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President's Report

As I sit here reminiscing about our time at the 2019 Annual AOTA Conference in New Orleans last month, I can't help but thank every single one of you. Because of your commitment to Pi Theta Epsilon, all four events hosted at this year's conference were a great success!

A huge thank you to Susan Lin, ScD, OTR/L, FAOTA and Susan Murphy, ScD, OTR/L who spear headed our inaugural Speed Mentoring Session with exceptional success. We look forward to bringing it back next year.



Please read below as we highlight the PTE Faculty Advisors' Workshop, the PTE Reception and Student Poster Session, the Annual Business Meeting, and the Speed Mentoring Session.

Lifetime members -- don't miss out on your benefit of a free webinar for CEU credit.
See below for info.

As always, we encourage you to reach out to National Office to voice your questions, concerns, comments, and ideas. Stay tuned for updated information on deadlines and procedures in the next edition of *Scroll & Pen*.

We are all very excited to see how PTE continues to grow over the next year!

Best wishes,

Pooja A. Patel, DrOT, OTR/L

National President

PTE Events at the AOTA Annual Conference in New Orleans



Annual Business Meeting

Forty-four chapters were represented at the Annual Business Meeting this year. The PTE National Executive Committee spoke about the current budget, communications initiatives, member benefits, and alumni developments. We discussed additional goals for PTE to consider for the next three to five years.

Common themes from this discussion included increasing inter-chapter collaboration to share ideas, creating a group chat platform, and increasing awareness of member benefits. We also discussed ideas for tangible benefits and opportunities for alumni and lifetime members. Chapters shared events and programs they hosted in the last year, including: journal clubs, inter-professional case studies, educating others about the field of OT, and hosting OT research symposiums with nearby schools. We announced the winners of the President's Award and the recipient of the PTE Mary J. Bridle First Research Award. The PTE Board welcomed Rich Whalley as he steps into his role as vice president. Sean Brim will continue as national treasurer for the next two years.

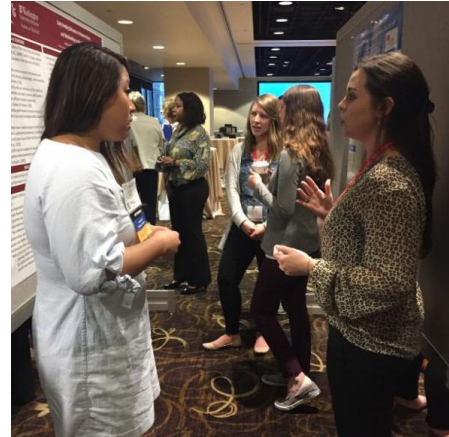


Faculty Advisors' Workshop

Each year at the AOTA conference, faculty advisors are invited to attend the Faculty Advisors' Workshop; this year, 25 faculty advisors attended. The PTE Board shared information about PTE's mission as an organization, available awards and scholarships, alumni initiatives, and communication platforms utilized. Advisors participated in discussions about interchapter collaboration, ideas to increase communication among chapters, and chapters' executive transition strategies. Some ideas included hosting virtual events, utilizing group chat platforms, creating a listserv for students, and creating regional associations. The faculty advisors also discussed the PTE communications vehicles including email and social media platforms (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram). Thank you all for attending!

PTE Reception and Poster Session

Nine posters from PTE students were selected for presentation at the AOTA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The poster session provided a great opportunity for PTE members to gain invaluable experience sharing the work they are doing to advance scholarship and research in occupational therapy. Students presented on a variety of topics ranging from the community-based role for OT in Kyrgyzstan and an outcome-focused hand therapy student experimental learning clinic.



There was a great turnout this year at the Alumni Reception with over 100 students, alumni, and faculty advisors in attendance. Attendees were welcomed by AOTF Chair Mary Lawlor, PTE alumna. Students and alumni were given the opportunity to connect and network throughout the evening.



Dr. Nancy Baker, Academy of Research member and AOTF Trustee, provided advice at the Speed Mentoring session.

AOTF and PTE Host Inaugural Speed Mentoring Session

Mentoring opportunities are invaluable. Thanks to Susan Lin, ScD, OTR/L, FAOTA and Susan Murphy, ScD, OTR/L, the first ever PTE speed mentoring session was held at the 2019 AOTA Conference in New Orleans. Drs. Lin and Murphy co-chair the PTE Mentoring committee, writing columns for the Scroll & Pen on mentorship and exploring opportunities to bring mentoring opportunities to PTE members. Their planning resulted in an incredible session, full of interaction and networking between PTE members and leaders in the occupational therapy profession. "I believe we all

have questions when we are starting out in the career. I wished back then I had some mentoring advice. Whether that's career development, research, or scholarship, I believe we could all use guidance," said Dr. Lin at the conclusion of the event. Mentors and mentees filled the room at the Sheraton New Orleans. Many mentees prepared questions and had specific goals for the session, such as guidance on developing a business in a rural area. We were thrilled at the conclusion of the event when student and alumni PTE members described the event as a powerful experience and a highlight of the conference. "This PTE speed mentoring session was so vital to my development as a new graduate and new professional...I've learned so much from these mentors, I feel inspired and empowered," said PTE alumni member Gina Gerlach, MSOT, OTR/L.



