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"Tech-Ready Therapists"

Dr. Lindsey Morris and Occupational Therapy Doctoral (OTD) students Nia Monteiro, Palma Foschi Walko, and Chapin Graham presented "Tech-Ready Therapists: Embracing Mainstream Technology for Enhanced Occupational Engagement" at the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) 2024 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

The AOTA Conference poster session provided the OTD students at Johnson & Wales University, mentored by Dr. Andrea Fairman-Laferrier, an opportunity to showcase their doctoral capstone project efforts.

We invite you to learn more about this poster presentation and the presenters on our website!





ACRM 2024 Conference

Dr. Gina Novario, our Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training (ARRT) Fellow, was selected as one of five ARRT Fellows to present at the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) ARRT Fellows Symposium during the upcoming 2024 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Conference (ACRM) in October. She will present her work on “Assessing Mobile Device Proficiency for a Smart Home Intervention in Individuals with Complex Disabilities.”

KenCrest’s Smart Home Open House

Dr. Gina Novario attended the Smart Home Open House organized by **KenCrest’s Enabling Technology Department**. KenCrest, a nonprofit that provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities and autism, showcased a residential property that underwent renovations that integrates universal design elements, home adaptations, and smart home tech, for enhancing persons’ with disabilities quality of life. To learn more, [visit our website](#).

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13th Annual Ability Summit – Microsoft’s Annual Ability Summit, a day dedicated to the conversations that will advance the future of accessibility and disability inclusion, showcased an array of innovative, accessible tech alongside responsible and inclusive AI initiatives.

Today’s Smart Homes – The Verge team and others share their experiences of how smart tech affects their lives. Check out a couple of our favorites:

- [How Smart Home Technology Made My Home More Accessible](#)
- [How Caregivers Are Using Smart Tech to Help Aging Parents](#)
- [Smart Home Hubs: What They Are and Why You Need One](#)



Dirigera Hub Enters Matter Beta Phase – Ikea is now beta testing its Dirigera hub to enable Zigbee devices to integrate with Matter networks, utilizing the hub as a Matter bridge.

CSA’s Smart Home Cybersecurity Standard – The Connectivity Standards Alliance (CSA) is launching its **IoT Device Security Specification**, a single global certification for consumer IoT devices. Devices meeting this standard will display the CSA’s Product Security Verified (PSV) Mark, ensuring they meet requirements that help protect against malicious hacking attempts.

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