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Letter from the President



Hello everyone and greetings from the national PTE office!

I hope everyone is doing well and for students, I hope it has been a great start to your new academic year.

The autumn season is my favorite time of year. I love the cooler weather and all the fall festivities that take place. It just brings me so much joy and I hope to spread that joy to you all, as well.

Your Executive Committee continues to work hard, and on your behalf, all year long and this summer was no exception. We were able to kick off the start of our Quarterly Virtual Research Hour (QVRH) with our student presentations in May and full-time researchers in August. We continue to reach out to you via our surveys for our various upcoming activities. And we were also able to pass our proposed budget.

Due to the pandemic, we were not able to have our in-person events in 2020 and 2021. While these events are important to continue, as each Annual Business Meeting (ABM) has many tasks we are required to complete and vote on, the funds that were set aside to produce our yearly events will be reinvested into our students members and active alumni members by increasing the monetary amounts of our scholarships and grants. Over the next two years, there will be a temporary increase of our scholarships and grants. This is in addition to our proposed budget for this year and what will be proposed at the next ABM, and not a change of the budget. We are working on ways to make the amounts permanent, but we will need your continued support in order to do so.

On behalf of the PTE Executive Committee, I am so honored to share the following with you:

- The Mary J. Bridle First Research Award will increase from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for one recipient.
- The Martha J. Kirkland Endowed Scholarship will increase to \$2,000 each for two recipients.
- The President's Award will add on a monetary award of \$1,000 to one recipient.
- The PTE Grant For Excellence In Interchapter Collaboration will increase from a

shared amount of \$1,000 to up to \$6,000. How this will be distributed is each chapter of the winning submission (up to four chapters) will each receive \$1,500. If more than four chapters are on the winning submission, then the total amount will be divided among the number of chapters on the winning submission. If there are less than four chapters on the winning submission, each chapter will receive the maximum amount of \$1,500.

- **NEW:** Research Grants for PTE student members completing an individual master's thesis or doctoral capstone. There will be a minimum of three recipients (three recipients for each of the next two years) who can receive up to \$2,500 each to assist with financial expenses associated with their thesis or capstone. One of the three grants will be reserved for work focused on the geriatric population (preference for any emphasis on dementia) in honor of our immediate past president, Dr. Pooja A. Patel, for her continued work with this population. More information on this grant will be released in the near future.

Please make sure you visit our [scholarships and grants page](#) for more information on the criteria for these awards and how to apply!

In order for our organization to be able to continue to grow and work for all its members, we must be able to have ongoing and effective communication from the national office to each chapter and members (both students and alumni). Therefore, I will be starting a new communication initiative called, "The Presidents' Circle". Each quarter, presidents from each chapter will meet with myself to discuss updates within the organization, as well as a way for chapters to network, and, ultimately, for our organization to be stronger and more united. The first Presidents' Circle meeting will be this January and attendance is required. More information will be released leading up to the first meeting, as well as at our **Chapter's Orientation, which is Tuesday, October 11th at 8pm EDT/5pm PDT, so make sure to register, as this event is also required for chapters.**

This Executive Committee has generated some amazing ideas to bring forth to our organization, for both students and alumni members, but we need to make sure we are able to communicate and reach ALL members before unveiling these projects and opportunities.

And finally, in speaking of the Executive Committee, I call on you to apply for a position to serve PTE on the national level. This fall, nominations will open for PTE National Vice President and National Treasurer. This experience has been such a great opportunity and I hope more will join us!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for PTE, please contact us at pte@aotf.org. I look forward to seeing and talking with you soon!

In service and appreciation,

J. M. Treviño, MS, OTR/L (she/her/ella)
National President, Pi Theta Epsilon



4th Annual PTE Chapter's Orientation

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 7:30pm EST (ZOOM)

Each Chapter is required to have at least one Executive Board Member attend the meeting and RSVP is required

Join us virtually for an evening with members of the PTE national board. During this event, we will discuss:

- Requirements of Each Chapter
- Member Benefits
- Chapter Logistics
- Resources
- Event Planning
- Fundraising
- Q&A

Last year we truly enjoyed connecting with our members and addressing common questions and concerns. We look forward to this meeting to promote collaboration and PTE engagement! All Chapter Board Members and Faculty Advisors are encouraged to attend this event.

