

FRANU DPT Newsletter

Fall 2023

Summer Recap

Summer is no vacation here at FranU DPT! While our first years continued with their summer semester, our program kept up the pace! Here's what happened over the summer!

The new St. Francis Hall on the campus of FranU was featured in a recent "Sunday Journal" piece.

Click [here](#) to watch the tour this state-of-the-art facility!

<https://www.wbrz.com/videos/sunday-journal- franu>

The FranU DPT Program hosted an Open House on July 20. Prospective students attended the informational session on campus to learn more about what FranU has to offer. We held live demonstrations of biomechanical analysis and musculoskeletal ultrasound assessment.



3rd year student Brady Cannon demonstrates his scholarly project on biomechanics to prospective students at the Open House





The FranU DPT program held its annual Advisory Board meeting on July 27. The group met in the brand-new St. Francis Hall to discuss progress of the DPT program and its future.

FranU hosted the APTA-LA Baton Rouge District Meeting in July. Dr. Karl Kleinpeter, president of the APTA-LA spoke to the group during the meeting, followed by a continuing education event on hospital simulation. Many FranU DPT students in attendance learned their role in the future of PT advocacy.

Special thanks to Jill Stewart and Danielle Morris for pulling everything together! FranU also hosted the Louisiana State Physical Therapy Board's meeting in August at St. Francis Hall.



The class of 2025 finished up their first year of the DPT program with learning about gait and exercise physiology. Many of the students enjoyed partaking in labs that included gait analysis, exercise testing and aerobic capacity

APTA-LA Fall Meeting



The APTA-LA Fall Meeting in Baton Rouge was well-represented by FranU in August!

Many 2nd and 1st year students attended the business meeting and research day. There were a total 7 presentations made by FranU faculty, students, and alumni at the APTA-LA Research Symposium.

Including Dr. Danielle Rankin (DPT Class of 2023) who won "Best Poster."

Additionally, Dr. Kelly Rodriguez, assistant professor at FranU, was sworn in as Secretary along with President Karl Kleinpeter.



Dr. Danielle Rankin, who graduated from Fran U in May 2023



Dr. Page Featured on Podcast!

FranU's Research Director, Dr. Phil Page was featured in a Sports Physical Therapy Podcast with Dr. Mike Reinold on "How to Read a Journal Article." Link below.¹ Dr. Page discusses how clinicians can find quality research, read an article, and draw clinical implications.

¹<https://mikereinold.com/how-to-read-a-journal-article-with-phil-page/>

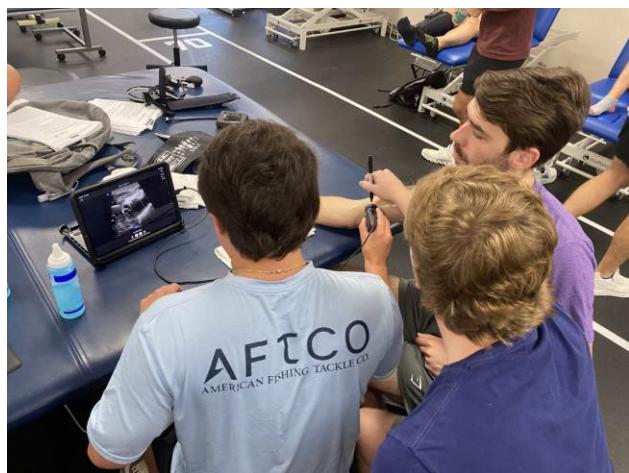


Even More Research!



FranU 2nd year DPT students participated in data collection for a Woman's Hospital / FranU DPT research project on exercise for cancer survivors. Destiny Bell (left) and Meredith Danielle (right) with lead researcher, Angela Page, PT, are evaluating changes in physical function and cancer-related fatigue after 12 weeks of exercise that includes home-based strength training and weekly community walks. The study is funded by Womans Hospital and concludes this fall.

3rd year DPT students completed their data collection for their Scholarly Projects in August. Some of the studies include blood flow restriction and dry needling interventions.



Research Presentations and Publications

Manske RC, Page P, Voight M, Wolfe C. Musculoskeletal Ultrasound: An essential tool in diagnosing patellar tendon injuries. *Int J Sports Phys Ther.* 2023; 18(4).

Manske RC, Voight M, Wolfe C, Page P. Using MSK Ultrasound in the Evaluation of Subscapularis Injuries. *Int J Sports Phys Ther.* 2023; 18(3).

Ludwig M, Caillet J, Swafford A, Thompson J, Page P. Incorporating musculoskeletal ultrasound into graduate physical therapy education: a retrospective analysis. (Poster) APTA-Louisiana Fall Meeting. Baton Rouge LA. August 25, 2023.

Page P. Pathomechanical Analysis of Movement: A Clinical Decision-Making Algorithm for Gait Analysis. (Poster) APTA-Louisiana Fall Meeting. Baton Rouge LA. August 25, 2023.

Thompson J, Page P. Musculoskeletal ultrasound image measurements of cervical intervertebral disc height are valid compared to MRI. (Platform) APTA-Louisiana Fall Meeting. Baton Rouge LA. August 25, 2023.

Trahan A, Vicknair H, Page P. Humeral Torsion Assessment using Musculoskeletal Ultrasound: A Scoping Review. (Poster) APTA-Louisiana Fall Meeting. Baton Rouge LA. August 25, 2023.

Page P, Swafford A. Developing a Knowledge-Confidence Index in Physical Therapy Students.. (Poster) APTA-Louisiana Fall Meeting. Baton Rouge LA. August 25, 2023.

Rankin D, Page P. Total knee arthroplasty and the screw home mechanism of the knee: a scoping review. (Poster) APTA-Louisiana Fall Meeting. Baton Rouge LA. August 25, 2023.

Dubois G, Jackson J, Kantrow M, Page P. Comparing Roami walkers and standard rolling walkers while navigating stairs: a pilot study. (Poster) APTA-Louisiana Fall Meeting. Baton Rouge LA. August 25, 2023.

Upcoming Events

- October 5 - FranU Fete des Fideles
- October 19 - FranU DPT Open House
- October 20 - FranU DPT Info Session
- October 28 - FranU Fall Open House
- Nov 17 - FranU DPT Info Session
- Nov 23-24 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 27-Dec 1 - Final Exams
- December 8 - Fall Graduation

Contact Us

If you have any questions about our program, please feel free to contact us!

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²<https://franu.edu/academics/academic-programs/physical-therapy>