

## From - the - Dean

Department of Occupational Therapy Education faculty member **Laurie Steen, OTD**, and current doctoral student **Beverly Menninger M.A.**, [co-authored an article](#) recently published in the journal OT Practice. It is titled "REAP the Rewards: A Successful Level II Fieldwork Experience for Supervisors and Students." Nice work.

**Swarna Mandali Ph.D.**, Department of Dietetics and Nutrition faculty member, presented "A Need for Evaluating the Diet Quality of Individuals with Parkinson's Disease" at the International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders. The event was held August 27-31, 2023, in Copenhagen, Denmark. Great job.

Department of Hearing and Speech faculty member **Susan Koerner, M.S.**, obtained funding through Children's Miracle Network to create a new on-campus teaching and learning lab for students. Centered around augmentative and alternative communication training for KU speech-language pathology students, the space will also be used to provide assessments to people in the KC metro area. Well done. [See photo.](#)

**Eric Fitzpatrick, DNAP**, a 2023 graduate of our doctoral program in nurse anesthesia practice, [has an article published](#) in a recent issue of the International Student Journal of Nurse Anesthesia. It is titled "Troubleshooting for One-lung Ventilation in Anesthesia," and his mentor was faculty member **Timothy Gengler, DNAP**. Kudos.

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