PRESIDENT’S PERSPECTIVE
Submitted by Sue Talley, PT, DPT, C/NDT – MPTA President

Spring has sprung; summer is close behind! And with it, blue skies, sunshine and no more snow… we hope (but we did set a snow record here in Detroit!). As we move into this new season we look for new growth in our profession and in our professional activities. The MPTA leadership and members continue to work on many issues that impact our profession as well as our work as individual practitioners. We could use your help as well. Contact the MPTA office and we will be happy to talk to you about opportunities to be involved.

• SB 690: Direct Consumer Access to Physical Therapy: As we go to press, the Michigan Senate has just returned from a 3 week recess. Just prior to the recess, SB 690 passed out of the Senate Health Policy committee with recommendation. There is talk that SB 690 may have a hearing in the House Health Policy Committee in early to mid-May. Could it be possible that we might pass the bill this time around – before the 11th hour? Only with your continued grass roots efforts to stay in contact with your legislators, urging them to vote in support of Direct Consumer Access to Physical Therapy in Michigan. Face Book and MPTA Member e-mail blasts are our “go to” media to spread the word on legislative activity.

• New MPTA Vision Statement: The MPTA membership approved a motion brought forward by the MPTA Board of Directors (BOD) to change the MPTA Vision Statement to match the Vision Statement adopted by the APTA House of Delegates last year. Our new vision statement is: “Transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.”

• APTA Career Starter Dues: MPTA is participating in a pilot program with APTA for members who are 2-4 years post graduation. The pilot extends sliding discounts for new graduates beyond the current 1 year. The discounts are 50% (1st year), 40% (2nd year), 30% (3rd year), 20% (4th year) and 20% for the 5th year post graduation. PT and PTA students must be an APTA member when they graduate.

• Student Engagement: We are moving forward on getting more students involved in the work of the MPTA. In addition to Jorgie Hadder, SPT, we have student volunteers on the MPTA Nominating Committee, on the MPTA Conference Committee and on the MPTA Institute for Education and Research. It’s so great to be working side by side with our future leaders!!!

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Support SB690: Say YES to Direct Consumer Access to Physical Therapy Services in Michigan!

On March 27th, direct consumer access to physical therapy for the people of Michigan came one step closer to reality when the Senate Health Policy committee voted to send the legislation to the full Senate! This success is due, largely in part, to the grass roots efforts of many of MPTA members. This year has seen a very active membership with attendance at our first full Advocacy Day in Lansing on February 26th. That day brought many MPTA members and students to the state capitol to speak directly to their legislators about the benefits of direct access. MPTA has coordinated many activities including: attendance at numerous legislator fund raising events by MPTA members and/or MPTA Board of Directors, use of social media to spread the message to Support SB690, achieving support of the Michigan State Medical Society and Michigan Orthopaedic Surgeons, among others. MPTA membership has been engaged by responding to action alerts sent out by MPTA and APTA to contact state Senators via phone and/or e-mail, expressing how important SB 690 is to them as a constituent of their individual Senator. Additionally, MPTA members have been successful in engaging their patients and family members to contact their state Senator as well. Being an active and engaged member of APTA and MPTA affords each and every PT, PTA and student a voice in the discussion to make Direct Consumer Access to Physical Therapy Services in Michigan a reality! This success, however, is only one of a few more that must occur including passage by the full Senate, passage out of the House Health Policy committee, passage by the full House, and ultimately signing into law by the Governor. All of this must occur before the end of this legislative session, December 31, 2014! We have been fortunate to demonstrate bi-partisan support for this legislation, and have exceptional champions in Senator John Moolenaar (Midland/36th district), and Representative Margaret O’Brien (Portage/61st district). Senator Moolenaar is the bill sponsor for the Senate version (SB 690), and Representative O’Brien is the bill sponsor for the House version (HB 5356). Their political leadership has been tremendous in moving the legislation this far.

Success for Direct Consumer Access is not guaranteed, there are those who not fully supportive of this legislation. We must achieve successful passage out of the Senate, and then address the House. MPTA needs you to continue to take steps in order to ensure successful passage of SB 690 by following the bullet points as listed below:

- Visit the home page at mpta.com which provides a direct link to the MPTA action center. You must contact your Senator indicating your support for SB 690; personal phone calls are most effective!
- Find at least one patient who you know has a convincing story supporting direct access, and direct them to the patient portal so that their story can be heard.
- Find at least one colleague, and encourage them to take the same actions that you are!
- Talk to a business leader, and ask them to write a letter to their legislator indicating support for SB 690 and HB 5356.
- Visit a legislator, Senate and House! MPTA leadership can help by preparing you or attending the appointment with you.
- Support MPTA PAC in any way you can, follow the link on MPTA.com!

We continue to have many reasons for a positive expectation of achieving Direct Consumer Access to Physical Therapy for the people of Michigan! Past actions, alone, are not enough to ensure passage! Each of us needs to be an active and engaged member so that we can “Say YES to Direct Consumer Access to Physical Therapy Services in Michigan!”

Thank you! ■
PRESIDENT’S PERSPECTIVE  (continued from page 1)

• Social Media: MPTA moved into the social media realm last summer by establishing a Face Book page. Started a little slow… but building great momentum. The Face Book page now has 709 likes (sure would be nice to have the most “liked” physical therapy Face Book in the Midwest). It’s turning into our first line of communication in the journey to Direct Access, PT Pub Night, Conferences, Meetings, and more. The post on April 17th asking members/non-members, PT/PTA/Students, patients, friends and family members to contact their MI Senators reached nearly 3,000 people and was shared more than 50 times – definitely boosting the number of contacts to our legislators. Thanks! Jorgie Hadder, SPT and MPTA Student Relations Committee Co-Vice President was charged by the MPTA BOD at their March meeting to develop a communication plan for the use of Twitter by the MPTA.

