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THE MISSION OF AOTF

AOTF advances research, education and public awareness for occupational therapy so that all people may participate fully in life regardless of their physical, social, mental, or developmental circumstances.

Founded in 1965, the American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF) is a nonprofit organization devoted to advancing the science of occupational therapy. The Foundation administers the profession's largest library and bibliographic database, awards more than 50 scholarships and fellowships annually, coordinates a network for doctoral candidates in the field and publishes a professional research journal.

THE VISION OF AOTF

Enhancing health for all people through meaningful participation in everyday life.

THE GOALS OR STRATEGIC ENDS OF AOTF

Leadership Development

To facilitate the development of current and potential leaders in occupational therapy.

Financial Stability

To grow the Foundation's capacity to pursue its mission.

Public Awareness

To increase public and professional knowledge and understanding of:

- The health benefits of participation in everyday activities.
- The unique contribution of occupational therapy to health and quality of life.

Research

To support research initiatives that grow capacity and advance best practices in occupational therapy.

Education

To support educational initiatives that strengthen the profession of occupational therapy.

Technology

To foster the use of technology to improve practice and enhance quality of life.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF AOTF

Every few years, the AOTF Board of Directors approves a strategic plan based on its current strategic ends. These ends or goals serve as a guide for Foundation staff in planning and executing the means through which the goals (ends) of the strategic plan are pursued.

These goals are current as of March 2011.

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RELEVANCE AND THE ENGINE THAT DRIVES US

Dear Colleagues,

Lately, I've been thinking about how I can do a better job of communicating with therapists in practice whose day-to-day working lives give them precious little time to think about the Foundation. It occurred to me that people pay attention to things that matter most in their lives. They, like all of us, have work demands, family obligations, and community events that deserve their attention. Why should it even matter to them that there is an American Occupational Therapy Foundation?



After careful thought, it seems to me that it all comes down to **relevance**. In order to matter in our lives, things have to be seen as relevant. Thus, in order to enlist the attention and support of practitioners, AOTF must demonstrate that its activities have relevance for their everyday lives. Direct relevance is even better.

How is AOTF directly relevant to the lives of occupational therapy practitioners? The answer is that by advancing the research that provides the evidence necessary for practitioners to select the best interventions for their clients (and get reimbursed for them), AOTF benefits practitioners directly. Although as a small foundation AOTF cannot rival the National Institutes of Health in directly funding large clinical trials, we can team with AOTA to award the grants, research fellowships and training programs that are necessary for developing career scientists. We can assist these scientists in studying areas of occupational therapy that require evidence for effective practice.

So, the next time a practitioner asks me (or you) how AOTF is relevant to their work, we can both answer affirmatively. AOTF enables the research that guides practitioners in their evidence-based decision-making. In the end, research is the engine that drives the profession, and AOTF helps make that research possible.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana L. Ramsay". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Diana L. Ramsay
President

The AOTF – the American Occupational Therapy Foundation – is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting our profession today and for the future. With a stronger profession, we can help more people participate fully in life, regardless of their physical, social, mental, or developmental circumstances.

Gifts to AOTF help us continue to make a real difference for so many people in our profession through...

- Scholarships
- Research support and publications
- Development and recognition of leadership
- Education and maintenance of the largest collection of occupational therapy resources in the country.

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation has made every effort to provide a complete and accurate report recognizing our donors.

If we have made an error, please notify us at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Please also write us if you wish to have your name removed from the list to receive fundraising requests to support AOTF in the future.

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—Diana Ramsay

AOTF EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED AT AOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Foundation continued its tradition of offering scholarly and special events at the 2012 AOTA Annual Conference in Indianapolis.

AOTF thanks its sponsors, including gold sponsor, **North Coast Medical**, and silver sponsor **Invacare**, for their generous support of AOTF events including the Breakfast with a Scholar and the Annual Gala. Proceeds from the events support AOTF research and education programs.



