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Department of Occupational Therapy Education faculty member **E Alice Zhang, Ph.D., BCBA-D**, is a co-author on a newly published paper, "Disseminating Early Interventions for Disaster Mental Health Response Using the ECHO Model." [It appears](#) in the Journal of Community Psychology. Great work.

**Megan Petersen**, master's degree student in speech-language pathology, led a unique project with high school students from Horizon Academy, a school for students diagnosed with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities. She used short podcasts and educational videos, occasionally stopping them during playback and sometimes listening to segments again, to define vocabulary and answer questions. This taught the students to find information they needed on their own, to develop inferencing skills, to learn new vocabulary through context clues, and to better comprehend new material. Nice job.

Our **athletic training program** is holding a fundraiser to help support its incoming class of students. They hope to equip each student with a "field kit" specially designed for the modern athletic trainer. This heavy-duty bag of critical tools and supplies will be used in all courses and clinical experiences and then take it with them as they graduate and transition into practice. [The campaign](#) ends tonight, with the close of National Athletic Training Month.

I am truly honored to be selected as the recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Mentor Award by the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine. Established in 2016, it recognizes significant contributions to mentoring rehabilitation professionals at any career level. I look forward to representing our school in accepting this award during the organization's annual conference to be held October 30-November 2, 2023, in Atlanta.

Please be safe and thank you for all that you do.