• Waste, Fraud and Abuse in Health Care: In a 2013 APTA Payment and Practice Challenges survey, one of the issues respondents cited as being very concerned about was “Fraud and Abuse” (Cuts in payment and Regulatory Burden were #1 and #2 respectively). The cost of health care fraud and abuse increased 6-fold between 2010 and 2012 – to $675B. Some say that if health care waste, fraud and abuse were eliminated it would pay for the removal of the Medicare Therapy Cap!!! Incorrect coding, no/insufficient documentation and medically unnecessary interventions are the leading causes of improper payments by Medicare. We need to care as individuals and we need to care as a profession. The APTA Learning Center (apta.org) has developed a on-line learning module called Navigating the Regulatory Environment: Ensuring Compliance while Promoting Professional Integrity. This is a must see for all persons working in physical therapy practice, AND, it’s free for members and non-members (subject to change), AND you can earn CEU’s! AND, it’s important. I attended the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy Meeting in April. I used the opportunity to inform the Board members about the initiative to eliminate health care waste, fraud and abuse in physical therapy and about this online professional development course. After the meeting, the State of Michigan Assistant Attorney General approached me and asked for information to access the module so that it might be one of the learning tools the Board can use in state physical therapy disciplinary cases! ■

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

MPTA Candidate Nomination Forms are now available on the website MPTA website, www.mpta.com.

• Outstanding Service Award for a Physical Therapist Assistant (Deadline July 1st)
• Norene Clouten Outstanding Center Coordinator of Clinical Education Award (Deadline July 1st)
• Cindy Kincaid Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award (Deadline July 1st)
• Alan S. Jeffrey Award: honor a person who is not a PT/PTA member and has served the profession (Deadline August 1st)
• Marjorie N. Stamm Award (honor an MPTA member for service) (Deadline August 1st)
• Richard E. Darnell Award: honor contributions in research (Deadline August 1st)
• Mabel E. Holton Award: honor scholarly work by MPTA members (Deadline August 1st)

See www.mpta.com for award descriptions and more information.
DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERSHIP
Submitted by Corey Sobeck, PT, DScPT, OCS, OMPT

MANDATORY CONTINUING COMPETENCE - PUBLIC ACT 55-2009
The Board of Physical Therapy passed new PT Administrative Rules and they are currently posted on-line http://www7.dleg.state.mi.us/orr/Files/ORR/1124_2012-116LR_orr-draft.pdf.

New rules are being added to the current rule set. The proposed rules will do all of the following: Require that PTs and PTAs create a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) portfolio and accumulate 24 CPD credits during each licensure cycle; establish requirements for a CPD portfolio, which include specifying the different activities that licensees may complete for CPD credit as well as the amount of credit that will be granted to licensees for completing the different activities; Establish requirements for the approval of continuing education courses or programs by the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy (Board). Also, a new part (Part 5) is being added to the rule set. The CPD rules will be organized under this new part. In addition to adding new rules regarding CPD, the current administrative rules for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants will be revised to do all of the following: update and clarify rule language so that it is consistent with Department policy and the language in other rule sets and require that applicants for re-licensure (physical therapists and physical therapist assistants) whose licenses have lapsed less than three years establish that they earned 24 CPD credits during the two years immediately preceding the application for re-licensure.

There will be a public hearing on the new Rules, but no date has been set. Final approval of the new rules should take about a year, so no implementation date for mandatory continued competence for re-licensure of PTs and PTAs has been established.

MEMBERSHIP
Membership numbers as of April 14, 2014 are as follows:
• PT Members: 1,805
• PTA Members: 231
• Student Members: 675
• Total Members: 2,711

Please continue to encourage non-members to join the MPTA and receive all the benefits of membership including: great conferences; networking; legislative and reimbursement advocacy; and more. Anyone who is interested in serving on the membership committee is encouraged to contact me with your ideas for improving membership. Thank you for your membership.

MPTA IS WORKING FOR YOU
• MPTA continues to follow the PT Administrative Rules process closely to keep members informed on timelines when mandatory Professional Development Requirements will be required for re-licensure.

• MPTA will continue to sponsor excellent educational seminars at a discounted rate for our members.

DIRECTOR OF REIMBURSEMENT
Submitted by Marty Sytsema, PT, MSPT, OMPT, FAAOMPT, CIMT

As has been the case for the last several years, Congress acted at the last minute to patch the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula. This avoided the planned 24.1% payment cut for Medicare providers and gave a 0.5% pay increase for Medicare visits through the end of 2014. This Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (HR 4302) also maintained the therapy cap for outpatient visits at $1920 and the manual medical review process at $3700. HR 4302 also postponed the start of ICD-10 for another year.

Here in Michigan, the MPTA Reimbursement Committee has been communicating with Priority Health as they have initiated a program to track the outcomes of their patients who are receiving physical therapy. This optional program may reward clinics financially based on their outcomes and utilization data. Priority Health has chosen WebOutcomes.com for this program, and we were able to negotiate that this program would not be at any additional cost to the PT clinics that contract with Priority Health. You are encouraged to contact Priority Health or WebOutcomes with any questions regarding this program.

Getting paid for the services you provide your patients should be a concern of all of us, and in this environment of decreasing reimbursement, increasing insurance billing requirements, and new payment models, it is in all of our interests to be involved. Being a member of the MPTA and APTA provides you with the most current information, so you can stay financially viable as practices. Future: transparency.
The Nomination Committee of the MPTA is seeking nominations for the following positions. Terms are January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016

- President (2 year term)
- Vice President (2 year term)
- Speaker of the Membership (2 year term)
- Director (2 year term) Professional Development and Membership
- Director (2 year term) Reimbursement Relations and Professional Standards of Practice
- Director (2 year term) Public Relations and Publications
- PTA Caucus Representative (1 year term)
- 4 Delegates (2 year term)
- Nominating Committee: Western District (2 year term)
- Nominating Committee: Northeastern District (2 year term)

Nominations will be open from June 1st – July 1st, 2014.

