

Southeast Community College started a class of 25 students in August of this year and the semester is going fast. Students are currently learning about Kinesiology, Musculoskeletal Conditions and Rehab, and Basic patient care. We are at the midpoint of the semester. An additional 13 students are setting out on their last clinical rotation of their schooling. 2nd year students will be finishing up an 8-week clinical in December, will graduate, and sit for boards in the first part of January. There is a lot of excitement with both groups for different reasons. Some gaining the knowledge in the classroom and others gaining knowledge from the gracious therapists that support physical therapy education.

Two years ago, the SCC PTA program instituted a capstone project to encourage students to find a love for evidence-based practice. As part of this project, students are asked to create a scientific poster based on a literature review of a topic of their choice. Posters are presented to the public and all clinicians are welcome to attend. The poster gallery walk will be on Tuesday, December 12th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Drinks and sacks will be provided for those to attend. Topics this year include, but are not limited to, Pelvic floor therapy for those with non-specific low back pain, mirror therapy for CVA/TBI patients, dry needling for patients with upper neck pain, Virtual reality assisted therapy for patients with Parkinson's Disease, and Blood Flow Restriction for patients with neurological conditions. We look forward to having clinicians from across the community come to find out about some of the latest research in these topics and more.

Finally, the SCC PTA program partnered with the therapists over at Bryan Health to celebrate Global PT Day of Service a little early. Over 30 students and therapists got together to clean up Pioneers Park in Lincoln. Participants spent a few hours picking up what others left behind. Special thanks to the Bryan Health therapists for their assistance.