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Department of Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation Science, and Athletic Training faculty member **Jason Rucker Ph.D., PT**, co-authored three articles published in the journal Physical Therapy. These articles present the findings and recommendations of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy's Strategic Initiative Panel on Simulation in Physical Therapy Education, on which he was selected to serve as a panel member. Read [article one](#), [article two](#) and [article three](#). Great work.

Occupational therapy faculty member **Tobia Zanutto, Ph.D.**, authored [an article](#) recently published in the journal Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders. It is titled "Characteristics and Consequences of Falls Among People with Multiple Sclerosis Who Use Wheelchairs or Scooters: Differences Between Injurious and Non-injurious Falls." Nice job.

April 17-21, 2023, Health Information Professionals Week, was created by the American Health Information Management Association to raise awareness and recognize the importance of the profession to health care. It is a great time to highlight our program and its involvement at the joint annual meeting of the Kansas and Missouri chapters of the Health Information Management Association held April 12-14, 2023, in Overland Park. **Rosann McLean, DHSc, RHIA**, presented in the student track of the conference to assist new graduates in their job search and career planning. **Angela Couture, M.S., RHIA**, and **Kaitlyn Brown, MHSA, RHIA**, were elected to positions on the Kansas chapter's board for the upcoming year. **Bobbie Laincz, Ed.D.**, was acknowledged during the business meeting session for her volunteerism. Current health information management student **Larissa Cooper** was awarded the Karen Schuvie Scholarship. Congratulations to each of you.

The 25th annual KU Medical Center Student Leader Awards were presented on April 6, 2023, and recognized exceptional leaders in our community. Current dietetics and nutrition student **Jane Ibude** received the Kellyann Jones-Jamtgaard Commitment to Diversity Award. She was nominated for her commitment to improving campus life and most notably established the African and Caribbean Descents Association, encouraging cross-cultural interaction and conversation among students. Congratulations. [See photo](#).

Please be safe and thank you for all that you do.