If you have any questions please feel free to direct them to Geri Connor at gconnor@jamadots.com. Candidates for elected position of the MPTA must be in good standing with the association. Please go to the MPTA website www.mpta.com or by calling the office. Completed forms may be submitted by: 1) Fax – MPTA office at (734) 677-2407, or 2) Mail – either snail mail or electronic mail, or 3) Online – submit through www.mpta.com

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VOLUNTEER - GET MORE OUT OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

MPTA is always looking for active and engaged members to become part of a greater membership service and help build our community of physical therapy professionals. We have a great source of untapped knowledge within our membership that we would love to add to our various committees and groups. Most committees have short and long term service options and flexible remote connection. A list can be found online on our Volunteer page at http://mpta.com/members/volunteer. Visit our website to learn more ways to get involved and start connecting today!
The Federal Advocacy Forum in Washington, DC in April 2014 was a well attended and successful event. Michigan attendees, Janet Downey, Matt Likins, and myself, along with over 250 PTs, PTAs, and students from all over the country descended on Capitol Hill to advocate legislation important for physical therapy services.

The three hot topics for federal advocacy in Spring of 2014 include:

1. The Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act (HR 713/S 367) – the goal of this bill is to repeal the arbitrary cap preventing beneficiaries from receiving rehabilitative services. The repeal of the cap continues to receive strong bipartisan support which is why the patches and exceptions have been continually granted since the cap was introduced with The Balance Budget Act of 1997. Several Michigan legislators are co-sponsors of the above bill designed to get a permanent repeal of the therapy cap.

2. Physical Therapist Workforce and Patient Access Act (HR 1252/S 602) – this important piece of legislation would authorize PTs to participate in the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program. This is a budget neutral bill designed to improve access to PT in underserved areas of the country (rural and inner city) and provide student loan repayment for PTs. In 2012, the NHSC had an 82% retention rate of providers that stayed in the area after the commitment period had ended. Currently, physicians, dentists, nurses, PAs, psychologists, and social workers are eligible for the loan repayment and we would like to see physical therapists be eligible to participate.

3. The Promoting Integrity in Medicare Act (HR 2914) – The APTA strongly supports this bill that would exclude PT services from the in-office ancillary services (IOAS) exception under the physician self-referral prohibition (commonly referred to as the Stark Law). The APTA believes that this issue should be addressed as part of any fundamental delivery system reform and that the resulting cost savings could help support reform. The savings from inappropriate utilization of Medicare is estimated to be up to $6 billion over a 10 year budget window according to the Office of Management and Budget.

For more information on APTA priorities, visit APTA’s policy center at http://policy.apta.org or contact APTA’s Government Affairs Department at (703) 706-8533 or advocacy@apta.org.

Don’t forget to download and use the “APTA Action” app in the iTunes or Google Play stores. It is easy to use and it is not just for members. This is a POWERFUL grassroots tool.

Please do not hesitate to email me at barbeby_pt1@att.net with any questions on how to get involved…even if it is only how to write your first email or make your first phone call. It is easier (and less scary) than you think!
The 2014 House of Delegates will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina in June and there are several motions that will be considered. These motions are as follows:

- **RC 1-14**: Amend: Standing Rules of APTA, 21. Definition of Association Viewpoints and Administrative Directives
- **RC 2-14**: Rescind: Cover the Uninsured Campaign: Awareness and Promotion (HOD P06-08-19-13)
- **RC 3-14**: Amend: Physical Therapist Responsibility and Accountability For Delivery of Care, Proviso to Resolved Clause (HOD P06-12-06-08)
- **RC 4-14**: Amend: Physical Therapist Responsibility and Accountability For Delivery of Care, Resolved Clause (HOD P06-12-06-08)
- **RC 5-14**: Amend: Access To, Admission To, and Patient/Client Rights Within Physical Therapy Services (HOD P06-03-16-13)
- **RC 6-14**: Amend: Non-Discrimination (HOD Y06-98-14-06)
- **RC 7-14**: Amend: Entry Point Into Health Care (HOD P06-02-23-45)
- **RC 8-14**: Adopt: Telehealth
- **RC 9-14**: Pursuit of DPT as Regulatory Designation of Physical Therapists
- **RC 10-14**: Consumer Protection Through Licensure of Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants
- **RC 11-14**: Membership Value for the Physical Therapist Assistant
- **RC 12-14**: Adopt: Promoting Excellence in Physical Therapist Professional Education
- **RC 13-14**: Best Practice For Physical Therapist Clinical Education
- **RC 14-14**: Adopt: Definition of an Underrepresented Minority in Physical Therapy Education
- **RC 15-14**: Membership Retention of Early-Career Individuals
- **RC 16-14**: APTA White Paper on Physical Therapist Productivity
- **RC 17-14**: Adopt: Physical Therapists Qualified to Determine Mobility Status For Patients and Clients Applying For Disability Placards or License Plates
- **RC 18-14**: Adopt: Endorsement of Interprofessional Education Collaborative Core Competencies
- **RC 19-14**: Election to Honorary Membership in APTA: Michael J. Axe, MD
- **RC 20-14**: Amend: Bylaws of APTA, Article VII., House of Delegates, Section 4: Nonvoting Delegates
- **RC 21-14**: Efforts to Curb Fraud and Abuse

Year round governance is facilitated in several ways in support of motion development. Several meetings have occurred, including a Virtual Midwest Caucus meeting in November and then an in-person meeting in Las Vegas at the Combined Sections Meeting last February. In addition, there have been “Virtual Town Hall Meetings” which have included Reference Committee member participation. Two more Virtual Town Hall Meetings are scheduled prior to the House of Delegates meeting, as are Virtual Reference Committee appointments. You can access all the motions from the following web link: http://www.apta.org/HOD/.

Conversations at these meetings included discussions of Models of Care RC 21-12. You can access the following documents from the “Packet I, HOD Handbook, and Background Papers” tab on the HoD Community page to familiarize yourself with this content:

- Models of Care RC2-12
- Models of Physical therapist Service Delivery (RC 2-12 –Charge)
- Physical therapist Responsibility and accountability for the Delivery of Care (RC 2-12 –Proviso)

For further information on the events of the 2014 House of Delegates, visit www.apta.org- House of Delegates Community page. Thank you to all of the 2013-2014 Michigan delegates to the APTA House of Delegates for their hard work and dedication this year. If you have any questions, ideas, concepts or motions to come before the delegates, please contact Cam Williams at cam.williams@finlandia.edu.
MPT-PAC Frequently Asked Questions:

**WHY DONATE TO THE MPT-PAC?**
By financially supporting the MPT-PAC you will ensure that a single voice dedicated to protecting and advancing the profession of physical therapy will be heard where it is needed most: the state capital. The MPT-PAC educates legislators so that they can come to realize that the services and functions physical therapy professionals provide to the community are extremely beneficial.

