



## KEAN UNIVERSITY Nathan Weiss Graduate College

This has been a year of positive change and growth at Kean University. We earned a 7 year accreditation from ACOTE for our entry level doctoral program and have our first cohort of students starting doctoral residency, while maintaining a strong master's program as well. **Mariann Moran** has been serving as the Interim Program Chairperson since September 2018. We welcome **Danielle Centi** as the Doctoral Capstone Manager and Doctoral Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and **Victor Michael Camacho** as an Assistant Professor.

The **Kean University Occupational Therapy Community Cares Clinic** (KUOT-CCC), in its 7th year of business has successfully transitioned to a telehealth model of services given the COVID-19 pandemic while managing a full caseload of clients. Clinic programming continues to expand, leading to our ability to host more fieldwork students and better reach the community at large. The clinic continued its partnership with Prevention Links, a local non-profit community organization. In addition, KUOT-CCC Partnered with College Steps to provide individual and group OT sessions to support their students in the pursuit of a fair education. **Kelly Sullivan** and **Laurie Knis** received a faculty seed grant in order to provide the new Enabled and Employed program through the Kean OT clinic. Additionally, the clinic participated in various vendor tables at state-level events to promote OT, as well as our clinic services offered.

**Claire M. Mulry** will be named to AOTA's Roster of Fellows on April 9, 2021. She followed up on her AARP's Thriving in Community grants and commitment to community dwelling older adults by serving on the team that revised AARPs HomeFit documents and website.. **Jennifer Gardner** and **Claire Mulry** recently co-authored a research article with graduate students titled, *Feasibility of the Let's Go Mobility Program for Community Dwelling Adults with Mental Disorders*. **Laurie Knis-Matthews** is using her release time to work on publishing her book, *The Matthews Model of Clinical Reasoning*. She is mentoring doctoral students in a research study about clinical reasoning that will also be incorporated into the book. **Mariann Moran** continues her involvement with the Board of Directors of NJOTA as State Liaison. She is on a committee starting the NWGC Center for Health Equity Education Research and Practice. **Patricia Higgins** continues community outreach through her position as the fieldwork coordinator, enhancing community relationships, and working to develop innovative fieldwork experiences. **Kelly Sullivan** has been promoted to the role of Clinic Director of KUOT-CCC and continues to work on interprofessional projects, enhancing and improving community outreach and programming, while mentoring multiple fieldwork students. **Victor M. Camacho** has applied for a Students Partnering with Faculty internal grant with OT students to work on a research project entitled: Education on foot care: Addressing health disparities of an urban at risk population through improved health management in self-care.

Our faculty continues to publish and present their works with students for the healthcare community on both local and national levels. SOTA continues to thrive despite the transition to virtual planning including: hosting our annual Older Adult Prom virtually, spreading awareness of human trafficking and the vital role of OT during the pandemic, and fundraising through a virtual 5K in order to fund our annual BFF Breakfast for Families with Children with Autism event. We are grateful to our adjunct professors and clinicians for sharing their talents and expertise with us. Thank you: Kevin Nelson, Zahava Friedman, Carolyn Driscoll, Jill Raychel, Ilana Unger, Sandeep Suri, Christine Bodzioch, Tarah Romano, and all of our fieldwork educators.