

Cabarrus College OTA Students Win Intercollegiate Challenge

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The Cabarrus College of Health Sciences Occupational Therapy Assistant Program students were the winners of the **1st Annual Maddak Intercollegiate Challenge** at the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Conference & Expo in Baltimore, Maryland on April 4, 2014. The conference recorded the largest attendance ever with over 7,000 occupational therapy practitioners, allied health personnel, and students attending. The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program students earned the prestigious award and trophy for submitting the largest number of student inventions.

In addition, Cabarrus College faculty and students also won individual awards for their adaptive inventions. Congratulations are in order for:

- ❖ Amy Mahle, MHA, COTA/L, Assistant Professor, 1st Place Professional Award, *ATM Assist*
- ❖ Amber Ward, MS, OTR/L, BCPR, ATP/SMS, Adjunct Professor, 2nd Place Professional Award, *Keyboard Assist*
- ❖ Taylor Starnes OTA/S & Rebecca Talley OTA/S, Occupational Therapy Assistant Students, 2nd Place Student Award. *Position U Pillow*

Over the past 13 years, Cabarrus College of Health Sciences' students and faculty have proven their innovation and creativity to help individuals function more independently by winning more professional and student awards than any other college in the United States. Maddak Awards are open to any occupational therapy professional and all students enrolled in PhD, OTD, Master's or Associate Degree programs in the US, resulting in vigorous competition. The awards are judged by Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants who practice in the geographic location of the conference.

The Maddak Awards Program, now in its 40th year, provides a forum for occupational therapy professionals and students to share their ideas and innovations with each other while competing for cash prizes. Maddak Inc. is a supplier of adaptive equipment and a leading manufacturer of home healthcare products for seniors, people with disabilities, and individuals recovering from injuries and illnesses. Their products make daily living activities easier, enabling individuals to remain active and independent. To view the 2014 winning inventions, go to www.Maddak.com, Maddak Awards.