**HOW DOES THE MPT-PAC DECIDE WHOM TO CONTRIBUTE TO?**
The committee assesses the previous track record of the incumbents such as accessibility to MPT-PAC and MPTA leadership and our advocates, whether they carried legislation on behalf of physical therapy, or if they spoke in support of physical therapy bills. Whether or not the incumbent had any committee assignments and leadership positions is also taken into account.

If no incumbent is running, we talk to the candidate(s) in an attempt to see what he/she knows about the practice of physical therapy and if he/she is sympathetic to our views. This also provides us the opportunity to educate potential new legislators about who physical therapists are and what they do. In addition, we encourage the input of local physical therapists and rely on political intelligence to assist us in determining if the candidate is “electable.”

**DOES THE MPT-PAC ONLY GIVE TO CANDIDATES OF ONE POLITICAL PARTY?**
No, the MPT-PAC is bi-partisan. Our giving is not based on party labels. We focus strictly on physical therapy and; therefore contribute to candidates that support the protection and growth of the profession of physical therapy.

**HOW TO DONATE?**
Go to mpta.com and click on the link on the right or send a check payable to MPT-PAC, 1390 Eisenhower Place, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

We are also currently seeking new Trustees for 2014. Please send MPT-PAC Chair Edward Mathis if you are interested.
The MPTA Institute for Education and Research, Inc. encourages you to share your research findings at the 2014 MPTA Fall conference. Physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, DPT Students, and PTA Students are invited to present their research findings with a poster or platform presentation at the 2014 MPTA Fall Conference. Research posters that have recently been presented at other conferences are welcomed. There is a $100 award for the best poster in each of the following categories: 1) PT/PTA Research Report, 2) Student Research Report and 3) Case Report. The credentials of the first author should designate whether the poster is student-or academician/clinician-driven.

In addition to the poster presentations, nine platform presentations will take place.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Friday, May 23, 2014

Notifications regarding submission selections will be sent out via e-mail in early August with further instructions for presentations.

Please see www.mpta.com, 2014 Fall Conference section for more information and specific instructions on how to prepare your cover letter and how to prepare the abstracts.
Registrations must be received by Friday, October 17, 2014.

You may register 3 easy ways!

**BY MAIL:** Return this form to the MPTA Office, 1390 Eisenhower Place, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

**BY FAX:** Fax this form to 734-677-2407.

**ON-LINE:** Secure on-line registration is available at www.mpta.com.

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Note: All confirmations will be sent by email unless special request for paper confirmation. Cancellation Policy: Full refunds will be allowed until 9/12/2014. Cancellations after that date will be charged the higher amount of 50% of registration fee or $20.00. ** Please inform the MPTA office if you have any special dietary or physical handicap requirements. PHOTO DISCLAIMER: Please be aware that this registration form also serves as an agreement to appear in photographs taken at the 2014 MPTA Fall Conference. And that these photos may be used for publicity or general information purposes and may be seen by the general public. Questions? Call the MPTA office at 1-800-242-8131.
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HAPPY SPRING

MPTA Western District most recently had its spring meeting at Grand Valley State University. We enjoyed a great presentation by Bonni Kinne, PT about vestibular dysfunction and rehabilitation. A great thanks goes out to Grand Valley State University and John Peck, PT, PhD for hosting the event and providing food and refreshments.

As you may already know, this fall marks the end of my term as Western District Chair, as well as my colleague Lindsay Tyler, the Western District Treasurer. As such, we are looking for people to run for these positions. These positions are two-year terms. The Western District Chair coordinates District meetings and the Treasurer deals with all financial issues with the Western District. Please submit your name to mpta@mpta.com if you or anyone you know is interested in running for leadership for the Western District.

With new District boundaries beginning in 2015, the Western District has been significantly reduced in regards to its size. Prior to the redistricting that was approved by the membership at the spring meeting in Lansing, the District ran all the way up to the tip of the Lower Peninsula. Now it is approximately the lower half of the western side of the state. Please go to the www.mpta.com to see the new district.

Finally, the fall MPTA meeting will be held in the Western District this year. I hope that the Western District will represent the entire Michigan Physical Therapy Association for a great turnout this fall.

UPPER PENINSULA DISTRICT

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25th, (Friday) UP Golf Social, Sweetgrass Golf Course, Harris at 3pm ET. This event will be our 6th annual outing and serves as a fundraiser for the MPT-PAC followed by a social at Island Resort and Casino.

July 26th, (Saturday) Gait and Balance in the Clinical Setting, Body Mechanics Physical Therapy, 901 S. Lincoln Road, Escanaba, 8-12pm ET

Presenter: Dr. Sujay Galen PT PhD, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

This symposium will provide the participants with an overview on performing gait and balance assessments in the clinic, with the dual aim of monitoring changes in gait and balance in their patients and also establishing treatment efficacy.

An introductory lecture will present current literature and findings from recent scientific studies on the motor control of gait and balance. Specific outcome measures that have been developed to assess gait and balance will also be presented.

The second part of the symposium will involve a hands-on demonstration of some of the low- cost and user friendly technologies that Dr. Galen has developed for the assessment of gait and balance in a clinical setting. Guidelines to interpret the data will also be provided.

The third part of the symposium will provide details on how some of these newly developed outcome measures have been implemented in clinical studies in the Detroit area. Results from these studies will also be presented in this segment of the symposium.

The fourth and final part of the symposium will involve a group discussion with an aim to develop a problem list of topics that will benefit greatly from performing gait and balance assessments in the clinic.
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This past March, MPTA hosted our 2014 Student Conclave & Spring Conference. The weekend was a huge success and a great experience for all who attended! We had an excellent weekend with a lot of fun, friends, updates, and education.

