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Greetings from our Program Director

Hello from the UNE MSOT Program and Happy Fall!

Fall is my favorite season in New England, I love the colors, the change in the weather, cider donuts, pumpkins and mums to name of few of my fall favorites. I also enjoy all the occupations that come with the change of season and the change of context.

Summer flew by here on campus with a new group of students joining us in May, the Class of 2026, and the Class of 2025 completing their final academic semester before heading out to Level II Fieldwork in Maine and all over the US. Many of you may be hosting our students now or in the Spring and we can't thank you enough for supporting UNE MSOT.

As in the Spring, we have been very busy on campus and in the community working with current and many new community partners. New partnerships include work with Park Danforth and older adults, Day One with children and Youth, and developing wellness events for patients with Pulmonary concerns. We would enjoy seeing how you celebrate Fall by sharing photos or stories of your occupations that we can share on social media to stay connected whenever and wherever we can!

Kris



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Save the date

UNE is hosting the Fall 2024 MeOTA Conference!
Saturday, November 16th, 2024
Portland Campus

For more details:

[MeOTA Fall Conference Schedule and Registration](#)



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INNOVATION FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

The Fieldwork Office has been busy preparing students in the Class of 2025 for their fall level II fieldwork placements. While most students are placed locally, we will have students in ten states during the fall and spring semesters as far flung as Colorado and Texas. We continue to expand fieldwork opportunities for students in all areas of OT practice and are thankful to the clinicians who support our students in their level II fieldwork experiences.

Over the past year, we have expanded our community-based level I fieldwork opportunities. In the spring, students spent time at Storey Smith Pediatric OT Clinic in Falmouth and worked with the STRIVE Tweens program in South Portland. During the summer semester, they engaged in in-home visits with residents of Park Danforth. This fall, we look forward to a new collaboration with Day One Residential Treatment programs as part of our Mental Health Level I fieldwork experience.

As always, we are hard at work securing placements for the Class of 2026 and future students. Many current and past students have enjoyed being supervised by or working alongside UNE alumni. If you are interested in providing fieldwork opportunities for our students, please contact Academic Fieldwork Coordinator Jessica Walton at jwalton5@une.edu.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Do you have news to share? Did you get a new job? A promotion? Get married? Expand your family? Had a weekend reunion with your MSOT classmates? We'd love to share your news, photos, etc. Please provide your class year and your info and we will happily share it in our next newsletter.

Please send these updates to Carrie Beals, cbeals@une.edu

We look forward to hearing all your exciting news and adventures!

PROGRAM UPDATES

- **UNE Community Collaborations: Park Danforth.** This past summer, as part of both fieldwork and coursework, students engaged with community members at Park Danforth. For fieldwork, students were assigned a partner who is living at Park Danforth and visited their partner several times throughout the course of the semester to understand their occupational needs and identities. In August, those students developed and ran a Health & Wellness Fair based on topics requested by the Park Danforth community. We look forward to continued collaboration and partnership with our neighbors at Park Danforth! **[Read more about this event here.](#)** (See photos on the next page!)
- **ACOTE: UNE MSOT is up for re-accreditation** through the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education in the next 12 months. Our faculty and professional staff are busy preparing for this accreditation through our self-study. Our on-site visit is currently scheduled for April 21 to 23, 2025. **Would you be willing to participate on an alumni panel?** Please contact Dr. Kris Winston, kwinston@une.edu, with your interest to join in this important process!
- **Pi Theta Epsilon:** We inducted 10 new members our Chapter of Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE) this spring, marking 30 years of PTE here at UNE. **[Read more about our ceremony and celebration here.](#)**
- **Inaugural STIGMA Event:** In May, UNESOTA worked collaboratively with colleagues from Looking Ahead Clubhouse in Lewiston to host our first annual Standing Together in Growing Mental Health Awareness (STIGMA) event. **[Read here for more details about this day.](#)** We look forward to continuing this advocacy event this coming spring. (See photos on the next page!)

