**To:** Kathleen O’Dell

**Subject:** Drury music therapy students rock out with local senior citizens

Ms. Tang:

 The lights dim and the fog oozes its way onto the stage. The first note that is strummed on the electric guitar lingers in the air and the person that is holding the guitar is…your grandpa?!

Well, this may not be the exact scenario that goes on at Drury University but there is certainly going to be a concert with senior citizens and music therapy students. Studies show there is improvement memory, diminishing of pain, and higher self-esteem among senior citizens who participate in music therapy programs. Readers of all ages can benefit from this because people are never too old or too young to help their memory or boost their self-esteem among other matters.

I can arrange an interview with Dr. Natalie Wlodarczyk who is in charge of setting up the intergenerational concert. I’ve also identified students and senior participants who are willing to discuss what they’ve gained from rocking out with people of different ages. You are encouraged to attend a rehearsal in advance of the concert to take photos of the performers in action. Rehearsals take place at 5:30 p.m. from April 9-13 in the Lydy basement. The performance is April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Clara Thompson.

I will be in contact within three days to see if you have any interest in expanding on the story. I really appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to read this idea.

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