

# 2008 Student Conclave

University of Hartford

Saturday, March 29, 2008

## Don't Miss the First Student Conclave of this kind in CT!

This student conclave has been designed with feedback from the Student Special Interest Group (SSIG) to meet the needs of PT and PTA students as prospective employees. Sessions have been designed to target the interviewing process, evaluating job offers, considering physician owned practices and mentoring opportunities. There will be a chance to integrate many of these skills and interact with local business and association leaders.

A convenient location for all, the event is being held at the University of Hartford, Dana Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. **Take advantage of this program for the following low rates: Student APTA Members \$15; Student Non-members \$25.**

## Lunch with Business & Association Leaders

The morning programming sessions will culminate with a lunch session to meet with and interact with fellow students, local business leaders, and Connecticut Physical Therapy Association (CPTA) leaders.

CPTA Student Scholarships will be awarded during lunch. Lunch will be catered by Gourmet Gatherings by Ascot.

## Career Hall

Visit the career hall during unopposed breaks to learn about exciting job opportunities available as a future physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. Don't miss this potential to share copies of your resume with future employment professionals!

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## Track One Programming

TIME	SESSION
9:30-10:00 am	Registration and Open Career Hall
10:00-12:00	Session 1- Understanding Job Offers
30 min am break	Open Career Hall
12:15-1:15pm	Lunch With Leaders
1:30-2:30pm	Mock Interviews
2:30-4:30pm	Session 2- Resumé Writing
30 min pm break	Open Career Hall
6:00 pm	Marquette Fundraiser (optional and must register separately)

## Track Two Programming

TIME	SESSION
9:30-10:00 am	Registration and Open Career Hall
10:00-12:00	Session 1- Interviewing Process
30 min am break	Open Career Hall
12:15-1:15pm	Lunch With Leaders
1:30-2:30pm	Mock Interviews
2:30-4:30pm	Session 2- Physical Therapist vs. Physician Owned Practices
30 min pm break	Open Career Hall
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*Additional session information available on page 2*

## Track One Session Information

### **Understanding Job Offers, essentials for comparing competitive offers.**

(10 am-12 noon, 30 min break)

Morgan Hills is the Director of the Nayden Rehabilitation Clinic, in Neag School of Education, at the University of Connecticut. He received a Bachelor Degree of Science in Physical Education with a concentration in Athletic Training from Central Connecticut State University in 1988. In 1992, he received an additional Bachelor Degree of Science in Allied Health, Physical Therapy at the University of Connecticut. Mr. Hills received an MBA from the University of Hartford in 2001. He is a Fellow in Healthcare Management from the American College of Healthcare Executives. He was a certified athletic trainer from 1988 until 1997.

#### Objectives:

- Attendee will receive an overview of the interview and position selection process.
- Attendee will understand the employment offer/letter.
- Attendee will understand compensation packages.
- Attendee will learn how to compare offers.

### **Writing Your Resume; Crafting a Professional Presentation**

(2:45 pm-4:45 pm, 30 min break)

David Lane is the Administrative Director of Outpatient Services at Gaylord Hospital in Wallingford, Connecticut. Prior to joining Gaylord Hospital he served as Manager of Compliance and Product Manager for Chart Links, LLC. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Physical Therapy from Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1990 and his Master of Science in Health Services Administration from the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida in 1998. He has served as an adjunct faculty member with the College of Health and Public Affairs at the University of Central Florida and the University of Texas Pan-American. David has served in several elected and appointed capacities with the APTA, the Florida Physical Therapy Association, and the CPTA. Most recently, he is the new Vice President of the CPTA.

#### Objectives:

- The participant will understand the concepts and use of different resume formats.
- The participant will understand the impact that words and descriptions can have on conveying their message.
- The participant will understand the impact that portraying their skills has on a successful resume.