Please [RSVP](#) no later than Friday, September 30, 2022

Meeting ID: 831 5234 6774
Passcode: 348822



AOTA INSPIRE 2023

Kansas City, Missouri April 20–23, 2023

AOTA INSPIRE 2023 is the place to expand your knowledge of the latest updates on practice, professional issues, and trends.

The National Executive Committee hosts PTE's in-person events at the AOTA Conference annually, which includes the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) and Faculty Advisors' Workshop (FAW). In order to accommodate and provide the best experience possible for Faculty Advisors and student and alumni members, we understand it's early, but as PTE Member's, **we are requiring that you complete the RSVP form by the desired date on each survey related to you as PTE Members.**

[Current Members](#)



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Lifetime Members: Your first free course for CEU Credit Monday, September 19 - Friday, September 30, 2022

Mental Health of Adolescents: Psychosocial Occupational Therapy for Adolescent Populations

Lifetime Members RSVP

Length: 1 hour

Course description: An overview of occupational therapy practice with adolescents experiencing mental health issues, including suicide and the effects of the pandemic will be presented. Common diagnoses, presenting problems, psychosocial stressors and basic concepts used in providing occupational therapy are examined. Occupational therapy programming, assessments, interventions and emerging trends and practice opportunities are identified.

Presented by:

William Lambert, MS OTR/L

- **Presenter bio:** William L. Lambert, MS, OTR/L holds a bachelor's degree in English and Psychology and a bachelor's and advanced master's degree in occupational therapy. He has over twenty years of experience working with children and adolescents in inpatient and community settings. Currently he holds the position of Faculty Specialist in the Department of Occupational Therapy at The University of Scranton where he teaches the psychosocial-based courses and conducts ongoing research on current preferred adolescent occupations. He developed the Scranton Adolescent Interest Checklist, © as a contemporary assessment tool for use with this population. He authored chapters on children and adolescents in Cara and MacRae's 2019 textbook *Psychosocial Occupational Therapy: An Evolving Process* and on posttraumatic stress disorder in Weiss, Morgan and Kinnealey's *A Practitioners Guide to Clinical Occupational Therapy* published in 2012. He was the lead author of the psychosocial chapters in the *National Occupational Therapy Certification Exam Review & Study Guide* published in 2019 and the *National OTA Certification Exam Review & Study Guide*, both edited by Rita P. Fleming-Castaldy. He is on the editorial board of the journal *Occupational Therapy in Healthcare*. Mr. Lambert is a member of the American Occupational Therapy Association, the Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association, and the World Federation of Occupational Therapists He has presented numerous times at state and national occupational therapy conferences.

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alumni members. To facilitate this, the national board has created an alumni database to maintain updated contact and practice area information. We hope to use this to help improve engagement and further area-specific content. Please fill out the Alumni Database form listed below!

ALUMNI UPDATES



Take the AOTF St. Catherine Challenge!

- Improve delivery of quality care by supporting evidence-based practice.
- Earn prizes and national recognition for your school at the AOTA Annual Conference.
- Support AOTF grants that are essential first-round funding necessary to collect and analyze data, publish findings, apply for larger grants, and conduct future studies.

[Submit Quick Team Form](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Martha J. Kirkland Endowed Scholarship

Awarded each year through the AOTF scholarships (applications due each fall), PTE membership is required for the MJK scholarship for a student who demonstrates leadership in education, practice, and research in OT.

Due September 29, 2022 (Must list PTE Member in application)

[Martha Kirkland](#)

The President's Award

PTE chapters who organize and implement outstanding scholarly activities are eligible to apply for this award. Deadline is every January. For more information, please see details here: [President's Award](#)

The PTE Grant For Excellence In Interchapter Collaboration

PTE chapters who work together to increase knowledge, develop professional skills, and contribute to the advancement of the occupational therapy profession are encouraged to apply for this award. Deadline is every January. For more information, please see details here: [Interchapter Collaboration](#)



Important Dates that should be in your Calendar

Sunday evening, October 2nd

OT.com course #1 for Lifetime Members concludes

Monday, October 3rd

PTE National Executive Committee Nominations Opens
National Vice President and National Treasurer

