

P T E H I G H L I G H T S

A Look at the Year Ahead

- **September 1, 2008**– Fall Mailer sent to all chapters
- **October 15, 2008**– Mary J. Bridle Award Application due to the National Office
- **October 20, 2008**– Nominations due to the Nominations Committee for National Officer Elections
- **November 15, 2008**– Resolutions due to the National Office
- **February 1, 2009**– National Fees Packets sent to chapters
- **February 1, 2009**– President's Award Nominations due
- **February 1, 2009**– Delegate's Packets sent (60 days prior to Annual Meeting)
- **March 1, 2009**– National Fees due to the National Office
- **March 1, 2009**– Election Ballots due to the National Office
- **April 23-26, 2009**– PTE Annual Business Meeting AOTA Annual Conference Houston, Texas

President's Palette

Melissa Oliver, MS, OTR/L

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a great summer break and is looking forward to getting back to school!

Please take note:

- PTE is on Facebook! This is a great opportunity for chapters to exchange information on the Discussion Board. You can learn about the research and scholarly work of individual chapters and PTE members by writing on each others' Wall. Simply perform a search for the Pi Theta Epsilon group and request to join
- Announcing the First PTE Poster Session at the 19th Annual Business Meeting in

Houston, TX. Send your chapter representative with a poster displaying information about your chapter and activities. It will be a great way to learn about poster presentations as well as a way to exchange information between chapters. Mark your calendars and start planning your poster presentation! More details to come.

- Two Awards: Mary J. Bridle First Research Award and the President's Award! See Facebook for more details!
- Houston Here We Come... PTE Annual Business Meeting...start planning ahead!

An Opportunity to Share Experiences

Kelly Fleming, MS, OTR/L

Each year Chapter representatives come together at the Annual Business Meeting and discuss issues of importance with regards to membership. Over the past several years, representatives have voiced an interest in learning about the events in which other chapters are participating. Furthermore, students have expressed an interest in learning more about how to conduct and present research.

This upcoming year, in an effort to meet both objectives, the executive committee has decided to launch the 1st Annual PTE Poster Session which will be held during the Annual Business Meet-

ing in April of 2009. The poster session will consist of two parts: an educational session and a poster sharing session.

Members of the executive committee will provide an educational session in which they will inform chapter representatives on the following topics: 1) submitting a poster presentation proposal for AOTA Conference; 2) proper layout/design of a poster; and 3) tips for presenting. A sample research poster will then be presented.

Each chapter will be responsible for creating a poster that highlights their school and

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individual chapter events. Chapter representatives will then have the opportunity to share their posters with the other chapter representatives.

Please see the guidelines below for developing your poster. Start planning today! More specific guidelines and a sample layout of a poster will be added to the website in the next few weeks. We look forward to this opportunity to learn more about your individual chapter!



Poster Guidelines

1. Please use a tri-fold presentation board to mount your information.
2. The left panel of the presentation board should give a brief description of your school and local chapter.
3. The right panel of the presentation board should include a list of all of the events in which your chapter participates and a brief description of each event.
4. The center panel of the presentation board should highlight 1-2 of your chapter's events including a description, pictures, etc.

Call for Applications: Mary J. Bridle First Research Award

Kim Schoessow, OTD/S

Pi Theta Epsilon is now accepting applications for the Mary J. Bridle First Research Award. The \$250 award was created in an effort to foster scholarship and research within the occupational therapy community.

Its namesake, Mary J. Bridle, is a retired occupational therapist who now focuses on her yoga practice, helping people remain healthy. After earning degrees at the Derby School of Occupational Therapy in England, Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, and the University of New Mexico, Mary moved to Virginia and worked at various hospitals and clinics associated with the University of Virginia, specializing in upper extremity and hand therapy. Recognizing the importance of research, Mary chaired the

American Occupational Therapy Foundation's Research Advisory Council which oversees grants submitted to the Foundation.

Throughout her clinical and research career, Mary has taught and mentored numerous students, including Dr. Mary Law. Mary Bridle saw Pi Theta Epsilon's potential to encourage scholarship and research among all occupational therapy students. She served on the advisory committee that made Pi Theta Epsilon a national organization and set standards and goals for the future. One of her earliest goals was to give awards to new researchers to promote scholarship within the profession. Her passion for this goal was so strong that she provided her own money to fund the first award.

To apply for the Mary J. Bridle First Research Award, submit a research paper in publishable format by October 15, 2008. Applicants must be either occupational therapy students or practitioners within three years of graduation. The applicant's research must have been initiated while in either an entry-level or post-professional occupational therapy program. The research paper should not have been previously published or in the process of publication, nor should the applicant have received a prior research award. For more information and detailed application instructions, please visit the Pi Theta Epsilon website at www.pithetaepsilon.org/bridle_award.pdf.

Get Rewarded For Scholarly Activities: President's Award

Marcie Sandeen, MOTR/L

As an honor society, part of Pi Theta Epsilon's mission is to support the scholarly activities of its members. To fulfill this mission, each year Pi Theta Epsilon gives out the President's Award which honors a chapter that has organized and implemented a scholarly activity. Eligible activities may be either short-term or long-term. They may increase occupational therapy's field of knowledge, help OT students develop professional skills, or promote the field of occupational therapy within the community. The President's Award is a way to recognize chapters for the hard work they do,

and also to allow members to see what activities other chapters are completing each year.

To be considered for the President's Award, the activity must be held between February 1st and January 31st each year. To apply, complete the form found at www.pithetaepsilon.org/presidents-award.pdf. Describe the activity that was held, the goals of the activity, and the outcomes of the activity related to the goals. Applications are due by February 1, 2009 and will be reviewed by the executive committee. The winner will be recognized at the Annual Business

Meeting at the AOTA Conference in Houston, and all applications that are submitted will be published in the Scroll and Pen Highlights.

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