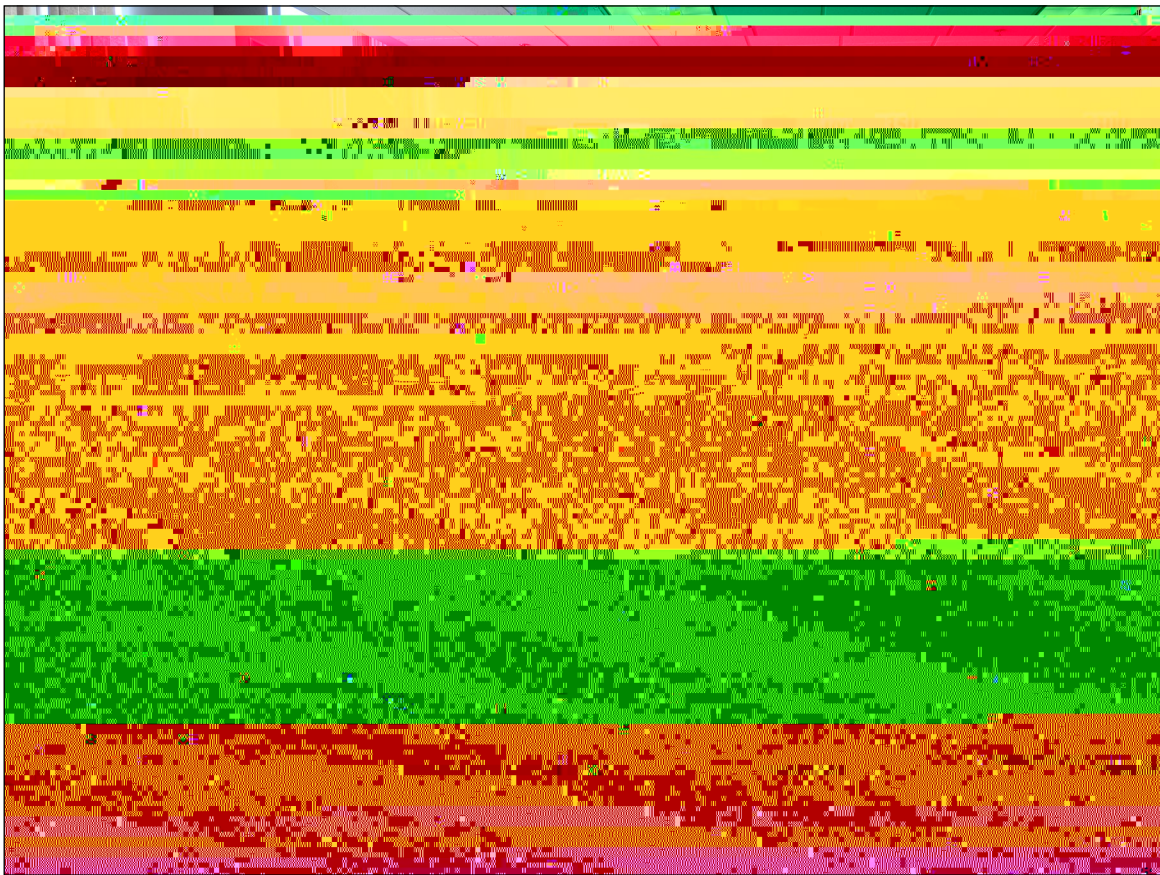


Duo to the rescue



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Two grad students offer free athletic training for Club Sports injuries

On a recent school day afternoon, Room 1006 at the Student Recreation Center was buzzing with activity.

Sophomore Madalynn Grounds was rehabbing for a rotator cuff injury suffered playing soccer. For baseball player and senior Brady Battenfield, it was a lower back problem that needed at-

tention. International business junior Jackson Wall, who broke his acromioclavicular (AC) joint playing rugby, also was there for treatment. As was Nareed Asghar, a junior in mechanical engineering, who hurt his knee playing ultimate Frisbee.