Breakfast Keynote,
Lex Frieden

The 18th Annual Breakfast with a Scholar featured **Lex Frieden**, architect of the Americans with Disabilities Act, with moderator **Robin Jones**. An internationally known scholar and disability rights advocate and leader, Frieden's presentation *Evaluating the Americans with Disabilities Act: An Accounting of Progress* encouraged a thought-provoking question and answer session from the audience. Breakfast with a Scholar sponsors were **Donald Lang** and the **Amerigroup Foundation**.



Translating Cognitive Research into Clinical Practice was the focus of the 2012 **Research Colloquium**. Moderated by **Lisa Tabor Connor**, PhD, the presenters were:

- **Becky Russell**, OTR/L, Barnes Jewish Hospital & Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
Strengths and the Challenges of Bringing Lab to Life: A Clinician's Perspective
- **M. Carolyn Baum**, PhD, OTR, FAOTA, Elias Michael Director of the Program of Occupational Therapy and Professor of Occupational Therapy and Neurology, Washington University School of Medicine St. Louis, Missouri
Challenges and Lessons Learned in Assessment of Educational Abilities after Stroke
- **Joan Toggia**, PhD, OTR/L, Professor and Program Director Graduate Occupational Therapy Program Mercy College and Professional Associate New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center NYC, New York
Challenges and Lessons Learned in Intervention Awareness Deficits in People with TBI
- **Naomi Josman**, PhD, OT (I) Registered Israeli OT, Associate Professor Department of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Studies, University of Haifa, Israel
Challenges and Lessons Learned Using the Virtual Action Planning Supermarket to Investigate Executive Functions and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
- **Lisa Tabor Connor**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Program in Occupational Therapy Departments of Neurology and Radiology, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri
Challenges in the Development of EEG-Guided Rehabilitation: Operationalizing the Just-Right Challenge

Since 1982, the Research Colloquium has annually presented distinguished researchers who discuss their work in occupational therapy and occupational science and engage in instructive critique and dialogue about their work.

The **AOTF Doctoral Network (DocNet)** supports occupational therapy practitioners engaged in doctoral education by providing networking opportunities and encouraging collaboration among emerging and established scholars. Each year, the DocNet sponsors an event which includes small group mentoring, a speaker and a reception. In 2012, **Winifred Dunn**, PhD, OTR, FAOTA; **Max Ito**, PhD, OTR/L; **Jane Bear-Lehman**, PhD, OTR; and **Shelly Lane**, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA spoke on *Everything You Wanted to Know About Working on a Doctorate*.

2012 PI THETA EPSILON ANNUAL MEETING WELL ATTENDED

More than 70 Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE) members attended the Annual PTE Business meeting during the AOTA/ NBCOT National Student Conclave in Columbus, Ohio in November. The University of Toledo's Alpha Omicron chapter received this year's Presidents Award in recognition of their sponsorship of Dr. Susan Murphy's lecture on Research Fidelity. **Natasha Smet** accepted the award on behalf of her chapter.



A Doctoral Panel followed the meeting and featured **Shannon O'Brien** OTD, OTR/L from the University of Southern California, **Andrew Persch**, MS, OTR/L, PhD candidate from the Ohio State University, and PTE officers **Kim Schoessow**, OTD, OTR/L of the Frank Stein & Paul S. May Center for Low Vision Rehabilitation, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Healthcare System, Palo Alto, Dominican University of California and **Rachel Proffitt**, OTD, OTR/L also from the University of Southern California.

PTE President Kim Schoessow presents the President's Award to the University of Toledo's Natasha Smet.



The American Occupational Therapy Foundation extends its thanks to the many generous sponsors, dancers, judges, silent auction donors and guests of its **2012 Gala** which featured the third and final "Dancing with the Stars" competition. Our thanks go to Gala Sponsors **National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy** and **Sand Hill Global Advisors** and we congratulate all of our talented dancers:

Grand Prize Winners:

Kathy Adkins and John Ricketts sponsored by Zaner-Bloser



Technical Dance Category Winners:

Sheri and Fred Montgomery



Costume, Creativity and Charm Category Winners:

Emily Vaught and Shaji Varughese sponsored by Slack Incorporated



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Sally Stevenson and Scott Yaden sponsored by Spalding University and PTE

