

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## **Program in Physical Therapy**

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Dear First,

When I reflect on the founding of the Physical Therapy Program, I am impressed with the depth of accomplishments during our short 80 years. In 1942, we had one undergraduate degree program with 10 students. Today, our students are graduating from three different graduate programs, and we just welcomed the largest incoming class with about 100 students from across the globe.

One of the reasons our program is so successful today is Shirley Sahrmann, BS '58, MA '71, PhD '73 who spent 54 years educating generations of physical therapists, and was the first director of the Movement Science PhD Program. Her impact on the physical therapy community is renowned, not only in our local community but across the globe. Deservingly, she was recently honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Founder's Day Award Ceremony, highlighting the profound contributions she has made to the Program and our profession.

Dr. Sahrmann and the faculty have allowed us to create a strong foundation, and because of this, we have the capacity to envision what the next 80 years of excellence could entail. We will continue to prepare our graduates to leave WashU equipped to be astute, compassionate, and aware clinicians combining their learning, discovery, and technology to improve the health and well-being of the communities they serve. The graduates of this number one Program continue to set the standard for excellence in the profession

For this reason, and to celebrate 80 years of amazing growth of the Program, I am proud to ask you to be a partner in our vision to build upon the foundation provided by Dr. Sahrmann and the faculty. A gift to the program enables us to catalyze our abilities to enhance student success, facilitate innovative research, and build strong community engagement with our clinical practices and partners. We have made remarkable advancements since 1942, and with your support, we will continue the educational excellence that was afforded to you.

I look forward to your collaboration and bold investment in honor of Dr. Sahrmann's legacy.

Thank you and best wishes,

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