The Student Conclave had a record attendance of over 400 and the energy was felt by all! All of our PT Programs and several PTA Programs were well represented. Kathy Mairella, PT, DPT, MA from APTA Board of Directors presented on the value of physical therapy, both for the now and future. Many students walked away feeling refreshed and energized about their future in physical therapy. Thank you to the Student Relations Committee and all Conclave volunteers for all the hard work and dedication that went into making this a huge success!
MPTA SPRING CONFERENCE
MARCH 29, 2014

Spring Conference began with a special message from Representative Margaret O’Brien with Jon Shiflett, Senator Moolenaar’s Legislative Director. Representative O’Brien laid the foundation for action on the heels of SB 690. Her words were the perfect spark to light up the rest of the day. Between educational sessions, MPTA Membership Meeting took place to visit some key topics and professional discussions. If you were unable to attend the Membership Meeting on Saturday, March 29th, an interactive presentation with audio is available at http://mpta.com/members. It was here that the membership took a vote and passed to redistrict the boundaries within the State. The new MPTA District Map is featured in this issue. Be sure to catch up on the latest news by visiting us online.

A special thank you is well-deserved for all of our member volunteers who helped make these events run smoothly and the programming highly welcomed by all! Another shot-out goes to our event Give-away Sponsor, Rainbow Rehabilitation, and all of our exhibitors for their continued support of MPTA. As always, we could not have brought a more fulfilling event to Lansing without our committed attendees. Thank you for helping make a successful 2014 Student Conclave & Spring Conference!

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The MPTA Student Conclave & MPTA Spring Conference are two programs back to back at one location. The program was held at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, 219 S Harrison Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824.

If you missed the chance to be a part of this excellent programming, our Fall Conference is another great opportunity to showcase this programming and energy. For more information and to register for early bird savings, please visit www.mpta.com.
It was a great pleasure to participate in the MPTA Student Conclave and Spring Conference in March. The active participation of so many students, the promising updates on Michigan’s Direct Access bill, and the inspiring presentation by State Representative Margaret O’Brien were highlights of a weekend filled with interactions with engaged and committed MPTA leaders and members. Thank you for the invitation.

Spring has also been busy for the APTA Board of Directors. At the April Board Meeting, the Board took action on a number of significant matters – the full minutes with details will be posted on the APTA website when they are approved. The 2014 APTA Strategic Plan progress was discussed, and metrics adjusted. We are also preparing for a new 2015 Strategic Plan, based on the new Vision adopted by the 2013 House of Delegates: “Transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience”. APTA’s Payment Reform model is currently before an American Medical Association (AMA) Common Procedural Terminology (CPT) panel, with a target implementation date of January 1, 2016. The Board committed funds to a pilot to provide additional support and justification for the model, and charged that a comprehensive campaign to educate members on new payment systems in health care be developed and implemented. The Physical Therapist Assistant Board Workgroup presented a report and recommendations to the Board, based on a year-long project designed to address membership concerns identified by physical therapist assistant leaders within APTA. The Board voted to bring bylaws amendments to the House of Delegates in 2015 to address some of these concerns. If you haven’t yet had the chance to watch, the Board of Directors meetings and the House of Delegates are now being live-streamed at www.apta.org to allow members greater access to the issues and decision-making processes of the Board and the House.

The April Board of Directors Meeting was the first with new Chief Executive Officer J. Michael Bowers, whose first day at APTA was February 28, 2014. Given the dynamics of the scramble for a SGR and Medicare Cap patch in place of the expected permanent fix, and changes in health care reform implementation, Michael’s first month has been very busy. One of Michael’s priorities is APTA members and membership, and I encourage you to take the opportunity to engage with him. Our membership is over 88,000 members – a historic high. This is exciting news, but represents only about 30% of the market share of physical therapy professionals. Imagine how much more APTA could do with a significantly higher market share! In April, APTA has promoted Membership Matters Week via email and social media venues. It’s important that we all continue to spread the word about the value of membership.

APTA’s Annual Conference has been re-branded and is now the NEXT Conference and Exposition, to be held June 11-14 in Charlotte NC. NEXT 2014 will be the leading-edge event for physical therapy professionals with trend-setting programming, innovative content, and exclusive access to the profession’s forward thinkers. Starting with a fun, fast-paced opening event, PT professionals will enjoy interactive sessions, engaging with speakers at networking events and attending programming from eight content domains. Attendees can experience APTA’s signature lectures and the popular Oxford Debate. If you are not able to travel to Charlotte, there are options to participate online with Virtual NEXT. More information is available at www.apta.org.

One of the best aspects of serving on the APTA Board of Directors is the ability to connect with APTA members. As the liaison to the Michigan Chapter, I welcome the opportunity to hear your concerns and ideas about APTA and physical therapy. Please feel free to contact me at Kathymairella@apta.org.

Thank you for your membership and dedication to physical therapy.
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY
Submitted by Bill Scott, PT, MSPT

Andrews University Department of Physical Therapy has been hearing the sounds of progress around our department for the past few months. Our new anatomy lab is now complete and will be ready for our new class of 2017 in the fall. We are excited to have the lab “in house” to better serve our students.

We bid farewell to our Foundation Science Coordinator Professor Leslie Samuel, MS. Professor Samuel will be missed within our department and we truly appreciate the work he has done here at Andrews University and wish him the best in his new endeavors. Professor Ryan T. Orrison, MSPT, OCS joins our department as our new Foundation Science Coordinator. Professor Orrison has practiced physical therapy since 1997 in Ohio and here in Southwest Michigan. He has taught general orthopedics class at The College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, OH and has been a contract teacher for us for several years in orthopedics. Professor Orrison will now take on the roll of full-time anatomist and physiologist. We are thrilled to welcome him to the team.

We would like to congratulate Erica Gordon, SPT (2016 class) for receiving the Andrews University School of Health Professions Outstanding Student Award for Excellence in Academics, Service, and Leadership. Amanda Church, SPT (2016) received the Women’s Advisory Scholarships Committee Award. The Andrews University DeHaan Work Excellence Award went to our Gunilla Daaku, SPT (2014). Jillian Panigot, our pre-PT advisor within our department, won the Undergraduate Academic Advisor of the year. Congratulations to each one of you.