Emcees:
Betsy Francis and Shawn Phipps

Lynn Bitz and Jeff Stratton sponsored by Elsevier



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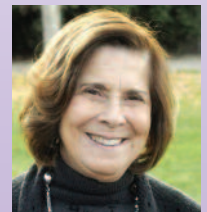
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EVELYN JAFFE PRESENTED AOTF AWARD FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation presented **Evelyn Jaffe**, MPH, OTR/L, FAOTA, the Award for Community Volunteerism in 2012. Ms. Jaffe and her golden retriever, Lance, enriched the lives of children with special needs, high-risk children, and the elderly for over six years as volunteers for SHARE (Special Human-Animal Relationships) in Marin County, California. Sadly, Ms. Jaffe lost Lance to a brain disorder in June.

The AOTF Award for Community Volunteerism recognizes commitment, excellence and innovation in providing community-based volunteer services.



ACADEMY OF RESEARCH WELCOMED FOUR NEW MEMBERS IN 2012

Established in 1983, the AOTF Academy of Research in Occupational Therapy recognizes individuals who have made exemplary and distinguished contributions toward the science of occupational therapy. We are pleased to honor the 2012 inductees: Anita Bundy, ScD, OTR, FAOTA, Sherrilene Classen, PhD, MPH, OTR/L, FAOTA, Dorothy Farrar Edwards, PhD and Annette Majnemer, PhD, OT(C), FCAHS.



Anita Bundy, ScD, OTR, FAOTA, University of Sydney

Anita Bundy is a professor and chair of

Occupational Therapy at the University of Sydney, Australia. Her research and scholarly activities have been in two areas: the practice of pediatric occupational therapy and the development of assessments of everyday function. She created two tests of play utilized throughout the world by occupational therapists and other professionals working with children: the Test of Playfulness (ToP) and the Test of Environmental Supportiveness (TOES). She co-authored two tests of off-road driving performance that predict on-road performance: DriveSafe and DriveAware. She currently is the chief investigator on a cluster of randomized trials aimed at promoting play to facilitate physical activity and social skills and a co-investigator on a project examining the delivery of therapy services in rural and remote Australia. She is the co-author of two textbooks: *Sensory Integration: Theory and Practice* and *Kids Can Be Kids: A Childhood Occupations Approach*.



Sherrilene Classen, PhD, MPH, OTR/L, FAOTA, University of Florida

Sherrilene Classen is an associate professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy and Director of the University of Florida's Institute of Mobility, Activity, and Participation, and is an Extraordinary Professor at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa. Dr. Classen is a nationally funded prevention-oriented rehabilitation scientist researching the screening, evaluation, and intervention processes for at-risk older drivers, drivers with neurological conditions (Parkinson's Disease, mild traumatic brain injury, epilepsy), and for adolescent pre-drivers.

Dr. Classen studies the use of clinical (off-road) tests, simulated driving technology, on-road driving assessments, and alternative transportation options to driving. She has more than 50 peer-reviewed publications, six book chapters, and has guest edited three special journal issues related to driving and mobility. She serves on two national Transportation Research Board committees, is an editorial board member of the *Canadian Journal for Occupational Therapy* and *OTJR: Occupation Participation and Health*, and a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Gerontological Society of America. Dr. Classen mentors junior faculty, post-doctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students in occupational therapy, rehabilitation science, public health and epidemiology.



Dorothy Farrar Edwards, PhD, University of Wisconsin

Dorothy Farrar Edwards is professor and chair of the Department of Kinesiology with appointments in the Departments of Medicine and Neurology in the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. Early and ongoing research collaboration with Dr. Carolyn Baum at the Washington University School of Medicine Irene Walter Johnson Institute of Rehabilitation addressing the occupational performance in persons with Alzheimer's disease and stroke led to the development of new measures of occupational performance and activity participation, as well as better understanding of the impact of cognitive loss on individuals and their families.

A common thread of all of Dr. Edwards' studies is the multidisciplinary assessment of the elders in context (in their own homes) in order to better understand the factors which support, or fail to support, community living in persons with cognitive impairment due to stroke or Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Edwards has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 1993 and is currently funded by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) to examine disparities in stroke recovery among African Americans, by the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) to increase participation of under-represented minorities, and by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) as the Minority Research Satellite Program PI for the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.



