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Kindred delivers interprofessional clinical services to support patients and manage their care across the continuum with over 2,000 locations in 47 states. Whether this treatment takes place in a hospital, rehabilitation unit, or a home health setting, Kindred's clinical care consistently exceeds national benchmarks. The SPOTon newsletter is our way of informing, recognizing and celebrating the students who will form the future healthcare community.

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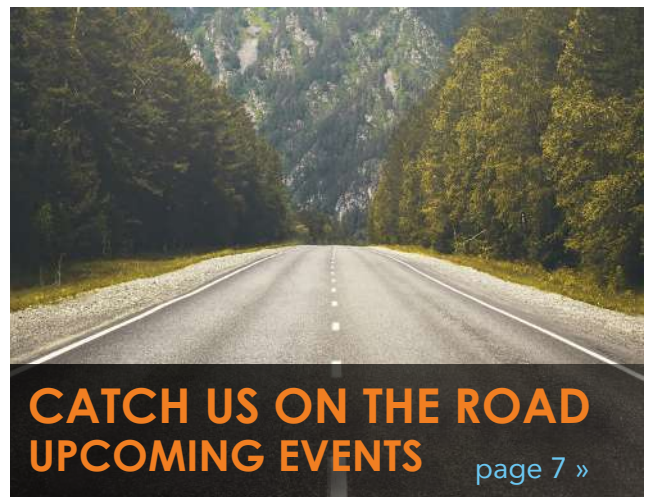
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Let the mortarboards fly and the celebrations begin! We are pleased to announce that **Laura Dailey**, Nursing Student Programs Manager, has completed her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Saint Louis University and **Kailin Leisure**, Student Programs Team Intern, completed her BS degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Texas Christian University.

Kailin is excited to continue her studies this fall by starting the MA Communication Sciences and Disorders Program at Saint Louis University.

Congratulations to Laura and Kailin on reaching these milestones in their careers!

Additionally, hats off to ALL of our May 2018 Student Program graduates. Your futures are so incredibly bright and we wish you the best in achieving your future goals.

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Kailin Leisure



Laura Dailey



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Dominican Showcases Robotic Trainer

The rehabilitation program at **Dominican Hospital Outpatient Rehabilitation Center** in Santa Cruz, CA is changing lives. On March 7 the department hosted an open house to showcase the technology that is rehabilitating stroke and spinal cord injury patients. **Leah Santos**, Program Director at Dominican Hospital, said, "The EKSOGT is a wearable gait trainer that is designed to assist patients learning how to walk and stand again by allowing patients to gain task-specific, high repetition practice of gait to facilitate neuroplasticity."

This mobilized trainer is FDA-approved and three physical therapists have been trained on how to utilize the device. Santos added, "We are thrilled to be the only hospital in the Monterey Bay area with a robotic gait trainer and are looking forward to helping our community maximize its mobility." We are so excited to see just how much of an impact the EKSOGT has on patients and the future of this technology in the healthcare industry.

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San Diego State University

Kindred at Home SDSU Graduation Recognition

Eli Rodriguez, PT at **Kindred at Home – San Diego**, was named Most Influential Clinical Instructor at the DPT Program Class of 2018 graduation reception at San Diego State University (SDSU). The student who nominated Eli completed an eight-week long rotation with him. This is such a great and well-deserved honor! We love to recognize our students but we also enjoy hearing about our very own professionals in the field and the impact they have on their patients and the students they mentor. SDSU is excited to continue collaborating and building relationships with Kindred. We at Kindred look forward to accepting more SDSU students, and students across the country, seeking clinical rotations in the future.

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Penn Valley Student Hosts "Appy Hour"

Erin Odom, OTA student from Penn Valley Community College, recently completed a clinical internship at **Kingswood Senior Living** in Kansas City, MO. During her time at Kingswood, Erin led "Appy Hour," which she designed to educate the independent living community on the utilization of apps on cell phones and computer technology. Erin educated the residents on everything from social media to research!

Brooke Doherty, Student Programs Manager, reached out to Erin to learn more about her project. When Brooke asked Erin how she got the idea for "Appy Hour" she said, "There were several people at Kingswood I had met who had lost their spouses and had these pieces of technology sitting around but had no clue how to even turn them on. So I thought to myself 'Okay, I'm just going to put up some posters, advertise a one-hour introductory session to throw it out there and see if anyone is interested.' "

Over 25 residents showed up to the session with their laptops, cell phones, tablets and computers, eager to learn how to use them. Erin said they covered topics including connecting to Wi-Fi, sending text messages, adding contacts, the differences between a tablet and a computer and the benefits to using one type of technology over another. "This is an area that could really blossom at other facilities," said Erin, and we completely agree! What an awesome, relevant, and important idea! Technology is such a large part of our world today.

