



# Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science

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## Alumni

### Ways to Stay Connected

Stay connected to the UCSF/SFSU community with the following resources:

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### Continuing Education Courses

The UCSF Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science offers a number of continuing education courses throughout the year. Please see our [Continuing Education page](#) <sup>[6]</sup> for more details.

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### Support Future Students

Please donate to the Graduate Program in Physical Therapy and help ensure future generations of students have access to our programs. More information on how to give and how donations are used, please see our [Make A Gift page](#).

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## Past Events

### 2014 UCSF Alumni Weekend

UCSF held its third annual Alumni Weekend on May 29-31, 2014. This campus-wide celebration brought together over 2,000 alumni, friends and students from all UCSF schools and programs. UCSF Alumni Weekend 2014 featured 60+ events, including lectures, panels,

accredited continuing education courses, reunion celebrations, campus tours, entertainment and much more.

For photos from the Physical Therapy Reception, click here [\[7\]](#)!

## **2013 UCSF Alumni Weekend**

The second annual UCSF Alumni Weekend was held on April 25-27, 2013. Over three days alumni had an opportunity to take a four-hour Physical Therapy CE course on the Mission Bay Campus, attend a UCSF Alumni Reception and Chancellor's Breakfast at the Palace Hotel, join tours of the new Physical Therapy facilities on the Mission Bay campus and additional tours of the Teaching and Learning Center and Anatomy Learning Center on the Parnassus campus.



## **2012 UCSF/SFSU Alumni Reception - California Physical Therapy Association**

Fifty-seven UCSF Physical Therapy Alumni attended a reception at the annual California Physical Therapy Association Conference at the Hyatt Santa Clara on September 28th hosted by the University Development and Alumni Relations Department. The event, included alumni from the Classes of 1960 through 2015.

Kimberly Topp, Professor and Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science greeted the attendees and shared how special it was to see so many alumni reconnecting with one another. She talked about the evolution of the UCSF/SFSU Physical Therapy program, the beautiful new facility on the fourth floor of the Orthopedic Building on the Mission Bay campus and how the class size has grown to a record 41 students.

Alumni interested in receiving a list of their classmates should contact Louis Gutierrez, Alumni Coordinator for the UCSF/SFSU Graduate Program in Physical Therapy at (415) 476-4723 or [louis.gutierrez@ucsf.edu](mailto:louis.gutierrez@ucsf.edu) [\[8\]](#).

Check out the Alumni Event Photos [\[9\]](#)!

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## **Alumni Spotlight**

"Life After My UCSF/SFSU PT Program" - ELISE STONE, PT '55

For the first five years after graduation in 1955, I worked as a physical therapist in a variety of settings - at a general hospital, at a residential school for severely disabled children, at outpatient clinics treating mostly children with cerebral palsy, as well as treating a few private patients. After our youngest child started school I returned to graduate school and received a Masters in Health Science (Health Education) from San Francisco State University in 1974.

My jobs over the following 26 years were all in the field of Health Education until I retired in 2000 at the age of 65. They included: faculty assistant at San Francisco State University, an instructor of Health Education at City College of San Francisco, Public Health Educator for the Child Health & Disability Prevention Program with the San Mateo County Department of Health Services, Project Director for a Peer Resource Project (where teens were taught to teach other teens regarding responsible sexual behavior), Health Educator for the San Mateo County Suicide Prevention Program, Health Educator for a Patient Education Resource Center at San Francisco General Hospital, and last, Health Education Coordinator for the San Francisco Bay Area Regional (later California) Poison Control Center. In all these jobs, I used many of the skills that I had learned initially in Physical Therapy School and my work in that field, such as conducting research, writing and teaching techniques, along with a comfort zone when interacting with teachers, parents, and children as well as with the general public.

Over the years I have been involved in a number of volunteer activities both in organizations such as the League of Women Voters and Northern California chapter of the Society for Public Health Education, (president of both), as well as participating in a number of community organizations such as A Breast Self-Examination Project with the American Cancer Society, Planned Parenthood and a number of advisory boards for schools, lead poisoning prevention and developmentally disabled. I mention these volunteer activities because they enriched my life so much and skills gleaned from them also helped me be more successful in my jobs. Although I retired almost 13 years ago, I am as busy as I ever was - although I don't have to get up at 6 am anymore to get to work!

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