Annette Majnemer, PhD, OT(C), FCAHS, McGill University

Annette Majnemer is an occupational therapist with doctoral training in the neurosciences. She is currently the director and associate dean, School of Physical & Occupational Therapy at McGill University. She is co-editor of *Physical & Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics* and Associate Editor of *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology*. Dr. Majnemer is a nominated fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Her research focuses primarily on the child, family, and environmental factors that influence participation and quality of life in children and youth with developmental disabilities. She is also interested in determining the characteristics that influence rehabilitation service utilization. Populations of primary interest include children and youth with cerebral palsy, congenital heart defects, and those born premature.

AOTF 2012 AWARD WINNERS HONORED AT AOTA CONFERENCE

Shelley E. Mulligan, PhD, OTR/L, University of New Hampshire, and Grace Baranek, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, University of North Carolina, Presented A. Jean Ayres Award

Dr. Mulligan has devoted much of her career to the study of sensory integration theory and applied intervention. Beginning with her analyses of the original SIPT data through her current work in applied sensory integration intervention, her efforts help inform both occupational science and therapy about how sensory integration theory is critical; both to understanding the development of children, as well as how sensory integration-based occupational therapy plays a distinct and important role in intervention for persons with a variety of disorders that affect functional performance in daily life occupations.



Dr. Baranek has demonstrated a sustained commitment to the understanding of unusual sensory features of children with autism and other developmental disabilities through research at both basic and applied levels. She has developed a large research program with an impressive level of funding and publications in occupational therapy journals and top-tier interdisciplinary journals. Her work supports occupational therapy practice with children with autism and is unraveling unique behavioral phenomena such as unusual sensory response patterns that cause tremendous challenges for children with autism and their families.

Established in 1988, the A. Jean Ayres Award is presented annually to recognize occupational therapy clinicians, educators, and researchers who have demonstrated sustained commitment to the application, development, or testing of theory in occupational therapy. The award is given in honor of A. Jean Ayres, PhD, OTR, whose concentration on developing theory in support of practice was of great significance to the profession of occupational therapy.

Nancy V. Liefinck, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, Columbus, Ohio AOTF Awarded Leadership Service Commendation



Nancy Liefinck is an acknowledged leader in occupational therapy. During her tenure as the AOTF Scholarship Selection Committee Chair, she led the changes to a completely online application and review process. In addition, she improved the program and transitioned it from needs-based to a leadership- and merit- based selection process.

Ms. Liefinck served the Foundation generously, completing two terms as president from 1969 to 1976 and 1985 to 1989. Under her direction, the AOTF Board of Directors established the AOTF state scholarship program and hired the Foundation's first full-time executive director. She is an Honorary Life Member of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation Board of Directors.

Established in 1999, the Leadership Service Commendation recognizes the outstanding service of those contributing their time, energies, and support to the fulfillment of the Foundation's mission, goals, and objectives.

Jane Case Smith, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA, The Ohio State University, Awarded Certificate of Appreciation

Dr. Case-Smith served as editor of *OTJR: Participation and Health* since 2008. Her hard work and commitment to *OTJR* has brought about an increase in submissions, the publication of two supplements and needed changes to *OTJR's* aim and scope. She is Professor and Chair, Division of Occupational Therapy in the School of Allied Medical Professions at the Ohio State University. Among her research interests are pediatric occupational therapy, families with children with disability, and instrumental development.

Established in 1979, Certificate of Appreciation recognizes the outstanding service of those external to the Foundation who have contributed significantly to the fulfillment of the Foundation's mission, goals and objectives.

Melissa Oliver, MS, OTR/L, McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia, Presented AOTF Meritorious Service Award

Melissa Oliver served as President of Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE), for more than seven years and has served as a member of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation Board of Directors for two years. During her tenure as PTE president and AOTF board member, Ms. Oliver gave generously of her time and personal resources. She currently serves as a member of the AOTF Development Council.



