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# UND SMHS Strategic Plan Individual Unit Report for 2022

## GOAL 7 for Occupational Therapy

### LEARNING

**One UND Strategic Plan Goal 7: Attract support for the University by actively engaging alumni and donors. Goal by 2022, increase alumni contribution participation to 10% and achieve targeted fund raising goals set for each Dean, Vice President, and President.**

**UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 7: The SMHS will achieve the targeted fund raising goals set for the SMHS Dean and Vice President for Health Affairs.**

### 1. Describe if/how your unit has addressed this goal.

To meet the outcomes of Goal 7, the OT department participates as indicated in SMHS strategy to increase alumni funding support. Two methods used to recognize the significant role of alumni to the department are through thank you letters from department scholarship recipients sharing the impact of the scholarship on their educational goals, and through monthly birthday cards signing, which are split among faculty at both campuses. The department also actively works to promote benefits to alumni and has identified methods to maintain contact with alumni in addition to the two above-mentioned actions.

Annually the American Occupational Therapy Association National Conference, although the national conference has been in online and hybrid format since 2020. The department strives to provide at least one event annually to recognize the important role that alumni play in the department. Additionally, alumni are highlighted in a twice-yearly department newsletter.

 On Track

### 2. Describe how your efforts are being assessed.

One concrete measure of alumni responsiveness to department actions is the establishment of student OT scholarships. The initial goal of establishing one department scholarship every three years has been exceeded, as the department currently has 9 department scholarships. 15 students were awarded with OT Department scholarships this spring for the 2022-2023 AY.

A UND Alumnus donated funding to establish a fund for students to apply for to support doctoral experiential placement (DEP) projects that serve ND children and their families. Applications were accepted in fall 2021 for this funding opportunity and students were awarded funding for the DEP for Spring 2022.

Alumni frequently contact the department to share stories for the newsletter and offer help with guest speaking, express interest in adjunct instruction, and explore the requirements for fieldwork supervision. The OT department connection to alumni is very strong and results in many benefits to students through networking and financial support.

**3. Describe how your unit analyzed these data and what assessments were determined.**

Data regarding department scholarship funding and applicant qualifications are provided by the UND financial aid office to the Chair of the OT Scholarship Committee. The number of scholarships, funding amount, and consideration of diversity are assessed annually by the committee chair, and reported to the department.

**4. Describe how your unit will implement any further changes and what barriers may exist.**

Future goals are to increase fundraising at the department level and to explore the requirements of an endowed chair/professor inside of the OT department.

**PROVIDE A RATING OF YOUR PROGRESS ON THIS GOAL:** ● On Track; ● Delayed; ● Behind

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**Additional Information on Goal 7 (optional):**

Insert any additional information here.