

# Candidate Information

**Candidate Bio:** 250 words or less. Please type your name and credentials as you want it to appear on website.

Crystal (Lamb) Gluch, PT, DPT

Crystal is a cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapist resident at the Veteran's Affair (VA) Hospital in Ann Arbor. She previously practiced full-time at Michigan Medicine (University of Michigan) and remains on their cardiovascular acute care team as a contingent PT. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology as well as her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Grand Valley State University. She became involved in the APTA and MPTA early in her student career and continued her work with the Association as a new professional. She served as the APTA Core Ambassador (2 years) and APTA Student Assembly Membership Chair and Member (2 years). She currently is an active member of the MPTA Membership Committee (4 years), MPTA Conference Committee (4 years), MPTA Communications Committee and holds the position of the MPTA Student Engagement Liaison. She is a Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates (HOD) and has a passion to advocate for the future of physical therapy and its patients. She was recognized for her contributions to the profession and its associations as the 2016 APTA Outstanding Core Ambassador, 2016 APTA Minority Scholarship Award recipient, 2016 MPTA Outstanding Student, and was nominated by the MPTA for the 2016 APTA Outstanding Student Award. Additionally, Crystal has served as a Global PT Day of Service (PTDOS) Ambassador for 4 years to promote service to the community among physical therapy professionals and students. She has collaborated with the MPTA Conference Committee each year to organize a service event in conjunction with MPTA Conferences.

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I began my involvement in the MPTA because I could see the many opportunities we had to transform society by sharing the benefits of physical therapy with the public. We have so much to give to enhance an individual's life. From pediatrics to geriatrics and from prevention to hospice care - we have an impact. We know that, but does the public really know how we can help? For every person we reach, there are many more we do not reach simply because they do not know that physical therapy can help them. I would love to be your Director of Communications to help share the depth and breadth of physical therapy with the public, the healthcare field, and amongst ourselves as we continue to grow and expand our reach on society.

If elected I would also be *very excited* for the opportunity to enhance communications between the MPTA and its members. This is our organization. The MPTA values its members and we as a community want to highlight our many accomplishments to the profession. Through enhancing our communication effort, we can strive to improve the value of our membership and ensure our voices are heard. I personally want to hear from you, and I truly want to represent "the thoughts of the membership" as a board member. I would be honored to serve as your MPTA Director of Communications. Thank you for your consideration!