Dr. Ginny Stoffel speaking with PTE members at the Speed Mentoring session.

Mentors also recognized the value of mentoring at the session. "It is always fun to meet the next leaders of the profession," said Ginny Stoffel, PhD, OT, BCMH, FAOTA who served as AOTA president from 2013-2016. Dr. Stoffel went on to say, "One initial contact when you ice break like this and make it warm and welcoming leads to lifelong contact, and that's the benefit of being here." There was a terrific response from mentors who wanted to participate this year and next year's goal is to increase the number of mentors. Building on the experience of hosting the speed mentoring session this year, we aim for a repeat success at the 2020 AOTA Conference in Boston. "The mentors were really engaged, and we heard a lot of mentors want to come back next year," said Dr. Murphy.

Thank you to Drs. Lin and Murphy and all our mentors and members that came to participate in the speed mentoring session. Keep your eye on PTE social media, emails, and future Scroll & Pen issues for information about next year's sign-up.

2018-2019 Award Recipients

President's Award

This award is presented to one or more PTE chapters that organizes and implements outstanding scholarly activities. This year's recipient was Samantha Wimberly representing the Nu Chapter at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston for hosting an Annual Scholarly Project Presentation Reception. Great way to showcase your peers' scholarly work!

Mary J. Bridle First Research Award

This annual monetary award is presented to a student actively involved in occupational therapy research upon submission of their research manuscript. This year's recipient

was Rylie Power from the Phi Chapter of Virginia Commonwealth University for her research study entitled: The Impact of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) on Romantic Relationships. Excellent work!

The Martha Kirkland Scholarship

This scholarship is one of over fifty scholarships available through AOTF and state associations and is awarded to a deserving occupational therapy student who is a Pi Theta Epsilon member. This year's recipients were Caitlyn Bird & Rebecca Gerwe from the Alpha Zeta Chapter at Eastern Kentucky University. Congratulations!

The Award for Excellence in Interchapter Collaboration

This award is presented to two or more chapters who have exceeded efforts to create interchapter collaboration that supports PTE's mission with an aim to increase knowledge, develop professional skills, and/or contribute to the advancement of the OT profession. There were no submissions for this award in its inaugural year. Please consider applying for the 2019-2020 fiscal year if your chapter has worked or is working with another chapter (or more) to address any of these areas.

Application submissions for the President's Award and the Award for Excellence in Interchapter Collaboration are received on a rolling basis with a deadline of January 31, 2020 for FY 19-20. The Mary J. Bridle First Research Award Letters of Intent are due September 1 -- the full nomination packet is due September 15.

PTE Benefit for Lifetime Members with OT.com

PTE continues its partnership with OccupationalTherapy.com to provide three *FREE* CEU webinars per year to its lifetime members. There was tremendous growth with each CEU successive webinar offered last year.

This upcoming year the PTE/OT.com partnership will offer three new CEU webinars. Make sure you sign up to ensure your registration. Based off of popularity the following webinar was selected:

- Ethics in Rehabilitation: A Clinical Perspective for Occupational Therapists May 6 - 20, 2019. Registration deadline: April 30. Contact pte@aotf.org to register.

Congratulations to the St. Catherine Challenge Winners



San Jose State University celebrates their 1st place finish.

Congratulations to the top five schools for their fundraising efforts in the 2018-2019 **St. Catherine Challenge!**



- First place: San Jose State University
- Second place: Columbia University
- Third place: University of Pittsburgh
- Race to the Top: Long Island University - Brooklyn
- MVP: Washington University in St. Louis

Collectively, over \$60,000 was raised by over 50 schools! The 2020 Challenge is officially open for participation! Find out more about how to **join the challenge here**. Please keep in mind that this is NOT a Pi Theta Epsilon initiative, but rather an initiative that PTE supports. Please include all members of your program and organization when participating in the challenge. The more the merrier!



Rush to the Top winner -- Long Island University - Brooklyn.

The Official PTE YouTube Channel

Did you know that PTE has an official **YouTube Channel**? Search Pi Theta Epsilon OT Honor Society on YouTube or **[follow this link](#)** and subscribe. This month we released a new St. Catherine's Challenge video titled "St. Catherine Challenge - Events, Tips and Logistics."

The new video includes advice from current students that led the challenge at Washington University, this year's recipient of AOTF's St. Catherine Challenge MVP Award. Play this video at chapter meetings, send to your student leadership or use however you see fit! We look forward to bringing you more informative content, including highlights from our events at the 2019 AOTA Conference in New Orleans.

At the recent annual business meeting, we received feedback that members would like more information about PTE logistics. Requests included more information on starting chapters, overview of the documents available on the website, and how to host, plan, and fund raise for PTE events. The PTE national board is looking forward to meeting this need and producing more videos to fulfill these requests. If you or your chapter would like to submit a video on any of these content areas and be featured on our YouTube channel, please reach out to pte@aotf.org outlining your ideas.

If you have any recommendations on how this channel can better serve you, please reach out or comment on our videos. Whether you are looking for content to fill chapter meetings or ideas for scholarly events, this is a tool we want to continue to build as a resource for PTE members. In addition to the new video discussed above, we have several educational videos on the channel, including presentations and webinars from AOTF Intervention Research Grant recipients.

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