Student learning experiences are enhanced through contributions from our alumni and friends. In 2011, alumni received an email from the School of Allied Health Professions requesting support for classroom equipment. In response to the request Dr. Barbara Doucet (1984) purchased a full body skeleton for the Occupational Therapy Department, and Michele Spector and Dr. Laurie Schmidt, both 2004 graduates, contributed to the purchase of a general hearing instrument spin station for the Audiology program. A spin station is used for cleaning custom hearing aids, a routine service that audiologists provide to patients.

“Having access to the skeleton has given the OT students a realistic visual aid which has promoted our ability to apply our knowledge of human anatomy and movement learned in anatomy and kinesiology courses.”
Lisa Harrell, Class of 2012

“The opportunity to learn with such a realistic human skeleton was an effective study tool last summer for our anatomy and kinesiology classes. It is also very helpful this semester as we learn about orthopedic conditions. The ability to study using the accurately depicted structures of the skeleton’s bones and various tendon insertions is a valuable asset to our classroom.”
Kimberly Rau, Class of 2013

“The skeleton has given us a three dimensional visual aid to enhance the oral discussions we have in the classroom. No amount of verbal description can compare to seeing and feeling a joint, bone, or their relationships within the body.”
Rennie C. Jacobs, Ph.D., LOTR, CHT - Instructor

“LSUHSC is very near and dear to my heart, and always will be. I realize that a large part of my success can be attributed to what I obtained from LSUHSC in my early undergraduate and graduate programs. As a faculty member and researcher at UTMB, I wholeheartedly understand the need to have classroom supplies and learning resources for the students. My husband and I would like to give back in some way. If the full body skeleton has not already been purchased, we would be willing to do so.”
Barbara Doucet, Ph.D.

“I felt my donation to the Audiology department would contribute toward continuing the excellent education and professional training that is a hallmark of LSUHSC’s Doctor of Audiology program. As an alumnae, I believe it is important to support a graduate program that provides the same solid foundation for the careers of future graduates as it did for my audiology career.”
Laurie Schmidt, Au.D., CCC-A, F-AAA

“The audiology students perform clinical practicum in the LSUHSC on-campus audiology clinic prior to being assigned to an off-site practicum. I felt it would be beneficial to have this equipment available so the students would be better prepared to service hearing aids during off-site clinical practicum as well as after graduation.”
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