Dr. Betty Oakley PT, DHSc and Paolo Sanzo, PT, DScPT has received notice of publication for their article: Sanzo P and Oakley E. “A Randomized Clinical Trial on the Effects of Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy, Joint Mobilizations and Exercise on Plantar Heel Pain in Patients with Plantar Fasciitis (International Journal of Sports Science 2014, 4(1):27-17).

Congratulations to Dan Stam, SPT (2014) and co-authors Dr. Dave Village PT DHSc, GCS and Dr. Lee Olson PT, DC for the acceptance of their article for publication. Their article titled: “Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo in Acute Hospital Setting; A Review of Novel Means for Examination and Intervention” will be published in the Journal of Acute Care Physical Therapy (JACPT).

The “Lazy Days of Summer” are upon us here on the Sunset Coast. We are proud of our 2014 graduating class and excited for them as they spread across this great nation. They bring their energy and bright minds to the physical therapy profession. For that, we are thankful. We wish them the very best.

BAKER COLLEGE – AUBURN HILLS
Submitted by Sarah Case PT, DScPT

It has been a very busy year for the Baker College of Auburn Hills PTA Program. In July of 2013, the program successfully completed the candidacy accreditation process through CAPTE, following a successful site visit. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our exceptional and dedicated Advisory Board members, administration and faculty for supporting the development and implementation of the PTA Program at the Auburn Hills campus.

The PTA program at Auburn Hills has been enriched with outstanding faculty members that include: Jennifer Dickson; PT, DPT, OMPT, ACCE: Clinical Coordinator teaching the patient care course, Functional Mobility and the professional preparation courses. Dr. Dickson is also co-president of the MPTA SIG-CE. Jamie Janes; PT, DPT, CCCE at Beaumont Health and Wellness Troy: Adjunct instructor teaching Kinesiology and Therapeutic Modalities. Rebecca Lindemann; PT, Supervisor at the Recovery Project: Adjunct instructor teaching Neuroscience and Neurorehabilitation Interventions. Todd Wohlfeil; PT, DPT, Director of Strength and Conditioning at Oakland University: Adjunct faculty teaching Therapeutic Exercise and Kinesiology. Evelyn Eames; MS, PTA, William Beaumont Hospital: Adjunct instructor teaching Acute and Long Term Care.

In addition to the broad range of clinical and teaching experience the faculty brings to this program, we are fortunate to have many experienced clinical instructors, lab assistants, and guest lecturers contributing to the learning experiences and successes of our students.

The charter class of PTA students completed the first quarter of technical coursework this past winter. They will be participating in a Service Learning Project assisting disabled individuals at the Detroit Yacht Club for the annual boating day, as well as presenting on fall prevention at the Auburn Hills Senior Center Expo.

We are looking forward to sharing the progress and successes of our charter class at the upcoming fall MPTA conference. This is an exciting time at Auburn continued on page 18
Hills and we look forward to future opportunities to collaborate with other programs, administrators, clinical staff and students.

DELTA UNIVERSITY
Submitted by Chris Hausbeck PT, DPT

Spring is in the air and this is a very exciting time for the PTA students and faculty at Delta College! Our thirteen 2nd year graduating students are very bright and eager young professionals who have worked extremely hard over the last two years and we are very proud of them – congratulations Delta College PTA class of 2014! The students and faculty would like to recognize Louis Beck as recipient of the first annual award for Outstanding Achievement as a PTA student. Louis exemplifies all of the APTA value-based behaviors for the PTA and is well deserving of the award.

The first year class has been busy developing an exciting community outreach program titled Project SHARED (Students Helping Area Residents Exchange Devices). The students are working to collect new and gently used assistive devices from individuals who no longer need them. The PTA students and faculty will then issue these devices to community members in need while providing free gait training/instructions for use. Area residents or clinicians wishing to donate devices or inquire about obtaining a device should contact Mike Spitz at amspitz@delta.edu or (989) 686-9478.

The program faculty would like to thank everyone that has been willing to serve as a clinical instructor for our students. If you have ever contemplated becoming a clinical instructor but hesitated for one reason or another, we would like to encourage you to do so! We’re always happy to have our students learn from passionate and innovative clinicians. For more information on becoming a clinical instructor for Delta College PTA students, please contact Mike Spitz at amspitz@delta.edu or (989) 686-9478. For program inquiries, comments or general questions please contact Chris Hausbeck at christopherhausbeck@delta.edu or (989) 686-9316.

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
Submitted by Bonni Kinne, PT, MSPT, MA

In January, Professor Meri Goehring gave a poster presentation in Bangkok, Thailand. In addition, Professor Lisa Kenyon was named the new chair of the ABPTS Pediatric Specialty Council.

In February, seven faculty members, 17 members of the Class of 2014, and several recent graduates attended the APTA Combined Sections Meeting. During this event, Professor Barbara Hoogenboom presented a pre-conference course; and Professors Meri Goehring, Cathy Harro, and Lisa Kenyon presented educational sessions. In addition, a platform presentation was given by Professor Barbara Hoogenboom; and poster presentations were given by Professor Barbara Baker, Professor Cathy Harro (along with GVSU alumni Melissa Bontega and Kathleen Campbell), Professor Lisa Kenyon (along with recent graduates Nanette Hannum, Kevin Proctor, and Kaelan Roberts as well as current students Brett Cain, Emily King, and Ashley VandenBerg), Professor Bonni Kinne
(along with recent graduates Claire Dulin, Jillian Mitchell, and Kelly Poppaw), Professor John Peck (along with recent graduates Sarah Fisher, Katie Fontaine, and Laura Kordick), and Professor Jon Rose. On February 26th, Professor Michael Shoemaker and 11 members of the Class of 2015 attended the MPTA legislative breakfast.

In March, five faculty members, 99 current students, and several GVSU alumni attended the MPTA Student Conclave & Spring Conference. During this event, our students won the MPT-PAC goniometer award.

