



DJ Avery in the North Carolina mountains.



DJ and classmates at the reception honoring Anne Dickerson at the AOTA conference.

## **Djamila Avery**

Djamila graduated in 2004 with the FIRST class of the new MSOT program. She resides in San Antonio, Texas where the margaritas flow freely and the men wear tight Levi's & cowboy hats. Her best class memory was when she and some of her classmates drove to Washington, DC to attend the annual AOTA conference in 2003 and she was asked by some of her classmates to stand up and say a few words about Anne. It was the moments that followed that she would cherish most, since they were filled with laughter, smiles and hugs. Her greatest accomplishment since graduating was the decision to relocate to Texas (even though she had never been there before) and move from North Carolina. She has acclimated to the vibrant culture, the fabulous shopping districts, the vivacious night life though she doubts she'll ever get used to the heat. She is currently an RN as well as an OT, and has continued to practice nursing. She is currently working as a nurse case manager for a managed care health insurance company in San Antonio and as a freelance nurse consultant for some long term care facilities. She deals with members of health insurance plans that have complex medical histories and require coordination of medical services both in the hospital setting and out in the community. Her favorite moments while out in the job field are the times when she meets her members face to face and see the children with cancer smiling and happy. Her hobbies are traveling, hiking, swimming, and nature walks with her dogs. In the future she wants to own her own business to create a corporate wellness program for small businesses to include disease management services for women with complex health issues.