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Letter from the President



Hello from the national office!

First, I would like to say that I am both humbled and honored to take on this role of National President of Pi Theta Epsilon. I am not only grateful for this opportunity, but I know that the shoes I have to fill won't be easy, as working with Dr. Patel this past year has shown me this will be a challenging role that I'm ready to meet.

As president, my goal is to bridge the mission and purpose of PTE with meeting the needs of our members, both students and alumni. Therefore, communication is at the top of my list. Being able to reach the members of PTE and making sure that our chapters and alumni are receiving the communications from the national level, including our Scroll & Pen, monthly newsletters, and social media posts, is important. With 130 chapters and over 20,000+ inductees, that will take time and much work from myself, the national committee, and our national coordinator, but each of you have a role. Make sure that you are following our social media accounts, check your emails to see if you are receiving emails from the national office, and update your chapters on the information from the national level by discussing them amongst each other at your chapter meetings. One of the ideas I am thinking about is a "Presidents' Circle" of sorts. Making sure that chapter presidents are able to communicate with other presidents, as well as with the national committee. I would love to hear your feedback on this idea!

While I've just started in this role as president, I've already hit the ground running. There are so many ideas that I have for our organization, including some from previous national committee members, as well as some new ones too. I can't wait to share them with you all. These next two years will go by fast, I'm sure of it, and there is a lot of work to get done. My hope is that you all know that while I am steering this "vehicle," you all are my GPS, you are the ones that are guiding me on the journey and together, I hope this adventure is one not only filled with "research, leadership, and scholarly activities," but also fun, laughter, and many great memories to come. I cannot wait to see you all in person in Kansas City next year, as well as virtually at our national events that we will have before then, this includes the second Quarterly Virtual Research Hour in August and our Beginner's Orientation in October, just to name a few.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself and the national committee at pte@aotf.org or through any of our social media accounts!

In service and appreciation,

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



Congratulations to all of our 2023 PTE Graduates!!

Keep in touch and don't forget to update any new contact information including email pte@aotf.org



PTE Executive Team Is Looking To Fill Treasurer Position

Pi Theta Epsilon is looking for our next National Treasurer. If you are interested in joining the executive committee, please fill out the form and email it, along with a current resume/CV, to pte@aotf.org no later than **May 27, 2022 at 4pm eastern**. This is an appointed position starting June 1, 2022 until April 20, 2023. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping all financial records and shall serve as liaison between PTE and personnel at the National Office.

Application form [here](#)

Eligibility: Candidates for Treasurer must have been active members of PTE for a minimum of two years prior to taking office at the PTE Annual Business Meeting. Mandatory duties:

- Maintain records of the Pi Theta Epsilon budget and finances. This will involve working in conjunction with the PTE National Coordinator and/or AOTF staff.
- Prepare a Treasurer's Report for the PTE Annual Business Meeting and for PTE Board Meetings outlining the most updated status of the PTE Budget.
- Attend National AOTA Annual Conference (if needed, flight, hotel & meals are paid for)
- Be present and on time for 75% of conference calls.
- Submit Scroll & Pen assignments on time; may be late one time per year.

If interested, please submit by THIS Friday, May 27, 2022



PTE at AOTA Conference Annual Business & Faculty Advisor Meeting Review

Annual Business Meeting

After two years, it was wonderful to meet in person at the AOTA conference for the Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE) Annual Business Meeting (ABM). During the meeting, we heard valuable feedback on subject areas such as leadership, communication, research promotion, interchapter collaboration, and overall member participation. The national board welcomed our new Secretary, Allison Mcgaurvan, and as immediate past Treasurer, J. M. Treviño transitioned to the PTE National President role.

During the ABM, we had 13 chapters present and a quorum was not met. Therefore, we will send out documents requiring a vote to meet regulatory requirements. As a National Board, we want to help chapters make the most of their PTE experience. We value your input and encourage chapter participation to further develop our organization!

Faculty Advisor's Meeting

Our annual Faculty Advisors' Workshop was held in-person on March 30th, 2022, from 6:30-7:30 pm (CT) in San Antonio, TX. There was a small attendance this year with a total of seven faculty advisors, but the conversations remained insightful, constructive, and revered. Two roundtable discussions were held on strategies for easing officer transitions and educational activities hosted by chapters. Faculty advisors proudly shared about their chapter's achievements in the community; collaboration among current, past, and future members; and the promotion of continuing education. Advisors were encouraged to commend their chapters' accomplishments by sending submissions to be shared on PTE's social media accounts and applying for annual awards. Advisors were also encouraged to foster the motivation and professional development of members by encouraging them to get involved with the field of occupational therapy at state and national levels. Overall, many worthwhile conversations took place, and we hope to see more chapters represented next year!



The Mary J. Bridle First Research Award

The purpose of the award is to foster scholarship and first research efforts within the

occupational therapy community of students, young practitioners, and early researchers. This award provides an opportunity for PTE members to have a research manuscript reviewed by experts in the field and considered for publication in OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health. Additionally, the recipient will receive a cash award of \$1,000. The Mary J. Bridle Award will be available annually but will be awarded only when manuscripts of sufficient caliber are submitted. The letter of intent is due by August 15th, annually. For more information, please see details here: <https://www.aotf.org/Pi-Theta-Epsilon/PTE-Awards/Mary-J-Bridle-Award>

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.

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: <https://www.aotf.org/Pi-Theta-Epsilon/PTE-Awards/Presidents-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](#)

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College & University Spotlights

PTE Alpha Beta Chapter – University of Alabama at Birmingham

The following students were inducted into PTE during April 2022.

As pictured Left to Right:

- Back row: Emma Meendering, Haleigh Briggs, Allision Peaslee, Taylor Rowe, Katie Claire Pinkert, Sarah McClure, Virginia Moore, Hannah Traylor



Front row: Madeline Mayhan, Savannah Armstrong, Haley Gaar
Not pictured: Rachel Brabston

Maryville University



The class of 2022 is wrapping up our time at Maryville and welcoming a new class of PTE members. Over the last year, part of our team created two Journal club presentations to provide continuing education opportunities. The themes this year were the Mental Health effects of Covid-19 and Interventions for Persons with Amputations. The other part of our team worked on a faculty-led research project Assessing Pediatric Occupational & Physical Therapist Comfort with Trauma-Informed Care. As part of Maryville's OT month

celebration, the whole organization worked together to create goodie bags for all the OT students!

Gwynedd Mercy University

Gwynedd Mercy University's PTE chapter has been meeting on zoom once a month. During these meetings, we read the AOTF Monthly Newsletter, discuss updates within the club, and share knowledge we've learned from our Fieldwork experiences. Each month a different member of PTE presents on a topic of their choice showcasing information that they've learned through their fieldwork experience. This gives our chapter the opportunity to learn information from each other that we otherwise may not have learned. Our chapter is excited to begin reading applications within the next few weeks for the upcoming PTE chapter at Gwynedd Mercy University.



Due to this year's Annual Business Meeting (ABM) not meeting a quorum, PTE was not able to propose and vote on the FY2022-2023 Budget. Therefore, we will be sending each chapter's faculty advisor and president access to a document folder. This folder will contain the proposed budget, a form to submit any questions regarding the budget, and a form to vote on the proposed budget.

Each chapter is responsible for submitting one vote by June 30, 2022 by 4pm eastern. All questions regarding the budget are due by June 15, 2022 no later 4pm eastern.

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