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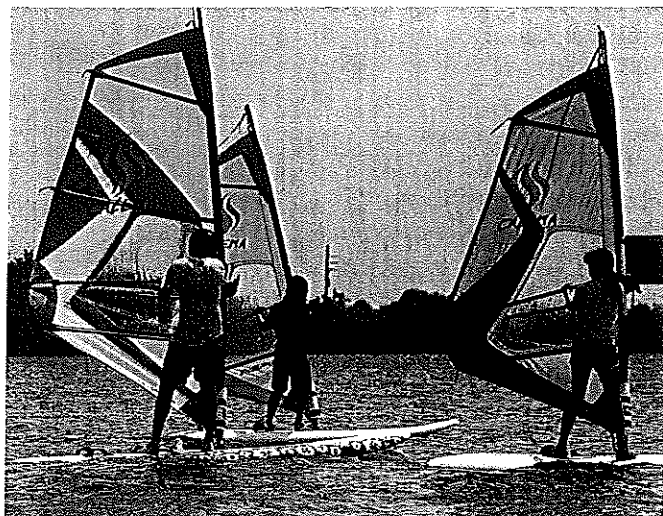
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**Practitioners in the News**



**Marielese Jacobs** (pictured at left), OTR/L, was recently featured in an article (<http://alturl.com/8n2xj>) covering her work with Camp Windspark, which gives children with autism spectrum disorder the chance to participate in fun outdoor activities. **Shannon Breakey** and

**Bryne Coupland**, OT students at Adventist University of Health Sciences in Winter Park, Florida, also helped organize the camp. (In the photograph above, campers windsurf.)

**Claudine Campbell**, MOT, OTR/L, CLT, **Lauro Muñoz**, MOT, OTR, and **Mackenzi Pergolotti**, PhD, OTR/L, recently collaborated on the article, "Occupational Therapy for Adults with Cancer: Why it Matters," featured in *The Oncologist*. For more, visit <http://alturl.com/3zfg8>.

**Tori Martin**, an occupational therapy student at Saint Francis University in Pennsylvania, received the Ann Eppard Scholarship offered at Saint Francis, which is awarded to a student interested in legislative affairs. Martin, the first occupational therapy student to win this award, will spend 4 weeks in May as a staff intern with U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster

(R-PA) in Washington, DC, on Capitol Hill. The scholarship/internship includes a \$5,000 stipend for housing and meals.

**Mallory Lanier**, MHS, OTR/L, director of the August University Low Vision Rehabilitation Clinic, was featured in the university's *Gravity* magazine for her off-hours work as a ballet teacher to special needs children. Lanier is director of Steps of Grace, an adaptive dance program she founded 5 years ago for children with autism spectrum disorder, sensory processing disorder, cerebral palsy, and other special needs.

**Sam Troia**, an occupational therapy student at Creighton University in Nebraska, recently delivered a TedXTalk about silencing the stigma of mental illness. To watch, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIg7dIMur0A>.



**Tracy Van Oss**, DHSc, MPH, OTR/L, FAOTA, associate clinical professor at

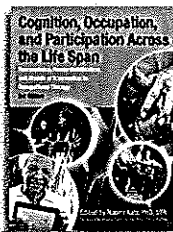
Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, recently gave a presentation at the United

Nations in New York on "Occupational Therapy: Maximizing Roles and Empowering Women." The talk resulted from her duties as a board member for the Albert Schweitzer Institute at Quinnipiac University during the 2-week long Commission of the Status of Women, which is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to promoting gender equality and empowering women.

**Orli Weisser-Pike**, OTR/L, CLVT, SCLV, recently participated in a BrightFocus Foundation webinar on making the home safer for those with low vision. BrightFocus is a nonprofit that supports research to end Alzheimer's disease, macular degeneration, and glaucoma. To view the archive, visit [www.brightfocus.org/livechat](http://www.brightfocus.org/livechat).

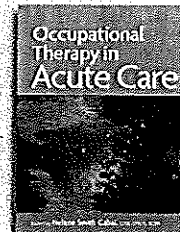
**Missy Thurlow**, MBA, OTR/L, CHT, was recently featured in an *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* article (<http://alturl.com/4bmda>) on hand therapy.

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