Graduate student Ariana Moran moved

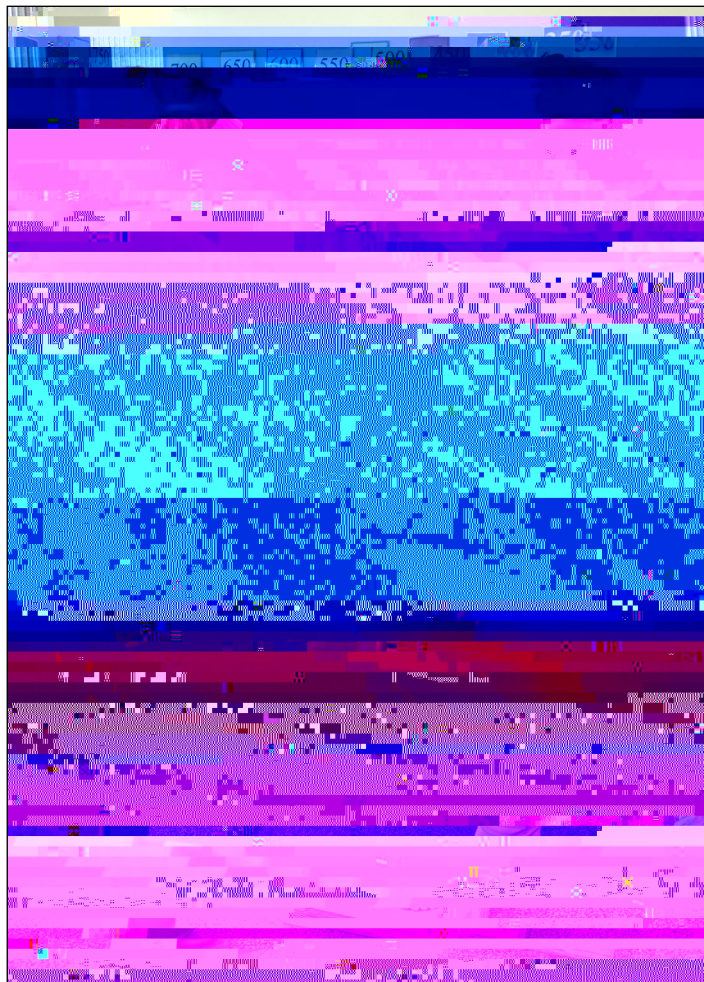




Thomas Orsini, center, the president and CEO of Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital in Norfolk was honored as one of 2018's Health Care Heroes on Monday, Feb. 26, at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. Flanking Mr. Orsini are Genemarie McGee, the chief nursing officer for Sentara Healthcare, and Ron Crow, the editor of Inside Business.

dents says Moran and Jackson also provide a space to vent. "I can talk to them about anything," says Tori McClurg, a senior in marketing, who plays rugby.

During the 2015-16 academic year, ODU contracted with Bon Secours to provide athletic trainers for high-risk sports competitions. Holt contacted the School of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training in search of certified







ODU partnership establishes RN-to-BSN online program

Old Dominion University on Friday, Feb. 16, announced a partnership with the Virginia Appalachian Tricollege Nursing Program to enable a seamless transition to ODU's popular RN (registered nurse) to Bachelor of Science degree nursing (BSN) online program.

The Virginia Appalachian Tricollege Nursing Program operates from Southwest Virginia Community College, Virginia Highlands Community College and Mountain Empire Community College.

“There is a high demand for registered nurses in Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee. Most hospitals have numerous vacancies, and many are relying on traveling nurses to provide nursing care,” said SVCC Dean for Nursing and Allied Health Kathy Mitchell.

Janice Hawkins, chief academic adviser for ODU's School of Nursing, said ODU seeks to not only train and prepare nurses for careers but also improve health care in Virginia.

“We would like to contribute to an increase in BSN degree graduates in that part of the state,” Hawkins said. “An increase in BSN graduates is linked with better patient outcomes.”

Mitchell said the program benefits practicing and aspiring nurses who do not want or are unable to move from Southwest Virginia to pursue a BSN.

“The program allows nurses to pursue a BSN while continuing to live in their communities,” she said. “ODU's RN to BSN degree program is affordable and accessible to most students in our service area. ODU has an excellent reputation, and our graduates are recognized as being well prepared for the continually changing health care environment.”

For more information on the program, visit online.odu.edu/rn-bsn.

The School of Community & Environmental Health will be holding a VIP luncheon for Environmental Health Alumni on Wednesday, March 28. Margaret M. Kitt, MD, MPH, will deliver a presentation titled, “Disaster Preparedness 101: An Interprofessional Approach.” Dr. Kitt is the assistant surgeon general and deputy director for programs at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

The luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m, with the presentation following at 1 p.m. at the Ted Con

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