[Send Nominations Here](#)

Tuesday, October 11th 7:30pm EST

Chapters' Orientation

****Attendance Required**

Monday, November 7th

PTE National Executive Committee Nominations Closes
National Vice President and National Treasurer

Wednesday, November 16th

Quarterly Virtual Research Hour

Practicing Clinicians

****More Information to Follow**

Monday, December 5th

PTE National Executive Committee Voting Opens
National Vice President and National Treasurer

Chapters - Required to vote

Alumni - Voting optional

January, 2023: TBD

Presidents' Circle Meeting

Attendance Required

Friday, January 13th

PTE National Executive Committee Voting Closes

National Vice President and National Treasurer

Friday, January 23rd

OT.com course #2 starts

Cognitive Evaluation & Intervention in Neurorehabilitation: Creating Meaningful Collaborations
Between OT's & SLP's

Tuesday, January 31st

Submissions due

The President's Award

The PTE Grant For Excellence In Interchapter Collaboration

College & University Spotlights:

PTE Alpha Tau Chapter – University of South Dakota



The University of South Dakota Alpha Tau Chapter of the PTE is excited to start fundraising for St. Catherine's Challenge and spreading awareness about occupational therapy. Last year, our team made it into the silver fundraiser bracket (\$1,000-\$2,499). Our goal this year is to raise a similar amount or more. Our team is fundraising by working with a local Pizza Restaurant, organizing karaoke nights, and cleaning up the University Sports complex after football games. We also distribute educational flyers and plan fun nights with undergraduate student organizations to increase awareness of the profession and occupational therapy research.

PTE Beta Alpha Chapter - Howard University

The Howard University PTE Chapter recently inducted 16 members as well as nominating their Chapter Board who is excited to get the new & alumni members involved in PTE related activities for the 2022-2023 academic school year.





PTE Epsilon Upsilon Chapter - Gwynedd Mercy

On June 28th, 2022, Gwynedd Mercy University's Epsilon Upsilon chapter inducted nine new members into Pi Theta Epsilon. Starting from the left side, new inductees pictured are Abbey Comins, Delaney Chanell, Lindsey Mentzer, Grace Cifoletti, Roberta Slawinski, Katie Lafferty, Georgianna Meier, Caroline Waple, and Sarah Rittenhouse! On September 12th, 2022, the new members ran for office positions. The winners of the election are Roberta Slawinski as President, Georgianna Meier as Vice President, Lindsey Mentzer as Secretary, and Katie Lafferty as Treasurer. Congratulations to the new officers and inductees!



PTE Epsilon Tau Chapter - University of Michigan-Flint

Their Induction Ceremony was held on the evening of September 12th. The program recognized seven new Doctor of Occupational Therapy Students for their academic achievements. This was the first time in this new program's history that they have been able to accomplish initiation into this organization in-person!

Dr. Susan Murphy, a Professor in the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department and in the Rheumatology Division at Michigan Medicine delivered the keynote address, spoke about the importance of scholarship, and discussed the different paths you may take in the profession of occupational therapy.

Clinical Professor and Faculty Advisor of Pi Theta Epsilon's University of Michigan's chapter indicated, "We are excited to see this group continue to expand on established events the students started in 2020, and to have them introduce new actions to enrich the experience of all students as well as our profession".



PTE Kappa Chapter - University of North Dakota

Our chapter recently inducted two new members into the organization. We are excited that we were able to have a bonus induction, and we are already looking forward to the one in the spring. A goal that we have for this semester is to encourage students, both inside and outside of PTE, to engage in the evidence-based articles and to attend the roundtables that we hold every month. We hope to spread the excitement about evidence-based practice.



PTE Epsilon Rho Chapter - Augusta University

On Thursday September 1st, Chapter Epsilon Rho inducted 18 new members into the 4th cohort of Pi Theta Epsilon at Augusta University. The next week, the Class of 2023 executive board passed the leadership over to the newly elected executive board from the Class of 2024. We are so excited to have our new members and have already begun planning for service projects, fundraisers, and ideas for monthly meetings for the next year.

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