The Foundation has brought together the brightest, most capable and forward-thinking people. If anyone can advance research, create change and strengthen our profession for the future, AOTF can! And that's why I support AOTF.

—Nancy Talbot

Ms. Oliver assists active duty personnel and veterans transition back into their life roles. She spent five years of clinical experience in mental health occupational therapy where she developed a wellness program for acute rehabilitation, home evaluation as part of discharge protocol, and a sensory program for the geriatric populations. She furthered her clinical skills in working with adults with brain injury in community brain injury programs before coming to the VA Medical Center System.

The Meritorious Service Award recognizes AOTF Board members who have made sustained and exemplary contributions in support of the Foundation's mission.

AOTF FELLOWSHIPS SUPPORTED RESEARCH TRAINING IN AGING AT JOHNS HOPKINS

AOTF provided matching fellowships to support the attendance of Juleen Rodakowski, OTD, OTR/L, a post-doctoral scholar at the University of



Dr. Juleen Rodakowski

Pittsburgh, and Chiung-ju Liu, PhD, OTR, an assistant professor at Indiana University-Purdue University (IUPUI) in Indianapolis, at an institute sponsored

by the Center for Innovative Care in Aging at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. The institute



Dr. Chiung-ju Liu

focused on developing interventions suitable for funded research, measurement, recruitment of subjects, and ethical issues.

WILMA L. WEST LIBRARY LAUNCHED OT SEARCH UPDATE

In August, The Wilma L. West Library launched the updated and upgraded OT SEARCH and has seen an over 500% increase in usage. The database now includes color images of book and journal covers and enhanced ways to search for items. Another new feature is the ability to download search results in APA citation format. In addition, the Library continues to expand its collection with the addition of new materials, now with over 41,500 records including 3,500 monographs (books), and 34,000 specific articles.

AOTF SPONSORED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AGING EXPERTS TO ASSIST WITH INNOVATIVE DESIGN WORKSHOP

Seven occupational therapists sponsored by the American Occupational Therapy Foundation participated in a design-thinking workshop organized by The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society's Vivo: Innovation for Well-being. The workshop, held in Omaha, Nebraska in August, involved nearly 60 individuals organized into four design teams who were challenged to imagine creative new ways for serving elders and their families. The American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF) and AIGA - Nebraska were co-sponsors of the event.

During the three-day experience, design teams visited assisted living and long-term care facilities, interviewed elders, and surveyed Pennant Place, a planned mixed-use development site in nearby Papillion, Nebraska. A twenty-acre parcel of land in this development, owned by the Good Samaritan Society, provided a real-life context for the design teams. Each design team created a vision that addressed a specific age-related issue such as isolation, dementia, informal caregiving, and the environments and services that enable elders to flourish. The Good Samaritan Society will use concepts from the design workshop in developing senior services on this property and in its future projects.

AOTF was invited to sponsor participation by occupational therapy experts because of the profession's focus on everyday activities and its expertise in helping persons with age-related disabilities participate fully in life despite performance limitations. AOTF design team experts included **Julie Bass, Charles Christiansen, Lisa Ann Fagan, Rene Padilla, Dory Sabata, Patricia Schaber, and Catherine Sullivan. Stacy Smallfield**, an occupational therapist and innovation designer formerly with the Good Samaritan Society, was one of the organizers of the event. AOTF and the Good Samaritan Society are also exploring future collaborations, including opportunities for research stemming from the work of the teams and at other Good Samaritan Society locations.

The Good Samaritan Society is the largest not-for-profit provider of senior care and services in the U.S., serving over 27,000 residents and clients in 240 locations in 24 states. It has pursued its mission of sharing God's love in word and deed since 1922.

AIGA - Nebraska is a chapter of AIGA, a professional association originally founded in 1914 as the American Institute of Graphic Arts. AIGA is committed to stimulating thinking about design through the exchange of ideas and information, the encouragement of critical analysis and research and the advancement of education and ethical practice.

DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

AOTF is pleased to announce five Dissertation Research Grant recipients in 2012:

Aaron Bonsall, University of Southern California

Fathering occupations: An ethnographic study at the intersection of gender and disability

Lauren Little, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Home and community Activities: Dimensions and associations with patterns of sensory response among children with autism spectrum disorders

Tracy Mroz, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University

Rehabilitation therapy provision in home health to Medicare beneficiaries: Relationships between patient factors, agency factors, therapy intensity and outcomes

Andy Wu, University of Kansas Medical Center

Rehabilitation outcome following acute stroke: Considering ideomotor apraxia

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation has been awarding Dissertation Research Grants since 2006. The program aims to encourage students who may be interested in pursuing ongoing study as career scientists.

NEW AOTF SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS ANNOUNCED

The Fred Sammons and Barbara Rider Endowed Scholarship of the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association, the Fred Sammons Endowed Scholarship of the Virginia Occupational Therapy Association, the Linda Botten Endowed Scholarship and the Robert and Sharon Ryan Endowed Scholarship were announced by AOTF in 2012.



Fred Sammons is founder of Sammons BeOK, Inc., a leading and early distributor of equipment and supplies for occupational therapy and rehabilitation which became Patterson Medical Inc. A Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association and a recipient of AOTA's highest honor, the Award of

Fred Sammons Merit, Sammons is one of only five honorary life members of the board of AOTF. Sammons' partner, **Barbara Rider**, is former Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy at Western Michigan University and has served in leadership roles in Michigan and nationally. She also established an endowed lectureship at Western Michigan University. "We need to be sensitive to the changes in job opportunities for occupational therapists. We must strengthen and create visibility for our state associations and be progressive...supporting students now and in the future will help get us there," said Sammons of his longtime commitment to AOTF and his inspiration to endow two scholarships.

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—Fred Sammons

Linda Botten, who died in 2007, was the American Occupational Therapy Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) advisor to the American Medical Association and served on the Montana Governor's Board of Occupational Therapy Practice.

Establishing a hand therapy practice that grew to five locations in California, she also helped to launch a lymphedema screening clinic at the Santa Barbara Cancer Center. Her children established the scholarship to commemorate her career as an occupational therapist and advocate for patients and the profession. "(Linda) was a powerhouse of ideas and took action," said Connie Grenz, former president of the Montana Occupational Therapy Association. "She was the steam behind our engine. She was motivated by a love of (occupational therapy) and how it could help so many other people."

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—Connie Grenz, former president of the Montana Occupational Therapy Association



Sharon and Robert Ryan

Sharon Ryan earned her degree in occupational therapy at the College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Sargent College at Boston University. Her professional practice concentrated on adult and geriatric education and involved supervision of advanced students completing fieldwork in occupational therapy. She was elected to the American Occupational Therapy Foundation Board of Directors in 2002, served as vice president in 2004 and completed her board service in 2012.

Ryan and her husband, **Robert Ryan**, retired CFO and senior vice president of Medtronic, Inc. established the Boston University Ryan Center for Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, as well as the Boston University Goode

OT Test Library and scholarships at Cornell, Boston University and the University of Pittsburgh. "Bob and I have always been committed to education," said Ryan. "Bob was the first member of his family to go to college. My father was one of the first African Americans to graduate from the pharmacy school at the University of Pittsburgh. (Because of) our shared commitment to education, it's important to us to help students, particularly students from an under-represented minority, who want to pursue their passion and finish their education," she said.

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—Sharon and Robert Ryan

Endowed scholarships continue in perpetuity, supporting future generations of professionals and leaders in occupational therapy and touching countless others who benefit from their expertise.

2012 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Scholarships were awarded to more than 25 occupational therapy students around the country in 2012 based on selection criteria that includes academic achievement and leadership, service and written recommendations.

The AOTF administers and awards scholarships provided through endowments, partnerships with state occupational therapy associations and other groups, along with scholarships established in memory or in honor of prominent occupational therapy practitioners and those created by corporate sponsors and generous individuals.

PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

North Coast Medical Scholarship - \$5,000 each

Molly A. Harlacker
Washington University
in St. Louis



Annandhi Chandrasekaran
The University of New Mexico

Kappa Delta Phi Scholarship - \$2,000 each

Jessica A. Olson, Xavier University

More than 589 accounts were created and 170 application packets were fully completed during the application period this year. The Scholarship Selection Committee was under the leadership of Jane Davis Rourke. Announcements of scholarship awards are made each spring.

