

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

A Look at the Year Ahead

- **February 1, 2012**–
National Fees packets emailed to chapters
- **March 1, 2012**–
National Officer Election
Ballots sent to chapters
- **March 1, 2012**–
National Fees due to National Office (payments available online www.AOTF.org)
- **April 1, 2012**–
National Officer Election
Ballots due to National Office
- **April 26-29, 2012**–
AOTA Annual Conference and Exposition
Indianapolis, IN
- **October 15, 2012**–
President's Award Nominations
Deadline (rolling submission)
- **October 15, 2012**–
Mary J. Bridle Award
Applications due

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4. Request to join the group
5. Begin sharing information once you are approved

Special Thanks To Melissa Oliver

Kim Schoessow, OTD, OTR/L

The executive board would like to extend our deep appreciation and thanks to our outgoing president, Melissa Oliver. Melissa first joined the board as treasurer and then served as president for eight years. During her tenure, Melissa helped Pi Theta Epsilon gain recognition and strength as a national organization. Melissa oversaw a series of well-attended AOTA conference sessions about social justice and disaster relief, which were written up in *OT Practice* and *Advance* for OT. Over the last few years, Melissa worked to ensure a smooth transition as Pi Theta Epsilon made the transition to being a

program of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation. She served on the AOTF board of directors, acting as a voice representing the students and alumni in the honor society. As the result of this new relationship with AOTF, Pi Theta Epsilon's debt was written off, allowing the honor society to pursue new programs and possibilities. Melissa consistently exhibited a strong yet calm leadership style that allowed Pi Theta Epsilon's executive board to work creatively and cohesively. Her mentorship and leadership will be missed. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors!

Important Updates

Rachel Proffitt, OTD, OTR/L

Martha Kirkland Leadership Legacy Fund

We are very close to our goal! Following the Annual Business Meeting at the Student Conclave we received \$2,000 from our chapters. Way to go! With just a few more donations, we will meet our endowment goal and be able to award scholarships in the next year. If your chapter hasn't contributed yet or you have leftover funds from a fundraising event, please consider donating. Every dollar counts!

Regional Representatives List Update

Please visit the website to view the Regional Representative List for contact information of your new regional representative. Your regional representative is your point of contact for activities at the national level. We will also be making visits to local chapters in the upcoming year so look for emails from your regional rep.

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Pi Theta Epsilon Seeks Nominations for Vice President and Treasurer

PTE is seeking candidates for the office of Vice President and Treasurer. Terms of the above positions will begin in the fall 2012 during the annual meeting and run until 2014.

Individuals may be nominated or nominate themselves for one of the two positions. Interested members can obtain a copy of the nominations form by visiting the website www.aotf.org.

Nominees must submit a record of leadership experience, personal reference, and a brief statement explaining why they are qualified and desire to hold the office. Send a copy of the completed application nomination to Jessica Halterman, PTE National Office, 4720 Montgomery Lane 2nd Floor, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220. Nomination materials must be received by the National Coordinator no later than March 1, 2012. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

Visit the website for further information regarding duties and responsibilities of each position and qualifications for nominations.

2011 President's Award...Omicron Chapter

Emily Kringle, MOT, OTR/L

The PTE National Board is pleased to announce that the 2011 President's Award was presented to the Omicron chapter for their collaboration which culminated in the **Lead the Way Symposium**. The Omicron chapter, of Boston University, planned and executed this free, one-day professional development opportunity for occupational therapy students and clinicians in the Boston area. This event consisted of evidence-based presentations covering topics such as obesity, the development of new pediatric assessments, and graduate student research covering a variety of topics. Members of the Omicron chapter of PTE also presented a 45 minute educational session entitled "Occupational Therapy and Sexuality: The Role of the Therapist in the Sexual Health and Sexual Expression of Clients."

The Executive Board felt that this project was worthy of the President's Award because it exemplifies the research, evidence based practice and scholarship values of the Pi Theta Ep-

silon organization. In addition to organizing presentations on timely, relevant topics, members of the Omicron chapter executed an educational session that brought attention to an area of occupation that clinicians are often uncomfortable addressing with their patients. **Congratulations to the Omicron Chapter!**

If your chapter is working on a project that exemplifies Pi Theta Epsilon's values and mission, we want to hear about it!! Applications for the President's Award are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis. All applications received between now and October 15, 2012 will be considered for the 2012 President's Award, which will be presented at the 2012 Annual Business Meeting in November. Application requirements and instructions may be found online at www.aotf.org/pithetaepsilon.aspx

PTE Events at AOTA Conference

Faculty Advisor Workshop to be held at the AOTA Conference

The Executive Board will be holding a workshop for faculty advisors at the Annual AOTA Conference in Indianapolis, IN. Whether you have been an advisor for several years or are just starting out with a chapter, join us! We will be distributing a great resource for chapters new and old. The "Chapter in a Box" on a convenient thumb drive will include resources such as the Pi Theta Epsilon Constitution, New Member Handbook, sample meeting agendas, and dues structure. The workshop will include group discussion, brainstorming, and updates on current procedures and documents. Please email your regional representative if there are particular topics you would like to see covered or items for discussion. The annual business meeting will be held at Student Conclave again this year. We had a great turn-out at the business meeting in Providence and we hope to match that in Indy!

Electronic Poster Session during the AOTF Research Colloquium

The Pi Theta Epsilon Honor Society has been granted the honor of having an electronic poster session during the AOTF Research Colloquium held at the Annual AOTA Conference in Indianapolis, IN. Chapters are invited to submit a 5 minute electronic poster on the topic "Translating Cognitive Research into Clinical Practice" to jhalterm@aol.com. Please see formatting details below and be sure to include your name and chapter. One of the most important benefits of PTE membership occurs through networking. We provide these opportunities so that Pi Theta students may be part of the outstanding conference programs provided by AOTF and PTE.

Format: 5 minute repeating Powerpoint presentation. The e-poster will be stand-alone without a presenter therefore content, table and figures need to be fairly self-explanatory.