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## Congratulations to Class of 2017 graduates!

### President's Report

Greetings from the National Office! As we celebrate the centennial year of our profession, I would like to thank everyone for making this year an active and productive one for Pi Theta Epsilon. This year's Student Conclave and AOTA Conference events featured exciting discussions on building and expanding membership opportunities for students, alumni, and faculty advisors. These conversations have led to several new member initiatives including our inaugural PTE Alumni Committee, creation of a PTE member Facebook group to facilitate professional networking, and expansion of our professional webinar series to encourage active student participation. As the spring semester draws to a close, there are a number of upcoming opportunities to keep in mind over the summer months:



- Submit your work for the [PTE poster session](#) at Student Conclave;
- Attend the Annual Business Meeting and PTE Special Presentation at Student Conclave;
- Apply for the [President's Award](#), [Mary J. Bridle First Research Award](#), and [AOTF Martha Kirkland Scholarship](#);
- Apply for the Nominations, Minutes Review, and Alumni Committees;
- Submit an article for the fall Scroll and Pen;
- Submit a webinar of your current chapter activities for our professional webinar series.

Active membership in Pi Theta Epsilon as students and alumni is a critical avenue for serving as a lifetime leader in our profession. We encourage you to participate in these opportunities and hope to see you at the Student Conclave in Birmingham, Alabama this November!

Best,  
*Joe Brey*

### PTE Alumni Reception

*by Teddie Buchner, Alumni Committee Member*

As one of over 14,000 attendees of the 2017 AOTA Conference & Centennial Celebration in Philadelphia, I am



Michele Fernandez, Amy Lamb, & Teddie Buchner before the alumni reception

sure I am not alone in reporting it a fantastic event with diverse educational, social, and professional networking opportunities. One of the highlights for me was attending the Pi Theta Epsilon alumni reception on Wednesday night -- a great way to kick off the conference!

Members of the PTE Alumni Committee focused on sharing PTE's vision to support and foster community growth in OT by providing members opportunities to make meaningful connections through networking. We wanted to link new and seasoned practitioners, people with diverse practice experience, and therapists working with similar populations in different geographical and clinical settings. To achieve this, attendees attached colored circles representing their practice area to their name badges. Children & youth,

education, gerontology, home & community health, mental health, and rehabilitation, disability & participation were all represented. To promote networking and new connections, a "BINGO" card was created requiring attendees to interact with each other by collecting initials of other members in squares asking for specific qualifications, practice areas, or experiences.



Past PTE Presidents at Alumni Reception. From L-R Susan Lin, Paula Kitzenberg, Sheila Krajnick, and Faye Tripp

Per all reports, the reception was a smashing success! Over 85 members -- students, alumni, and faculty advisors -- were in attendance. Dr. Wendy Coster, Chair of the AOTF Board of Trustees, welcomed members and opened the conversation to networking. My networking opportunities were plentiful as I sat at a table with students just beginning their graduate education, students ready to start their second level II fieldwork placements, new practitioners, and two former PTE presidents. I made connections with people who were interested in practicing in community mental health and using my program

development experience as a resource, and gained insight on incorporating research into my practice and becoming more involved in professional service from the past presidents. As the evening progressed, the conversational groups morphed; members introduced themselves and learned about each other, sometimes staying for short conversations, sometimes lingering longer before moving on to find others to sign their cards. In many instances, new connections resulted in meaningful networking contacts with exchange of contact information and future conversations planned.

Meant as an ice-breaker and facilitator of diverse conversation, many cards were left incomplete as conversations evolved, but some completed forms were handed in and the winning card was drawn at the end of the reception; the winner received two tickets to the State of the Science Symposium.

I look forward to seeing many of you again next year and, hopefully, to meeting many more members in Salt Lake City as we begin the second century of occupational therapy.

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## Faculty Advisor Workshop

PTE also hosts a faculty advisors workshop each year at the AOTA conference. This year, 40 chapter advisors attended! During the meeting, the board discussed PTE's mission, membership requirements and eligibility, available awards and scholarships, our webinar series, and various communication platforms.

Guided round-table conversations allowed advisors to share their chapter's activities including inter-chapter events held in the past year. Advisors also expressed that a faculty advisor email chain would facilitate knowledge and idea sharing among chapters. The national office will continue to identify solutions to chapters' concerns.

## Chapter & Member News



**Alpha Iota at Creighton University** held its 9th Annual Distinguished Lecturer Event in March welcoming Glen Gillen, EdD, OTR, FAOTA. Dr. Gillen is a well-known stroke rehabilitation specialist, author, and the 2012 Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lecturer. Over 100 students, faculty, and practitioners attended Dr. Gillen's lecture focused on integration of performance-based cognitive and perceptual assessments in occupational therapy practice.

