

BIO:

Dr. Nichole Chakur PT, DPT, OCS (Niki) has been an active member in the APTA/MPTA since 2010. She first became involved with the MPTA as a student member in the Student Relations Committee (SRC), serving as a Core Ambassador between the MPTA and APTA student groups. After graduating from PT school, she remained a member of the APTA/MPTA and became the MPTA liaison for the SRC. She has overseen the group for the last 4 years and helped guide PT/PTA students with planning Student Conclave and other student initiatives throughout the state. She has also served as a member of the conference committee, helping to plan Spring and Fall Conference. This past summer, she had the honor of serving as a delegate, gaining first hand experience on what it takes to serve in the position. She is an active member of the orthopedic and oncology section, has attended numerous conferences state and nation wide, and legislative events both in state and at the federal level in Washington D.C.

Niki graduated from U of M Flint with her Doctorate in physical Therapy in 2013 and obtained her Board certification in Orthopedics in 2018. She is currently working in outpatient orthopedics as a Facility Manager with Athletico Physical Therapy. She has taught several online courses for U of M Flint's post doctorate program, assisted in orthopedic labs, and has served as a clinical instructor. Niki is also working with the Wayne State University Physicians Group on a research project. The project aims to improve the quality of musculoskeletal disorder assessment and subsequent management provided by Detroit Medical Center Internal Medicine residents. It also aims at increasing access to physical therapy treatment to patients infected with HIV experiencing pain as an alternative treatment option to opioid pain medications.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

It is my honor to be nominated for the delegate position. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the association. I ran for the delegate position last year and was slated as an alternative delegate. Due to someone being unable to serve in the position, I was able to step up to the plate. Being a new delegate and attending the House of Delegates, I was excited but didn't really know what to expect. I, along with all of the delegates, spent hours of time reading and discussing the motions presented; trying to determine the implications of the motions and what they were trying to accomplish for our profession. I realized the responsibility I had and how important it was to represent my fellow MPTA members as well as the profession as a whole. Attending the House of Delegates and serving as a voting member has given me a whole new perspective and passion on the importance of our profession and its societal impact. I would like to continue to be involved in the dialogue at the House of Delegates to progress towards new innovation to advance practice in payment, policy, and education. Being able to represent MPTA members is something that I take seriously and I will continue to dedicate my time to help our professional association and field be successful. Therefore, I humbly ask for your vote to serve you as delegate.