

Honoring the Graduates:
Program Awards



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Faculty Award for Academic Excellence

Recognizes a student who has:

- Attained the highest cumulative average
- Ranked first in the class



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Miranda Lyon



Scholastic Excellence:

- Academic Honors
- Program Merit Scholarship
- Team Leader for Kinesiology & Biomechanics I
- Teaching Assistant for Evidence-Based Practice
- Research:
 - DRA Abdominis in Pregnancy-Related Pelvic Girdle Pain
 - Fetal weight and inter-recti distance in pregnant women

Clinical Affiliations

- Englewood Hospital
- POSPT
- Neurosport PT
- Sloane Stecker PT

Extracurricular

- White Road Dance Media



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Mary E. Callahan Award

In Recognition of an Outstanding Educator
and Former Director of the Program in PT

Recognizes a student who has shown:

- Academic achievement
- Outstanding clinical skills
- Sensitivity
- Leadership ability



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Alyssa Quam



Scholastic Excellence:

- Academic Honors
- Program Merit Scholarship
- Clinical Education Fellowship
- Team Leader for Kinesiology & Biomechanics I
- Research: Speed and dual task conditions on gait measures Cri du Chat (5P-) Syndrome
- Poster Presentation, CSM 2014, "Columbia PT Students Promote Preventative Care in Underserved Populations through an Integrative Approach"
- Clinical Education Fellowship, Spring, Year III

Service:

- CoSMO Board Member

Clinical Affiliations

- Santa Clara Valley Medical
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Evolve PT
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital



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Joan E. Edelstein Award

In honor of a former Director of the Program in PT

Recognizes a student who has shown:

- Strong commitment to the aims and ideals of the profession through service
- Shows promise of becoming a distinguished representative of the Program and Columbia University



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Brett Bursley

Scholastic Excellence:

- Program Merit Scholarship
- Academic Honors
- Capstone project published in the American Journal of Occupational Therapy 2014
- Teaching Practicum & Lab Teaching Assistant:
Gross Anatomy

Service:

- Class President
- Coordinated student participation for Orientation and Interviews

Clinical Affiliations:

- Professional PT - Columbus Circle
- NYP Columbia University Medical Center
- Beth Israel Med Center Phillips Ambulatory Care Center
- Sports Physical Therapy and Rehab (Star)



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Jessica Madrigal



Scholastic Excellence:

- Program Merit Scholarship
- Lab Teaching Assistant: Gross Anatomy
- Poster presentations: APTA, CSM 2013 & 2014

Service:

- Service Learning Elective 2012 & 2013
- Mentored first year students during the 2013 Service Learning Elective
- CoSMO Volunteer

Clinical Affiliations:

- Fortius Physical Therapy
- Guttmann Hospital, Barcelona, Spain
- Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Internship



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Marcia Ebert Award for Clinical Excellence

In memory of a faculty member, a dedicated
academician and clinician

Recognizes a student who has shown:

- Outstanding clinical performance throughout the program
- Pursuit of challenging affiliations
- A level of performance that exceeds clinical education program expectations
- Developing teaching skills to become a clinical preceptor in the education of future students



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Helen Turner



Clinical Excellence:

- Greenwich Hospital
- New York Presbyterian Hospital
- Columbia Orthopedic Sports
- Blythedale Children's Hospital

Scholastic Excellence:

- Program Merit Scholarship
- Gross Anatomy Teaching Assistant



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Faculty Award for Excellence in Neurorehabilitation

Recognizes a student who has shown:

- Commitment to a career in adult neurorehabilitation
- Academic excellence in the required neurorehabilitation course work
- Academic excellence in the neurorehabilitation specialization track
- Clinical excellence in the neurorehabilitation internship
- Affinity for clinical teaching



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Chelsea Macpherson



Scholastic Excellence:

- Program Merit Scholarship
- May & Samuel Rudin Family Scholarship
- Poster Presentation, CSM 2014, "Columbia PT Students Promote Preventative Care in Underserved Populations through an Integrative Approach"

Neuro Master Class:

- Cardiopulmonary techniques throughout progressive stages of ALS

Service:

- Gross Anatomy Teaching Assistant and Teaching Practicum
- CoSMO Board Member

Clinical Affiliations:

- NYPH - cardiopulmonary
- Recovery PT
- NYP Cornell - inpatient rehab and acute service



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Faculty Award for Excellence in Orthopedics

Recognizes a student who has shown:

- Commitment to a career in orthopedics
- Academic excellence in required course work
- Academic excellence in specialization track
- Clinical excellence in the orthopedic internship
- Affinity for clinical teaching



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Zachary Getz

Scholastic Excellence:

- Program Merit Scholarship

Orthopedic Master Class:

- The Neuromatrix

Teaching:

- Gross Anatomy Teaching Assistant & Teaching Practicum
- Kinesiology & Biomechanics Team Leader

Clinical Affiliations:

- Cincinnati Reds: Sports
- Keller Army Arvin: Orthopedics
- NY Sports Med: Orthopedics



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Alfred DiMarino Award for Excellence in Pediatrics

Established in memory of Alfred DiMarino, husband of program alumnus Jean van Haaften, distinguished pediatric physical therapist

Recognizes a student who has shown:

- Commitment to a career in pediatrics
- Academic excellence in the required pediatric course work
- Academic excellence in the pediatric specialization track
- Clinical excellence in the pediatric internship
- An affinity for clinical teaching



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Sarah Cooper



Scholastic Excellence:

- Program Merit Scholarship
- Poster, CSM Las Vegas: "Effects of speed & dual task conditions on temporal-spatial and kinematic gait measures in individuals with Cri du Chat (5P-) Syndrome"
- Poster, CSM 2014, "Columbia PT Students Promote Preventative Care in Underserved Populations through an Integrative Approach"
- Clinical Education Fellowship, Spring, Year III

Pediatric Master Class:

- Balance & function outcomes in children with cerebral palsy

Teaching and Service:

- Teaching Assistant in Gross Anatomy
- Muscular Dystrophy Camp Volunteer– 2013
- CoSMO Board Member

Clinical Affiliation:

- Ahibin Centers for Rehabilitation Medicine
- Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Internship



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Alma S. Merians, PT, PhD Award for Excellence in Research

- Established by program alumna Dr. Alma S. Merians, a distinguished scholar and researcher
- Recognizes a student or student group who has shown potential for future productivity in PT scholarship as judged by the faculty.



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Parisa Karimi, Carly Ow-Wing and Rebecca Young



What factors predict future prosthetic function for community dwelling people with leg amputation?
a clinical screening tool in development

Advisor: Dr. Christopher Kevin Wong



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Chelsea Macpherson



“Interventions for Improving Exercise Self-Efficacy in Older Adults: A Systematic Review”

Advisor: Dr. Laurel Abbruzzese



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*Congratulations to all of the
Award Recipients as you embark
on a career that holds great
promise for you.*



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