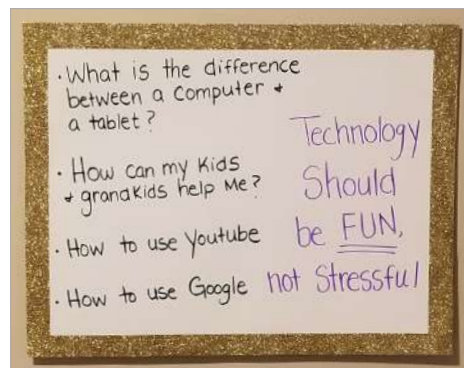
"It was pretty amazing and honestly a lot of these residents showed such an aptitude to learn new things...it was really a great experience and I absolutely fell in love with the SNF setting."

What a great story! We love to hear about our students' experiences during their clinical internships.

Do you want to share your story? Send it to us and maybe you'll be featured in the next SPOTon newsletter!



We are excited to welcome Erin to Kindred! Erin was hired after graduation as a full-time COTA at Aldersgate Village in Topeka, KS.



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Annie Roden and Brooke Doherty talking with students at the Kindred RehabCare booth.

The Student Programs team had so much fun at the AOTA Annual Conference in Salt Lake City this past April! **Brooke Doherty**, Student Programs Manager – West Region, said that her favorite part was being able to network with OT/OTA students and meet the academic field work coordinators in person! “Putting a face to names takes collaboration to a higher level,” she said. **Annie Roden**, Student Programs Manager – East Region, said that “AOTA was filled with excitement and remarkable conversations with students, their professors and experienced clinicians from all around the nation. My favorite part of this year’s conference was being given the chance to meet people I work with face to face.”

We’d love to hear about your experiences at the AOTA Annual Conference!

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Brooke Doherty (left) and Donna Berger-Stanton OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA Professor, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator at Samuel Merritt University (right)



Students showing off their fun new Kindred RehabCare AOTA t-shirts!



Devin Prichard, OT student from Spalding University, PLTC Rivers Edge Nursing and Rehab Center

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"My clinical instructor was wonderful and very helpful in welcoming me on board with the rehab team. She went the extra mile to provide extra student mentorship and to make sure my abilities were noticed. At the end of my internship, I felt confident and humbled from the support and guidance by the rehab care team."

Brittney
OTA, Southwestern Community College
Smoky Mountain Health and Rehab Center

"My CI was AMAZING! She was very helpful and very patient with me on my first rotation. She definitely made me feel very welcomed within the RehabCare facility and taught me so much! Thank you RehabCare for giving me the best first clinical a DPT could expect!"

Darrein
PT, University of St. Augustine
for Health Sciences, Austin
Longhorn Village

"I was placed at a skilled facility in St. Louis and truly feel like I had the best experience possible. I was provided hands on experience and an excellent mentor. I learned a great deal about collaboration with all staff members and the importance of treating the whole patient. It was an incredible experience!"

Rachael S.
SLP, Maryville University

"Every therapist and employee at this SNF was very helpful and welcoming. I would definitely recommend this place to any future SLP student clinician!"

Jazmin
SLP, Elmhurst College
RehabCare - Wyndemere

"My expectations were exceeded and my clinical instructor helped me reach my goals. This was a valuable clinical experience and I recommend Kindred to future students!"

Luke
PTA, University of Evansville
Bridgewater Healthcare Center

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7/20/2018 Parker University • OTA Career Fair • Dallas, TX

7/26/2018 Rush University • Nursing/OT/SLP Career Fair • Chicago, IL

7/26/2018 Northwestern University • PT/PTA Career Fair • Chicago, IL

10/5 – 7/2018 The California Student Nurses' Association (CSNA) State Convention • Visalia, CA

10/10 – 12/2018 ASAHP Annual Conference • St. Petersburg, FL

10/17 – 20/2018 ARN Annual Conference • West Palm Beach, FL

10/27/2018 APTA CO PT Expo • Vail, CO

11/08 – 11/2018 NSNA Mid-Year Career Planning Conference • Louisville, KY

11/14 – 17/2018 Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP) • Harrisburg, PA

11/15 – 17/2018 ASHA Annual Conference • Boston, MA

1/23 – 26/2019 APTA CSM Conference • Washington, DC

4/4 – 7/2019 AOTA Annual Conference • New Orleans, LA

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