

## From - the - Dean

Two faculty from our respiratory care program attended the [Respiratory Patient Advocacy Summit](#) held June 13-14, 2023. Congratulations to **Cheryl Skinner, MSc., RRT**, on being honored with the National Respiratory Advocacy Award by the American Association for Respiratory Care. **Dave Burnett, Ph.D., RRT**, presented "Long COVID: Is it Here to Stay?" during the conference. Well done.

A pilot study by **Hannes Devos, Ph.D., PT**, associate professor, Department of Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation Science, and Athletic Training, [was published](#) in the journal Transportation Research Part F: Traffic Psychology and Behavior. It is titled "Cortical Dynamics of Automated Driving Across the Spectrum of Cognitive Aging: A Proof-of-Concept Study." Co-authors from our school include rehabilitation science students **Pedram Ahmadnezhad** and **Sodiq Fakorede**, along with physical therapy student **Elisabeth Nguyen**. Excellent work.

**Renée Rains, OTD, OTR/L**, attended the Consortium of Universities for Global Health 2023 Annual Conference held in Washington, D.C., this spring. She presented on her work as a student in our post-professional occupational therapy program: transnational collaboration in the education of rehabilitation students in low-income countries. Her academic mentor was **Becky Nicholson, OTD, OTR/L**. Nice job.

Thank you, faculty, staff, and students for your great support of the **2023 School of Health Professions Kickoff** event held on August 30. The attendance and participation were quite impressive, and it was a lot of fun. I wish all our current students the best for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond. [See photos](#).

Have a relaxing holiday weekend, please be safe and thank you for all that you do.



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