UNE OT PARK DANFORTH WELLNESS FAIRHEAD QUARTERS



Above: Dana McKinnon Tucker & Korin Bowers presenting on Volunteering as an Older Adult



Above: Connecting with members of the Park Danforth Community



Above: Katelyn Hutchins, Aly Pare, and Kaleigh Walsh presenting on Cybersecurity and Identity Theft Protection for older adults



Above: Morgan Kelly and Sawyer Champagne presenting on Dating and Relationships



Above: Keagan Berry and Rebecca Corbett presenting on Balance



Above: Jojo Picone and Thomas Bartok reviewing safety strategies for navigating Stevens Avenue



Above: Carol Wilson and Katie Herzig presenting on the importance of foot health



Above: Rebecca Mooers and Hailey Kelly presenting on Sleep and Rest

INAUGURAL STANDING TOGETHER IN GROWING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS (STIGMA) EVENT



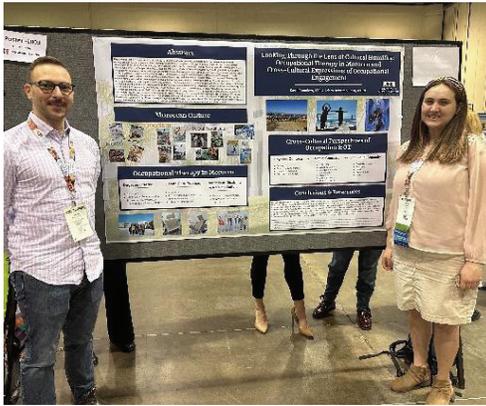
Above: UNE MSOT Students, Faculty and Community members coming together for the inaugural STIGMA Event



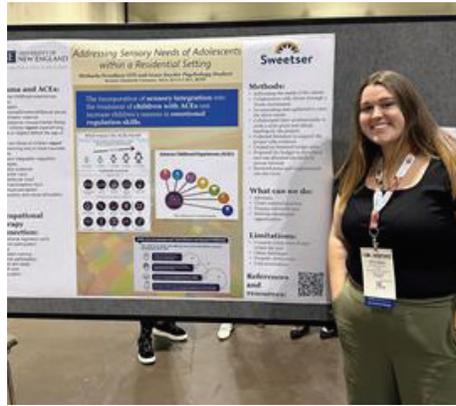
Above: Prof. Jamie Harmon, UNE MSOT Student Yasmeeen Tum, and Dr. Carol Lambdin Pattavina

UNE MSOT AT AOTA INSPIRE IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

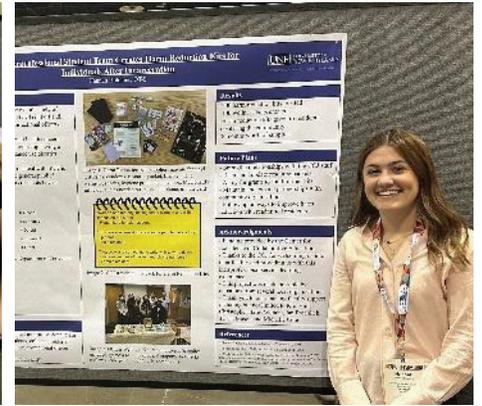
UNE MSOT had a strong showing at the March 2024 AOTA Inspire Conference. Below are photos highlighting the scholarly contributions of our UNE MSOT Community!



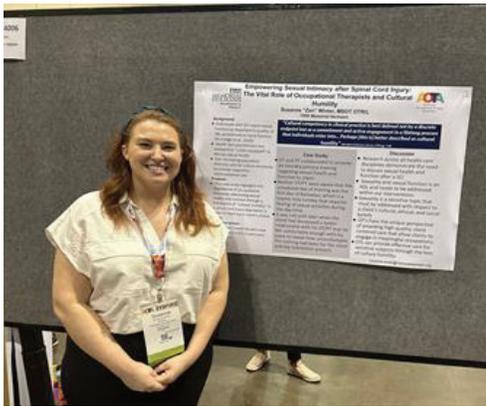
Above: Dr. Adam DePrimo and Kassi Brandow, MSOT '23 "Looking through the Lens of Cultural Humility: Occupational Therapy in Morocco and Cross-Cultural Expressions of Occupational Engagement"



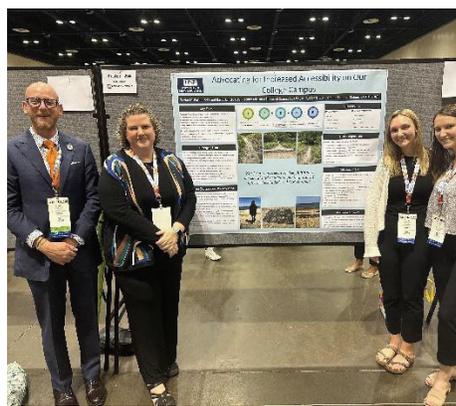
Above: Michaela Svendsen '22, MSOT '24 "Addressing Sensory Needs of Adolescents within a Residential Setting"



Above: Hannah Hutchins, MSOT '24 "Interprofessional Student Team Creates Harm Reduction Kits for Individuals After Incarceration"



