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## From Sidelines to Success: Experience the Excitement of ODU's Athletic Training Program



The Master of Science in Athletic Training program at Old Dominion University goes beyond teaching the fundamentals of healthcare; it immerses students in real-world environments where they can apply and refine their skills in a variety of settings from clinics to professional sports. Tom Campbell, Director of Clinical Education, explains that the program's faculty actively engage with various healthcare and sports organizations to arrange placements that align with students' career aspirations. "Faculty reach out to sites to ask if they'd be willing to be a preceptor for students, then a contract is worked out," he notes, emphasizing the adaptability of placements that range from local clinics to national sports teams.







research profile of the combined entity. "This integration was for the right reasons and leadership at both institutions are excited about this," he affirmed, signaling a robust foundation for the merger based on shared goals and mutual respect.

Addressing a critical issue, Dr. Abuhamad discussed how the integration is poised to significantly impact healthcare delivery in our community, particularly by addressing health disparities and combating the looming shortage of healthcare workers. "In order to address the health disparities in our community, community members need to see healthcare professionals that look like them," he explained, emphasizing the importance of diversity in healthcare. The integration aims to expand the healthcare workforce through enhanced training and education opportunities, mentorship programs, and a focus on community engagement.

Provost Austin Agho spoke to the importance of cultivating a unified academic culture, noting, "The deal foc





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academic excellence were Maggie Grimmett, Eve Wiebicke, Sydney Burson, Mmi Birthisel, Zabia Evans, Shatiera Walker, Jessica Gebert, and Casey Branson, pictured with program director Dr. Raymer, Sertoma Club president, and clinic director Ms. Chila Nicholson. Join us in celebrating their achievements and commitment to advancing health sciences.

## Kinesiology & Rehabilitation Doctoral Students Shine at ODU GSGA Research Conference



The Old Dominion University Graduate Student Government Association Research Conference on April 4-5, was a showcase of exceptional graduate research. Kinesiology & Rehabilitation doctoral students Joel Harden and Taskina Akhter stood out with Joel receiving 3rd place for his oral presentation, Taskina winning 2nd place for her poster, and Elham Alijanpour earned 2nd place for her presentation, marking a triumphant day for the College of Health Sciences with three awards. Congratulations to these outstanding scholars!

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Disaster victim identification (DVI) service requires knowledge, confidence, and an attitude (KCA) of readiness. The purpose of this study was to assess allied dental students' perceived KCA regarding DVI skills and topics.

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