

SOTA NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming events

Future Meetings Dates:

- February 6th @ 4:15 PM
- March 12th @ 4:15 PM
- April 9th @ 4:15 PM
- April 30th @ 4:15 PM


Scrub Drive: Begins 01/22

February 9th

- Last day to participate in PTE fundraiser.
- Last day to send a goodie bag or crush can to your crush!

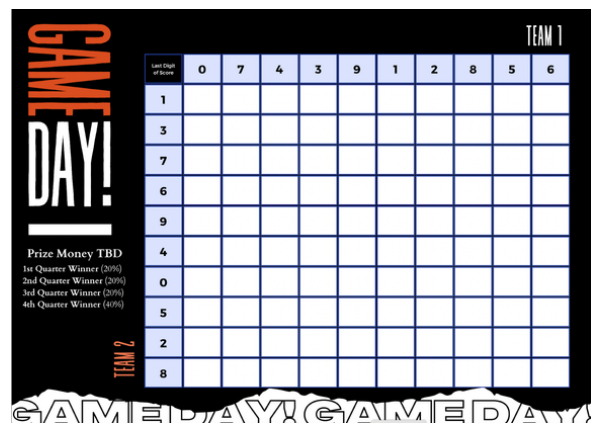


Reminders

- Register for AOTA
 - If you register by **2/28** you receive a discount on tickets for the conference
 - If you book a hotel room by **2/22** through the AOTA site you can be in the room block.
- Sign-up for SOTA Group Me
 
- Interested in Assistive Technology? Email fulton009@gannon.edu for more info.
 - Send in your ideas for a name for a chance to win a free t-shirt!

Pi Theta Epsilon

- To claim a square on the board, please Venmo \$10 to [@juliana-bell-1](https://www.venmo.com/@juliana-bell-1) and provide your name and email address in the comment box to receive your board (and prize if you are a winner!).
- 50% of the funds are being donated to Gannon Ruskin's Pi Theta Epsilon organization to support their members in attending the upcoming American Occupational Therapy Conference in Orlando this March. The remaining 50% of the funds will be distributed to the four winners.



If you have any questions email Bell177@gannon.edu

An Interesting Read

Gat, S., & Ratzon, N. Z. (2014). Comparison of occupational therapy students' perceived skills after traditional and nontraditional fieldwork. *The American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 68(2). <https://doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2014.007732>

From Fieldwork ~ Carly Palkovich



Fieldwork level - Fieldwork site/setting: IIB – outpatient pediatrics

During this fieldwork placement, I was with KidSpot in both Sarasota and Palmetto. I spent the first half of each day at Selby Preschool. This is a school focused on inclusivity, teaching typically developing children and children with special needs in the same classroom. Selby has an on-site partnership with KidSpot and I was able to treat children at this location until they went down for nap time. I spent the second half of each day at the KidSpot outpatient clinic in Palmetto. KidSpot is the oldest private, pediatric therapy clinic in Manatee County!

Population: I worked with mainly preschool aged children but was fortunate enough to be able to work with kids from ages 1-14. The kids I worked with had a wide array of diagnoses from CP, Down Syndrome, ASD, ADD, ADHD, Menkes Disease, global developmental delay, FM delays, gross motor delays, etc.

Caseload: I had roughly 26 children on my caseload. The schedule and number of kids I would treat varied slightly from week to week at the preschool.

Responsibilities: I was responsible for treatment planning, implementing the treatment, documentation, and evaluations for each child. I was also responsible for co-treating with the physical and speech therapists

Common assessments: PDMS, BOT-2, Sensory Profile, SPM, Early Intervention Developmental Profile, Preschool Developmental Profile

Most rewarding experience: The most rewarding part of working in pediatrics was getting to know the children and their families so well. It is such a special experience being a part of their lives and watching their children grow and thrive!

Funny experience: On Halloween the preschool rented a giant inflatable bounce house and slide to celebrate with the kids. I must've taken kids down that slide a thousand times that day! It was definitely not made for adults! The kids had so much fun and myself and the rest of the therapy staff all had a good laugh.

Student Spotlight ~ Stephanie Aviles-Velazquez



Where are you from? Wesley Chapel, FL

What year of the OT program are you in? I am a first-year OTD student.

Area of Interest: I am interested in working in the neuro field, helping stroke and TBI patients recover in a rehabilitation center.

How do you maintain occupational balance? In my free time, I enjoy watching new movies that come out and specifically love rewatching Grey's Anatomy.

Favorite class: My favorite class so far is Neuro rehab. I like it because it connects and applies things that we have learned in the past semester.

Favorite occupations: My favorite occupation has to be caring to my dog Mama. She is a 3-year-old American bulldog.

Fun fact: A fun fact about myself is that I did karate for most of my life.