain Valley, stated, "Kindred Mountain Valley has always prided itself on meeting the needs of our community and residents by providing innovative skilled therapy services to promote improved functional mobility and reintegration back into their community." Mountain Valley strives to integrate therapy sessions into real-life situations.

Each of the three disciplines – PT, OT and ST – work together as a team to meet the needs of their patients. "The patients are ALWAYS our number one priority," Lodi said. She also shared some examples of how the therapy team strives to maintain patient dignity as well as safety and well-being. "Our speech therapist utilizes a lot of genealogy while working with residents with dementia to help improve cognition and orientation."

"Our OT department tailors their interventions to the recreational needs of the residents, and not just basic ADL function. Recently we had a patient suffering from Parkinson's Disease. Our COTA allowed him to manage a woodworking project, and he created large wooden

dice that could be used for lawn Yahtzee. This allowed the patient to feel like he was contributing to our team," said Lodi.

"The PT department is frequently caught using song and dance to challenge patients' dynamic balance and improve standing activity tolerance."

As **Maryruth Butler**, Executive Director of Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation, Mountain Valley, stated in an interview, "For a small facility in Idaho to earn our nation's most prestigious award for quality is an amazing feat."

The leadership team will be receiving this prestigious award in Baltimore in April. The President of the United States presents the award annually. Benjamin A. Brier, President and Chief Executive Officer of Kindred, said, "This award represents the highest honor that can be presented to American organizations for their quality achievements and outstanding performance, and we are extremely proud of Mountain Valley for attaining this recognition."

What an extraordinary honor. The Student Programs team would like to thank each and every one on staff at Mountain Valley for their hard work and dedication to their community, profession and, most importantly, patients.

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Pictured left to right: Sherrie Sharp, DVP-Rehabcare, Joti Sandhu, ADO-RehabCare, Barb Wallace, Director, Student Programs, Karen Kennedy, ADO-RehabCare, Lauren Brody-Terrill, Manager, Student Programs, Lisa Hayden, Recruiting.

We were excited to see so many great PT, PTA and OTA upcoming graduates at the Arkansas State University career fair in January. Thank you to KHRS Program Director **Anthony Brown** and **Jason Lansdale**, ASU Alumni (pictured in red shirt), for attending this event and representing Kindred and RehabCare to so many great students and upcoming grads.

We visited the "City of Brotherly Love" this past November for the ASHA Annual Convention. We had great traffic through our exhibitor booth, all excited about our PUH-TUH-KUH t-shirts. A big "thank you" from Student Programs to our team members who volunteered to help us at the booth.

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Sarah Hart, Program Director at Kindred Hospital - Louisville, at the Bellarmine University Job Fair.

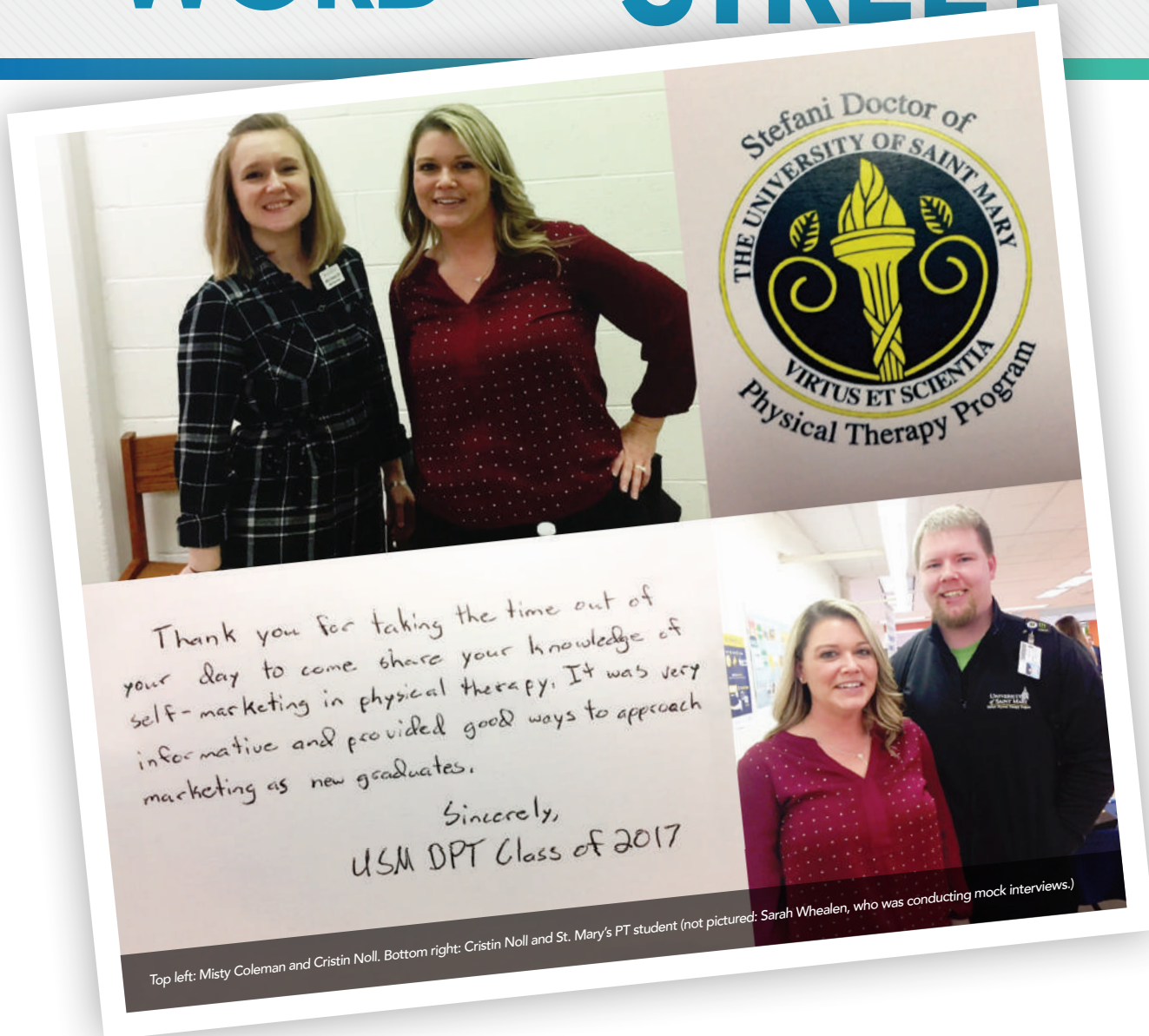
The Bellarmine University PT career fair was a great opportunity to meet some very bright and enthusiastic May 2017 PT grads. Thank you to **Sarah Hart**, PD, Kindred Hospital - Louisville, for representing Kindred Hospital Rehab Services and RehabCare at this event. Sarah had a number of upcoming grads express interest in working with Kindred! We can't wait for them to get started! [#thefuturelooksbright](#)