In April, the following members of the Class of 2014 were awarded Graduate Dean’s Citations: Trisha Armstrong (Excellence in Service to the Community or Profession), Tiffany Basore & Alyssa Polso (Outstanding Publication), Brett Cain (Excellence in Leadership and Service to GVSU), Allison Gaskell, David Sefton, & Kristen VandeBunte (Outstanding Final Project), Betsy Graney (Academic Excellence in the Major), and Katie Rogowski (Promoting Diversity and Inclusion at GVSU). In addition, Trisha Armstrong & Betsy Graney were inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and Kristen VandeBunte received the Physical Therapy Departmental Honors Award. On April 12th, the Class of 2015 (under the direction of Cailee Gallagher and Alaina Vince) hosted the Wheel Run, an event that raises money for Alternatives in Motion (a non-profit organization that provides wheelchairs to individuals who don’t have insurance coverage). Approximately 150 individuals participated in this year’s event, and more than $7500 was raised!

In other news, peer-reviewed articles were recently published by Professor Cathy Harro (along with GVSU alumnus April Gamble) in the “Journal of Computer Games and Multimedia,” Professor Bonni Kinne in “Physical Therapy Reviews,” and Professor Michael Shoemaker in the “Journal of Interprofessional Care.”

KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Submitted by Barbara Simmons, PTA, M.Ed.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Kellogg Community College (KCC) in Battle Creek may have thawed out by the time this article is published. Students traveling throughout lower Michigan and northern Indiana had some perilous drives this year. Despite the bad winter, all of the students, both first year and second year, maintained a fairly positive attitude and the faculty thanks them.

Students at KCC enjoy and appreciate their APTA and MPTA membership access to online information and to the PT Journal for many projects throughout the curriculum and would like to thank the Association for the help that is so readily available. Students get excited when they see information on courses they can take after graduation to become more proficient in their areas of interest.

We would like to bring the APTA’s pilot program for “Career Starter Dues” to the attention of all students and even to all recent graduates from the classes of 2012 and 2013 as well. APTA is currently piloting a program that decreases the cost of membership for FOUR years if the following is true:

1. If the person was a member in good standing upon graduation.
2. If the person did not let his/her membership lapse.

If these are true, APTA is offering that for the first year after graduation dues would be 50% of the normal dues, the second year dues would be 60%, the third year 70%, and the fourth year still only 80%. There are other “perks” as well. Please check out the details at the following url: http://www.apta.org/CareerStarterDues/. This is a PILOT program, so APTA will be re-evaluating it to determine if it will be an ongoing offer. Let them know if you appreciate it, and tell a friend.

To contact the KCC PTA program, the Program Coordinator is Julie Roberts, PT, (269) 965-3931 x 2270, robertsj@kellogg.edu.

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MID MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Submitted by Crystal Parker, PTA, BS

On May 31st, the on-site review team from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) will join the PTA Program at Mid Michigan Community College (MMCC). The PTA Program Director, Amanda Wismer, PT, DPT, MSA, has been diligently working for the past year on the preparation and submission of the self-study which occurred in early April. The program is fully prepared for the CAPTE visit and expects an efficient and fluid review process toward accreditation renewal. Presently, we are working with our community clinical partners to ask for volunteers to meet with the team for interviews on the clinical education program.

Over the fall semester, the student group, Physical Therapist Assistant Student Tactically-Involved Club (PTASTIC), held a bake-sale and PartyLite® candle sale to raise money for a gas card and throw blankets for a family whose father was in cancer treatment at the University of Michigan hospital in Ann Arbor. The students are actively pursuing more opportunities for community service learning this summer in the Mt. Pleasant area. In addition to community service learning, one of the missions of the PTASTIC is to raise funds for students to offset the costs of the NPTE. Most of the PTA students work a part-time job and/or are parents of school-age children. Therefore, the PTASTIC serves a valued purpose for the students who have limited funds and support systems in addition to leadership experience and service learning.

On May 14th, the CCCE/CI annual meeting was held. This was an opportunity for the clinical education faculty to network and share experiences with other instructors in the central Michigan area. The PTA Program’s mission in providing this opportunity is to strengthen relationships with the program’s clinical partners as well as advance the instructors’ professional development in clinical education. Each year at this meeting, up to three tuition scholarships are awarded to qualified clinical instructor applicants for the Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program. Last year’s recipients were Jane Ferguson, PTA, of Mercy Rehabilitation in Prudenville, Michigan and Kristy Arndt-Schenburn, PTA, of West Branch Regional Medical Center.

As stated in the Kellogg Community College submission by Barbara BJ Simmons in the Michigan Physical Therapy Shorelines, Spring 2014 issue, “the CAPTE has reversed its position on joint mobilizations.” This past winter semester, grade I and II peripheral mobilizations were taught and practiced by the PTA students in the advanced exercise course on orthopedics. Clinical instructors are pleased to be allowing PTA students the opportunity to practice these skills in the students’ present clinical experiences. The PTA Program faculty is enthusiastic about preparing students for this skill, often performed by PTAs in the field. Students concluded their first clinical experience on May 9, 2014.

Please locate more information about the MMCC PTA Program at www.midmich.edu/pta.

KUDOS TO:

Man Wai Wong, PT, DPT and Lindsay Tyler, PT, DPT have volunteered to be trained as Clinical FUNFitness Clinical Directors for the Special Olympics in Michigan. Katie Palazzolo, PT, DPT has served in this capacity for many years, involving many clinicians and students in the process. Katie is stepping on to other activities. Thank you Katie!

Reyna Colombo, PT was appointed by the MPTA BOD as an alternate liaison to the Michigan Cancer Consortium (MCC). Deb Doherty, PT, PhD, CEAS is the liaison to the MCC board for the MPTA.

Thank you to Kathy Mairella, PT, DPT, MA, APTA Board of Directors, for attending and speaking to both the MPTA Student Conclave and the MPTA Spring Conference.
The MPTA Student Relations Committee (MPTA-SRC) successfully organized and held the annual Student Conclave on March 28, 2014. The total participant count of 450 people broke a Michigan record for attendance at the Conclave this year. The MPTA-SRC Officers and Conclave Chairs thank all students, vendors, volunteers, speakers, and mock interviewers for making the Student Conclave a valuable event in Michigan.