Alison M. Cogan
University of Southern California

Willard & Spackman Scholarship

Matia R. Langehaug - \$1,500
University of Mary

Shannon D. Landes - \$1,500
Radford University

Jenica E. Domanico - \$1,000
Saint Catherine University

Renee Achter Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Ruth Plasterer
University of Pittsburgh

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Pacific University

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Adam Nikkel
Midwestern University

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Carlotta Welles Scholarship - \$500

Karen A. Moss
Pueblo Community College

AOTF – STATE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Adelaid Ryerson Smith Memorial Endowed Scholarship of the Arizona Occupational Therapy Association

Associate's Degree in Occupational Therapy

Aaron B. Fuller
Pima Medical Institute - Mesa

The District of Columbia Occupational Therapy Association Endowed Scholarship

Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy

Kelly B. Hemphill
The Howard University

The Karen Jacobs Scholarship of the Massachusetts Occupational Therapy Association

Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy

Annie K. Gulka
Tufts University

The Mary Eileen Dixey Endowed Scholarship of the New Hampshire Occupational Therapy Association

Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy

Amy Ma
University of New Hampshire

The New York State Occupational Therapy Association Endowed Scholarship

Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy

Julie B. Meslin
State University of New York
Downstate Medical Center

Huma Abbasi
The City University of New York,
York College

Farrah M. Connell
The City University of New York,
York College

South Dakota Students Held 5K Walk/Run to Benefit Endowed Scholarship

Students in South Dakota organized a 5K walk/run to benefit the Harlan and Rita Temple South Dakota OTA Endowed Scholarship. "Leslie Clevringa spearheaded the 5K and, with the help of her fellow classmates, did one super job of making the event a success. I am really proud of them," said Temple. The event, held in September, raised more than \$1,000.

Harlan K. Temple, a successful businessman and farmer, and his wife Rita, established the scholarship endowment last year. Temple was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and uses a powered wheelchair for mobility. For more than eight years, he and his wife have offered their farm as a site for occupational therapy classes.





Congratulations to the recipients of the 2012 North Coast Scholarship. Pictured from left to right are: AOTF Executive Director, Charles Christiansen; Washington University in St. Louis Program Director, M. Carolyn Baum, for recipient Molly A. Harlacker; North Coast Medical President, Mark Biehl; The University of New Mexico Interim Program Director, Betsy VanLeit, for recipient Annandhi Chandrasekaran and AOTF President, Diana L. Ramsay.

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In FY 2012, the Foundation incurred expenses in the following programmatic categories:

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Leadership & Education	\$109,891
Research	\$416,525
Scholarships	\$109,486
Total Program Expenses	\$635,902

SUPPORT SERVICES

General and administration	\$501,455
Marketing and development	\$245,135
Total Support Services	\$746,590
Total Expenses	\$1,382,492

AOTF BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

	FY 2012	FY 2011
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$74,196	\$103,151
Inventory	\$589	\$2,443
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$3,948	\$703
Interest receivable	\$34,415	\$39,170
Contributions receivable net investments	\$63,365	\$48,038
Dues from AOTA	\$43,254	\$5,290
Investments	\$20,771,789	\$18,157,715
Beneficial interest in remainder and perpetual trusts	\$2,062,417	\$1,886,540
Cash surrender value of life insurance net	\$6,679	\$1,455
Property and equipment, net	\$20,200	\$29,389
Total assets	\$23,080,852	\$20,273,894

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$81,613	\$85,101
Liability for future interest on pooled income fund	\$1,492	\$1,753
Deferred compensation obligation	0	\$43,060
Deferred revenue	0	\$7,695
Total liabilities	\$83,105	\$137,609

NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)

Unrestricted	\$15,997,290	\$13,642,265
Temporarily restricted	\$294,788	\$720,925
Permanently restricted	\$6,705,669	\$5,773,095
Total net assets	\$22,997,747	\$20,136,285
Total liabilities and net assets	\$23,080,852	\$20,273,894

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