



Doctor of Physical Therapy

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Class of 2023 Receives White Coats

The 40 students of the 2023 DPT Cohort received their White Coats in an annual ceremony in April.

The second cohort of FranU DPT students received their ceremonial “white coats” after completing their final semester of on-campus classwork. The 40 students will now embark on their full-time clinical rotations before graduating in May of 2023.



The Class of 2023 receive their White Coats

DPT Olympics Go for the Gold

The 1st and 2nd cohorts participated in the annual DPT Olympics, competing against each other in athletic events and quiz bowl

Each spring, the FranU DPT Program hosts the “DPT Olympics,” a series of events and competitions between the classes for bragging rights until the next year. Events included Volleyball, “PT Relay”, Tug of War, and PT Quiz Bowl. This year was the first time the first cohort (DPT 2024) defeated the 2nd cohort in all-around competition.



Students cheer on competitors at the 2022 DPT Olympics



The PT Relay team from DPT 2023 celebrate their win

FranU Represents Physical Therapy Day

Faculty and students support PT Day at the State Capitol.

The Louisiana legislature proclaimed April 27, 2022 as “Physical Therapy Day” at the State Capitol. FranU Faculty and students joined other physical therapists from the state to be recognized in both the House and Senate general sessions.



Louisiana physical therapists and DPT students pose with Sen Fred Mills at PT Day

TheraBand BootCamp

Students learn the scientific and clinical application of elastic resistance before clinicals

Members of the FranU DPT Class of 2023 attended a hands-on “bootcamp” on using TheraBand resistance as they enter their clinical affiliations on their last day of class. Students learned the science behind elastic resistance including biomechanics and proper exercise prescription and dosing. Performance Health graciously provided bands for the class.



DPT 2023 students stretched their knowledge of TheraBand

2nd Annual DPT Research Day

Graduating DPT students showcase their Scholarly Projects

The FranU DPT Class of 2022 presented their Scholarly Projects at the 2nd annual DPT Research Day on campus. Projects were judged by the 2nd year students. Winners of the showcase were **Danielle Sabathe** and **Tori Verret**, and **Sam Mancil**.



Research Presentations & Publications

The FranU DPT program was well-represented at the 8th Annual FranU Research & Scholarship Symposium (RSS). Faculty and students combined for 7 presentations. The RSS was held virtually, and all presentations are available to be viewed on the FranU website under the “2022 Research and Scholarship” section.

In other news...

Integrating Musculoskeletal Ultrasound

FranU introducing DPT students to diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound

FranU DPT professors **Dr. Michael Ludwig and Dr. Phil Page** have started integrating diagnostic ultrasound into the DPT curriculum in students' first year. First year students will learn how to use musculoskeletal ultrasound to reinforce anatomy and palpation skills. Students will continue to use diagnostic ultrasound in their 2nd year in the orthopedics curriculum with research endowments from **Dr. Jaime Caillet and Dr. Jeff Thompson**.



First year students learn musculoskeletal anatomy of the knee using diagnostic ultrasound