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Department of Occupational Therapy Education faculty member **Tobia Zanotto, Ph.D.**, is first author on [a paper recently published](#) in the journal BMC Nephrology. "Use of a Wearable Accelerometer to Evaluate Physical Frailty in People Receiving Haemodialysis" details the study's finding supporting the notion that wearable accelerometers may be clinically valuable to health care providers working in the dialysis unit, not only to objectively monitor physical activity levels but also to evaluate physical frailty. Nice work.

Occupational therapy doctoral student **Renee Rains** attended the Consortium of Universities for Global Health annual conference held April 14-16, 2023, in Washington D.C. While there, she presented on behalf of a transnational collaborative group between Canada, Haiti, and KU. Titled "Educating Undergraduate Rehabilitation Students in Low-Income Countries Through Transborder Technology Development: an Example of Transnational Collaboration Facilitating Digital Competencies and Sustainability," it shared projects completed with the University of Haiti's occupational and physical therapy program. [See photos.](#) Excellent job.

Rehabilitation science doctoral student **Saniya Waghmare** was one of six students at KU Medical Center nominated for the 2023 Dorothy Knoll Student Leadership Award. This recognizes exceptional student leaders in our community, and she was honored during the Student Leader Awards Ceremony on April 6, 2023, for her leadership on and off campus. Congratulations.

[An article by KU Medical Center News](#) honored students graduating this year, having achieving success in the face of the daunting challenge of a global pandemic. One of the changes made during that time – moving events to live streaming online – has remained in place, and the story includes a remarkable outcome as a result: [our school's ceremony](#) was watched live in Saudi Arabia, India, Switzerland, Lebanon, Dominican Republic, Turkey, Nepal, United Arab Emirates and Philippines.

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