*Congratulations to all graduates!* **Xi Chapter** president, Christopher Enke, and vice president Rebecca Bollinger are pictured (right) on graduation day at **Washington University in St. Louis**.

Enke, a PTE nominations committee member, is submitting his doctoral project on workplace health promotion for publication and will begin his doctoral experiential component at an organization that provides permanent housing for chronically homeless individuals.

Bollinger is also seeking to publish her doctoral project which evaluates the feasibility of an automated bidet system to decrease caregiver burden. She will begin second Fieldwork II in inpatient rehabilitation before completing her doctoral experiential component in Atlanta.



**Misericordia University's Psi Chapter** hosted Dr. Amy Lamb on Friday, April 21. This event was led by PTE with the help from the Misericordia Student Occupational Therapy Association and Occupational Therapy International. A student leadership discussion was held in the morning with student leaders from the three OT clubs. Dr. Lamb then spoke to all the OT students, faculty, and local practitioners. This was a town hall style conversation which touched on topics such as legislation, advocacy, mental health in occupational therapy, funding, leadership, fieldwork, and the importance of occupation-based practice. Dr. Amy Lamb shared her expertise with the Misericordia community and the chapter was grateful for her visit!



Inductees at **Nu Chapter at University of Texas Medical Branch**

Induction Ceremony at **Alpha Tau Chapter at University of South Dakota**



## Developing Benefit for Lifetime Members

PTE is looking to enhance benefits for lifetime members by offering online CEU courses in alignment with our mission. Lifetime members who have graduated: to ensure that we offer courses that are meaningful, please complete the survey sent to your email inbox.

## Call for Webinars

[PTE launched webinars](#) as an opportunity to provide educational resources to student and alumni members, increase communication between the national office and chapters, and provide an avenue to share the great projects and research activities that members are involved in. These webinars are also great content to share at your chapter meetings.

Now we are turning to you, our members! We want to hear what you want to see in upcoming webinars. Here's how you can contribute:

- Send us ideas for topics you'd like to see that will help advance the mission of PTE;
- Share what your chapter has been doing and we may feature your video on our channel;
- Help us identify possible presenters. Do you have a professor, colleague or classmate who exemplifies leadership or contributes to OT research? Let us know! (Presenters do not need to be PTE members but topics should align with our mission)

## Chapter Spotlight: Omicron Chapter Webinar Series

This spring semester, the Omicron Chapter at Boston University celebrated occupational therapy's centennial birthday through their scholarly initiative, the AOTF Intervention Research Grant Recipient Webinar Series. During this series, the Omicron Chapter hosted a total of 14 online webinars highlighting the work and accomplishments of AOTF Intervention Research Grant recipients. Each webinar consisted of a 20-minute presentation by the grant recipient followed by a 10-minute question and answer portion

moderated by an Omicron Chapter member. Webinars were broadcasted live, but also recorded for future distribution through AOTF and available to view on [PTE's YouTube Channel](#).

In reflecting on the webinar series, Omicron Chapter members felt that it provided them with an opportunity to contribute to the Centennial Vision of establishing our profession as "widely recognized, science-driven, and evidence-based." Chapter members also expressed that the webinars offered valuable opportunities to support occupational therapy students and practitioners around the country in staying up-to-date with current research efforts and in learning about how these research efforts could benefit everyday practice. Mary Hennessy, Omicron Chapter Vice President, commented, "It was a wonderful experience in collaborating with other occupational therapists to promote scholarship. As a student, I learned a lot about the current research in the field and the innovative programs that are being created to address client and family needs."

## Vote for National President and Secretary

Voting is open for PTE National President and Secretary for the two-year term beginning November 2017 and ending November 2019. Every chapter and lifetime member who has completed their OT program is eligible to vote, per Article V, Section 3D of the Pi Theta Epsilon bylaws. [Access the ballot and candidate statements here.](#)

If you are unsure of your eligibility to vote or have questions, contact the PTE national office at [pte@aotf.org](mailto:pte@aotf.org) or (240) 292-1077. The voting deadline is July 15, 2017.

*SAVE THE DATE! AOTA/NBCOT Student Conclave  
November 3-4, 2017 | Birmingham, Alabama*

Pi Theta Epsilon hosts its Annual Business Meeting, Special Presentation, and [poster session](#) exclusive to members during [AOTA/NBCOT Annual Student Conclave](#). The deadline to submit your abstract to participate in the poster sessions is September 17, 2017.

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