

STUDENTS GET MUCKY FOR MS

When professor Andrea Tyszka decided to disclose her multiple sclerosis diagnosis, she never imagined the impact it would make on her students.

“I disclosed so they could get to know me personally,” Andrea says. “I’m training future occupational therapists to work with people with MS. I wanted them to have a view of patients as people with real strengths and weaknesses.”

“When I share my own narrative story, I hope they carry that with them. That they take the time to get to know patients they’re working with.”

After hearing her story, her students formed Team Salus University, becoming one of the 10 largest Muckfest® MS teams nationally. The team represented all four of the University’s colleges and raised more than \$4,000 in its inaugural year. The next year, Team Salus University was the largest team locally with 78 members.

“I get very emotional the day of the event. It’s so touching when they rally together around this,” Andrea says. “It’s a fun, easy event to suck young people into. But there are some of them out there that are

doing this for me. I know their heart is in it because of their connection to me. Every year I get there, I’m blown away that they like me enough to do that.”

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