This year the MPTA-SRC obtained School Representatives (Reps) from 6 PT and 8 PTA programs. A total of 23 PT students (a Rep from each YR1, YR 2, and YR3 class cohort) and 13 PTA students (a Rep from either a YR1 or YR2 class cohort) initiated the new “Be Connected, Stay Connected” program. The School Reps became a vital link in communication from the MPTA-SRC to students at the 14 PT/PTA programs. A “Thank You!” shout-out goes to the School Reps for publicizing the State Conclave and other MPTA/APTA information to your classmates. The School Reps were asked to explore and join an MPTA Committee with three students joining the Conference Committee and one student joining the MPTA Institute for Research.

The MPTA-SRC has a Facebook page. The page is open to all students, faculty, and clinicians and is used to announce events and current issues for the PT/PTA students from MPTA-SRC, MPTA, and APTA. Please join us at the following link:


The MPTA-SRC is open to all Michigan PT/PTA students. The purpose of the MPTA-SRC is to promote student physical therapist/physical therapist assistant involvement in the APTA/MPTA organization. The committee serves as a mechanism for students to explore and transcend into the professional organization by student driven committee activities. The primary initiative of the MPTA-SRC is increasing student engagement with APTA / MPTA to improve student understanding of the value of lifelong APTA / MPTA membership.

Come join a fun and interactive group of people with a passion for providing PT/PTA students with membership engagement with the MPTA/APTA, leadership opportunities, professional development, and networking within the MPTA/APTA. Interested students can contact the MPTA-SRC Liaisons - Laura LoVasco (lovascol@aol.com) or Steve Pedley (sepedley@hfcc.edu) at any time. We welcome students to the committee all year long.

MPTA Conference Honorees

Congratulations to the following individuals who are certified by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties for excellence in their specialty area. They passed their examinations last year and were recognized at the Fall 2013 MPTA Conference and were honored at the 2014 APTA Combined Sections Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

**CARDIOVASCULAR AND PULMONARY SPECIALISTS**
- Morgan Keller Johanson PT, MSPT, CCS

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- Michael Anthony Stevenson PT, DPT, CSCS, OCS
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**PEDIATRIC CERTIFIED SPECIALIST**
- Andrea D. Evancho PT, MPT, PCS

**SPORTS CERTIFIED SPECIALISTS**
- Derek Kar Chon Chan PT, DPT, SCS, OMPT, NASM
- Dorene Marie Dudek PT, SCS
- David A. Tomisch MS, PT, SCS
MPTA MEMBERSHIP VOTES TO CHANGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The membership voted at the MPTA Spring Membership meeting to change the district boundaries in Michigan. The MPTA Board of Directors (BOD) presented a motion at the MPTA membership meeting to change the boundaries so that the number of districts remains the same (4) but that changed the boundaries of the 3 districts in the Lower Peninsula (see map). The Districts will be referred to as the Eastern District, Western District, Northern District and the Upper Peninsula District. Yes, we know the UP is north of the Northern District, but the UP is so distinctive that who really needs geographical directions to know where it is!

The changes to the boundaries of the Western and Northern Districts are the most pronounced. The Western District no longer runs the length of the state, from the Indiana/Ohio border to the Straits of Mackinac. Instead, the west side of the “tip of the mitt” was joined with most of the Northeastern District to form the new Northern District. The northern boundary of the Eastern District was bumped a little farther to the North as well.

Why the change? The MPTA membership charged the MPTA BOD to review the district structure and boundaries and make recommendations to the membership.

What was the process? Since the charge was given, members of the MPTA BOD contemplated various scenarios, considering as many as 7 districts as well as considering no changes. The District chairs discussed proposals during conference calls. Feedback was solicited from members at District and State membership meetings as well as on Facebook over the past year. Factors considered during the process included:

• Geographic distances
• Population density of members by county (many kudos to Edward Mathis, UP District Chair, for developing a spread sheet with the number of members in each county)
• Likelihood of recruiting leadership within the District
• Member input (e.g. Oceana and Newago counties remained with the Western District based on member input)
• Financial impact

While increasing the number of districts would decrease the driving/mileage burden, the density of members at the time the proposal was developed (e.g. the 3 counties in the tip of the thumb had 17 MPTA members in residence) and the difficulty recruiting District leadership led to the motion presented at the 2014 Spring Membership Meeting. After a great discussion, the membership voted to implement the boundary changes.

What’s Next? The boundary changes will be implemented January 1, 2015 – just a few short months away. The District leadership, in consultation with the MPTA leadership, will be developing plans to recruit members to run for District leadership positions. District functions can include:

• Professional development
• Business meetings to update members at a local level on important professional issues
• Grass roots development to support state initiatives like Direct Consumer Access to PT
• Socialization
• Professional networking
• Fund raising for the MPT-PAC, the MPTA Institute for Education and Research, …
• Community engagement

This is a great way to become involved with your professional association at a local level. Nominations for District leaders are going on now – elections for District leaders will occur in the fall. We would like to see you involved. At spring conference, we had a few members step forward and volunteer to get involved. We urge you to join them now! Momentum is building… contact MPTA today (mpta.com) and see how you can volunteer for your professional association. We need you to help the vision and mission of the MPTA to move forward! ■
MPTA MEMBERSHIP VOTES TO CHANGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR MPTA DISTRICTS
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Ann Arbor, MI 48108

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**MPTA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### JUNE

**June 1**  
MPTA Election Nominations open. Nominations for members and self-nominations are available for submission through July 1, 2014. (Elections will run in September.)

### JULY

**July 1**  
Award Nominations Due:  
- MPTA Outstanding Student Physical Therapist  
- MPTA Outstanding Student Physical Therapist Assistant  
- Norene Clouten Outstanding Center Coordinator of Clinical Education Award  
- Cindy Kincaid Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award

**July 25**  
UP Golf Social at 3:00 pm at Timberstone Golf Course, Iron Mountain, MI

**July 26**  
UP Course: Gait and Balance in the Clinical Setting, Dr. Sujay Galen, PT, PhD of Wayne State University

### AUGUST

**August 1**  
Award Nominations Due:  
- Marjorie N. Stamm Outstanding Service Award  
- Alan S. Jeffrey Outstanding Service Award  
- Physical Therapist Assistant Outstanding Service Award  
- Richard E. Darnell Research Award  
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