Above: Suzanne "Zan" Winter, MSOT '19 "Empowering Sexual Intimacy after Spinal Cord Injury: The Vital Role of Occupational Therapists and Cultural Humility"



Above: MSOT Adjunct Faculty Dr. Chris Delenick and MSOT Faculty Dr. Elizabeth Crampsey with Taylor McPartlin '22, MSOT '24 and Bailey Lynch '22, MSOT '24 "Advocating for Increased Accessibility on Our College Campus"



Above: Leslie Bardin, MSOT '17 & Audrey Comeau, MSOT '18: Podium Presentation, "Sexuality and Intimacy for Individuals with Differences of Sex"



Left: Pausing for some fun with UNE Alumni, Students, Faculty, and Friends at our annual Alumni Gathering at AOTA.

In April of 2024, Dr. Carol Lambdin-Pattavina was inducted into AOTA Roster of Fellows, which recognizes occupational therapist members of AOTA who, through their knowledge, expertise, leadership, advocacy, and guidance, have made a significant contribution over time to the profession with a measured impact on consumers of occupational therapy services and/or members of the association.

Carol was recognized for her longstanding and consistent advocacy for those with psychiatric labels and her passionate dedication to teaching students how to best support those with these labels. Her peers acknowledge her as a staunch advocate for those labeled with mental illness and someone who is actively involved in the community to improve systems of care, eradicate stigma, and foster practices that breed occupational justice.

“This is an incredible honor, and I am humbled to know that my commitment to supporting occupational therapy in dedicated mental health spaces has been recognized,” Lambdin-Pattavina said. “Bringing awareness to the impact occupational therapy can have in this practice area has been my mission since I began as an occupational therapy practitioner 25 years ago.”



Congratulations, Carol!

SAVE THE DATE!

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UNE DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
ADAPTIVE PROJECTS EXPO

When:
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 • 4:30-6 p.m.

Where:
Girard Innovation Hall
UNE Portland Campus
716 Stevens Ave, Portland, ME 04103

Who:
Free and open to the community, students, faculty, and professional staff. Individuals of all ages and abilities are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Save the Date! Our Annual Adaptive Expo is coming up!

Are you a practitioner working with pediatrics/young adults who could benefit from an adaptive project in your community or clinic? Contact **Jamie Harmon** to let us know what your needs are!



ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Ready to take a Fieldwork student? Are you local to campus? Are you a leader or advocate for your clients? Are you interested in sharing something you are doing through a guest lecture or lunch and learn opportunity in person or virtually? We have created a new link to **update your contact information**, and let us know how you would like to engage with the UNE OT Community. Be involved. Be in touch! We can't wait to connect with you soon Did you miss the latest alumni Newsletter from UNE? We have two AMAZING features in this **latest edition!**

Connect with our UNE Alumni Council.



WELCOMING OUR NEWEST ALUMNI, UNE MSOT CLASS OF 2024!

Congratulations to the UNE MSOT Class of 2024! We had an amazing time celebrating the accomplishments of this class in May, culminating in the WCHP Graduation Ceremony on Friday, May 17th 2024 and the UNE Commencement Ceremonies on Saturday, May 18th. For the week leading up to graduation, we hosted the class of 2024 for various celebrations and information sessions related to NBCOT preparation and career preparation. We also welcomed AOTA President Alyson Stover to campus to **speak with our students about her OT journey and share some words of wisdom** with our graduates. Congratulations all, we look forward to staying in touch!



UNE MSOT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Portland Pride!** Carol Lambdin-Pattavina and Jennie Dapice represented UNE OT at the Portland Pride parade on June 15, 2024
- **UNE MSOT on the Maine Board of Occupational Therapy Practice:** **Jessica Bolduc** ('05) has been on the Maine Board of Occupational Therapy practice since 2022, and has served as chair of the board since 2023. Jessica has been involved in multiple state and national OT organizations, and is very open to connecting with students and other alumni who may have an interest in local or national volunteer opportunities.



Above left: **Eclipse Time!** UNE OT and PT Faculty Eclipse Gazing this past spring alongside students on our Portland campus! Above middle: **Donor Gala:** Olivia Roy and Sydney Gillingham highlighting our new infant mannequins for use in simulation. Above right: **Special Surfers:** 1st and 2nd year MSOT students, along with Jennie Dapice and Molly Collin (PT) spent time this summer with Special Surfers



Left: **ICanBike:** This event is organized by Betsy Cyr (PT) and was supported by Jennie Dapice

Right: **Canine Companions:** Jennie Dapice brought her Therapy Dog, Lincoln, to visit with students during Final Exam week over the summer. Thank you, Jennie and Lincoln!





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