Pictured left to right: Kendra, California State University - Long Beach DPT student, and Heather Gerwin, PT and Clinical Instructor.

We are excited about our newest student clinical internship location in Santa Cruz, CA. Welcome, Dignity Health - Dominican Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, to the Kindred Hospital Rehabilitation Services family! We can't wait to place more great therapy students with this team.

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Another great "Professional Development Day" event for the PT students at University of St. Mary's in Leavenworth, KS. Thank you to **Cristin Noll**, ADO, **Misty Coleman**, MPD, and **Sarah Whealen**, MPD, who attended the event this year. We had the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion on developing your PT career, conduct mock interviews, and participate in a career fair where we met a number of talented and bright PT students. We were grateful for the appreciation the students showed!

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Left to right: Lauren Brody-Terrill, Mathu Hanson and Arameh Anvarizadeh.

In February, **Mathu Hanson**, KHRS CA Area Program Director, and **Lauren Brody-Terrill**, Student Program Manager, visited West Coast University to speak to the December 2017 graduating class of Occupational Therapists on "Professional Development and Career Launch." We had a great time meeting these enthusiastic and bright students. We also had a chance to discuss future partnership opportunities with **Arameh Anvarizadeh**, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and Assistant Professor.

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Lauren Brody-Terrill (far left) with Barb Wallace (far right) from Student Programs with Maryville University PT Students.

We were "Deep in the heart of Texas" this past February for the APTA Combined Sections Meeting. The San Antonio River Walk provided a great back drop for this year's meeting. We enjoyed seeing familiar faces, including current KHRS-RehabCare employees as well as past, present and future clinical internship students! A special "thank you" to everyone who helped us in the booth: **Zach Vachalek** and **Chris Hellman** from recruiting, and a great team of Operations and Clinical team members: **Joti Sandhu, Joana Jeffries, Josh Vice, Sarah Menary, Jamie Fortier-Jones, Glenda Mack, David Wendeborn** and **Lisa Naeger**.

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THE STUDENT PROGRAMS TEAM IS COMING TO A CAMPUS AND CITY NEAR YOU!



CAMPUS NAME	EVENT TYPE	LOCATION	DATE
Bellarmine University	Guest Lecture, PT	Louisville, KY	3/14/17
University of Toledo	Career Fair, PT/OT/SLP/ PTA/OTA	Toledo, OH	3/15/17
MPTA – Michigan PT Association	Student Conclave, PT/PTA	East Lansing, MI	3/24/17
AOTA National Conference	Conference, OT/OTA	Philadelphia, PA	3/30/17
University of Wisconsin – La Crosse	Career Fair, PT/OT	La Crosse, WI	4/4/17
University of Indianapolis	Career Fair, PT/OT	Indianapolis, IN	4/7/17
Arizona PT Student Conclave	Conference Presenter & Exhibitor, PT/PTA	Phoenix, AZ	4/8/17
Loma Linda University	Job Fair, SLP	Loma Linda, CA	4/9/17
Western Kentucky University	Guest Lecture, PT	Bowling Green, KY	4/12/17
State College of Missouri	Guest Lecture, PTA	Linn, MO	4/14/17
California State University – Dominguez Hills	Career Fair, OT	Carson, CA	4/26/17
Maryville University	Patient Skills Lab, PT	St. Louis, MO	5/1/17
Saint Louis University	Guest Lecture, OT	St. Louis, MO	5/3/17
Maryville University	Patient Skills Lab, PT	St. Louis, MO	5/3/17
Chapman University	Career Fair, PT	Orange, CA	5/12/17

Events scheduled daily; for a current list of events, visit www.kindredrehabstudents.com/events