## Track Two Session Information

### **Interview Winners, Losers, and Bloopers**

(10 am-12 noon, 30 min break)

Brian Emerick is currently the Executive Director of Access Rehab Centers; an outpatient rehab agency based in the Greater Waterbury area. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson University in 1987 with a BS degree in occupational therapy. After working with spinal cord injury patients, Mr. Emerick became the Director of Occupational Therapy at Selinsgrove Center. During this time, he earned an MS in OT from College Misericordia. This was followed by a position as Site Manager for a CORF located in Middleburg, PA. Mr. Emerick then became Director of Rehabilitation for a large residential facility located in Winfield, KS. In 1996, Mr. Emerick moved into the position of Regional Rehabilitation Consultant for Liberty Healthcare with responsibility for program development throughout a multi-state area. In 2000, Mr. Emerick earned an MBA from the University of New Haven. He accepted his current position in August of 2001.

#### Objectives:

- Attendee will develop a greater understanding of various interview processes.
- Attendee will be better prepared to respond to various possible interview questions or techniques.

### **Outpatient Employment: Physical Therapist owned vs. Physician owned! What is behind these doors!**

(2:45 pm-4:45 pm, 30 min break)

Craig Zettergren, PT, MS, MBA is the owner of Physical Therapy Center of Bristol, LLC and Physical Therapy Center of Southington- Cheshire. He has been an outpatient physical therapist for 20 years. He has been a member of the APTA since 1986. He has extensive knowledge on the APTA views of POPTS and private practice physical therapy. He will be sharing these experiences with the students.

#### Objectives:

- Attendee will learn the APTA stance on referral for profit.
- Attendee will learn the value of a mentorship their first year out.

## Mock Interviews

A special opportunity that is available to attendees to give them first hand experience with the interviewing process prior to graduation. Each attendee will be assigned a local business or association leader to interview with for a 20-30 minute time period. Interview sessions may vary based on number of attendees and leaders participating in this event.

A mock interview is one of the best ways to prepare for a real life employment interview. It allows one to gain experience and practice in answering questions that are likely to be asked by a recruiter or human resources department. The interviewer may be available to provide constructive feedback on your interviewing style and response to questions.

## Marquette Fundraiser

The University of Hartford Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA) will be partaking in the Marquette-Pittsburg Challenge this year. This challenge is run by Marquette University in Wisconsin and raises money to support the Foundation of Physical Therapy. The Marquette University website says "The organization funds research grants supporting studies designed to evaluate the "effectiveness of physical therapist interventions." Each year, the money is awarded as a one-year research grant."

We will be having a Physical Therapy Gala at Hot Tomatoes at Union Station on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Appetizers will be served at 6:00 pm, followed by a full Italian banquet at 7:00 pm. A limited open bar will be available from 6:00 -7:00 pm. Tickets will be available until March 21<sup>st</sup>. Students will be charged \$32.00 and non-students \$40.00. To purchase tickets, send checks made payable to PTSA- University of Hartford to:

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If you are unable to attend and wish to make a donation to the Marquette Challenge, please send all contributions to the address above. For more information, contact Elizabeth Fisk at [EFisk@hartford.edu](mailto:EFisk@hartford.edu), or Janet Gangaway at [Gangaway@hartford.edu](mailto:Gangaway@hartford.edu), or call 860-768-5266.

Sincerely,  
The Physical Therapy Student Association,  
University of Hartford

## Registration

Please send payment and registration information to:  
Connecticut Physical Therapy Association  
15 North River Road  
Tolland, CT 06084  
Tel: (860) 246 – 4414 Fax: (860) 656-9069

**Registration Deadline: March 25, 2008**

**Student APTA Member \$15**  
**Student Non-Member \$25**

Payment must be included with registration. Please make checks payable to CPTA. If faxing your registration, you must pay by credit card. Only those who have paid in full will have space reserved.

### **Registration Form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check payable to CPTA \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my credit card for registration:

MC  Visa  Am. Ex.

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please indicate which track you would like to attend:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Track One

\_\_\_\_\_ Track Two

Online registration and directions available at  
[www.ctpt.org](http://www.ctpt.org).