



Doctor of Physical Therapy



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FranU Represents at State PT Meeting

DPT Faculty, Students and Alumni focus on research

FranU DPT faculty, students, and alumni presented their research at the state meeting of physical therapists (APTA-LA). The Spring Rehab Summit was held in Lafayette March 18-20, 2022. DPT faculty member **Dr. Kelly Rodriguez** had 2 presentations: “Outcome Measures in Rehab” and “Clinical Ladder Challenges.” **Dr. Phil Page**, Research Director, presented “Rehab Statistics in Clinical Decision Making.” FranU DPT Alumni **Dr. Macy Miller** presented her graduate research on “Appropriate Intensity in Rehab.”



Dr. Kelly Rodriguez and Dr. Phil Page present at the APTA-LA Spring Symposium

Several 3rd year DPT students presented their scholarly projects that were chosen from other Louisiana student research submissions:

- **Mattie Cranfield:** “Muscle activation during balance exercises on an oscillating platform”
 - **Haleigh Giglio:** “A survey of physical activity among COVID survivors”
 - **Kelsey Booth & Abigail Short:** “A survey of burnout in DPT students”

Mattie Cranfield won the award for **Best Student Research Presentation**, marking the 2nd year in a row that a FranU DPT student has won the award.



Mattie Cranfield presents here award-winning student research project



Over 20 faculty and students representing all 3 cohorts attended APTA-LA Spring 2022

Dave Pariser Award Winner

Service award given to FranU DPT student at State PT meeting

2nd year DPT student Danielle Rankin received the 2022 **Dr. Dave Pariser Student Service Award**. She is the first FranU recipient of the award given in honor of the late physical therapy professor at LSU-New Orleans. She received the award at the APTA-Louisiana Spring Symposium.



Dr. Phil Page presents the Dr. Dave Pariser award to Danielle Rankin

Student Leaders elected at APTA LA

National and state representatives from FranU

Two 2nd year FranU DPT students were elected to positions at the state and national levels during the Spring Symposium.

- **Micah Fontenot:** Louisiana Student Core Ambassador for the national APTA organization.
- **Danielle Rankin:** Secretary of APTA-Louisiana Student Special Interest Group (SIG)



Micah Fontenot, SPT

Danielle Rankin, SPT

Entry Level Dry Needling Course

First-ever dry needling elective completed

FranU DPT hosted the first dry needling competency course for their graduating class in March. Completing the 30-hour Louisiana PT Board-approved course will allow 14 third-year students to perform dry needling upon graduation. This is the first course approved for entry-level students and led by Dr. Jaime Caillet. Drs. Stephanie Wilkes and Katie Talamo assisted instruction.



3rd year DPT students completed an entry-level dry needle competency under Drs. Jaime Caillet, Stephanie Wilks and Katie Peaslee Talamo.



Dr. Jaime Caillet leads students in their dry needling competency course

Research Presentations & Publications

Cranfield M, Page P. Lower extremity muscle activation amplitudes during intrinsic and extrinsic perturbations on an unstable surface. (Platform presentation). APTA-Louisiana Spring Meeting. Baton Rouge, LA. March 18, 2022.

Booth K, Short A, Nelson T, Kantrow C, Page P. What is the incidence of burnout in physical therapy students in Louisiana? (Platform presentation). APTA-Louisiana Spring Meeting. Baton Rouge, LA. March 18, 2022.

Henderson A, Alphonso E, Caillet J, Page P. Does forward shoulder posture influence muscle activation amplitude and strength during external rotation and shoulder elevation exercises? (Platform presentation). APTA-Louisiana Spring Meeting. Baton Rouge, LA. March 18, 2022.

Giglio H, Johannsen N, Page P. Physical activity in COVID-19 survivors. (Platform presentation). APTA-Louisiana Spring Meeting. Baton Rouge, LA. March 18, 2022.