



DPT

January Newsletter

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Remembering Jaida Payne, Class of 2025

Jaida Payne was a member of the DPT Class of 2025 cohort and a strong advocate for herself and her classmates. On January 5th, 2023, we tragically lost Jaida far too soon. Jaida was everyone's ray of sunshine and could brighten anyone's day with her positivity, personality, and can-do attitude. She left an imprint on our hearts that will last a lifetime and her Gannon Family will never forget her.

On January 8th, 2024, Jaida's Ruskin Family gathered in the courtyard behind the administration building to have a balloon release to remember her and send her our love.

Students and faculty alike came together to share words and write personal notes to Jaida and send-off with a balloon to honor her memory here in Ruskin. We also remember Jaida everyday with the commemoration of her white coat in RN 143. We love and miss you Jaida Payne



It's National Hobby Month!



January is national hobby month! Whether it's going for a walk, playing a sport, or sitting down with a good book, do something that brings you joy this month!



Semester at a Glance!

FTPFA Student Conclave
Feb 2-4

APTA CSM
Feb 15-17

Advising Day No Classes
March 20

Class of 2026 White Coat Ceremony
April 12

Graduation
May 11

MLK Day
No School
Jan 15

Ash Wednesday
Feb 14

Spring Break
Feb 25-March 3

Easter Break
March 28-April 2

Finals Week
April 29 - May 3

Interested in contributing to the monthly newsletter?

Email Sarah Graham at graham063@gannon.edu

Gannon's 1st official GUWU meeting on Jan 22nd at 3:30 pm in the fishbowl! Email graves009@gannon.edu for more info



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Sally Buckholz



Rotation Number: Clinical Experience I

Site/Setting: PT Solutions Hudson, Outpatient Orthopedic

Demographic: 7-85 years old, sports to geriatric

Caseload: 15-23 per day

Responsibilities: Evaluations, documentation, review of systems, and patient treatment

Most Rewarding Experience: During my clinical experience, I was given the opportunity to work with a geriatric gentleman with severe hip pain that required a standard walker for mobility. He was my first independent evaluation and at the end of the evaluation he stated he did not believe physical therapy could help him. I created a strong patient rapport with him by building an individualized treatment plan and patient education. The most rewarding moment with this patient was 3 weeks after his initial evaluation. He was very excited to tell me that he was able to get his mail that was at the end of his driveway with only a single-point cane. By the end of my clinical experience, he was able to walk 3 miles with no assistive device.

Advice for Rotations: Take constructive criticism as a guide to help you refine your skills as a clinician.

Student Spotlight

Emily Irwin



Hometown: Beachwood, NJ

Year in Program: 1st Year

Area of Interest: Geriatrics because I absolutely loved working with them in the nursing home.

Favorite Class: My favorite class so far has been neuroscience.

How do you maintain school-life balance? I maintain my balance by setting boundaries for myself. For example, I never ever study in my bed or on my couch, and I try to keep my studying on campus. I also keep my Saturdays for myself, no school allowed on Saturdays!

Favorite Activities: My favorite activities are running and walking on trails that I find around the area. Lately I've been doing/trying new things with my friends and going to the beach.

Advice for Future Students: It goes by so fast and it WILL be okay no matter what, there is ALWAYS a way!