

January 14, 2008

Dear Program Administrators,

Every year the Michigan Physical Therapy Association solicits recommendations for "Outstanding Student" from all physical therapy and physical therapy assistant programs. These awards are intended for students who:

- are in the final year of their professional curriculum
- have a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.2
- are a member of the APTA/MPTA
- have demonstrated "outstanding" participation in academic, professional and related community activities.

Candidate recommendations should be documented through nomination forms by a faculty member **and** a clinician who has worked with the student during some aspect of their formal clinical experience, volunteer experiences or paid work. Each program may nominate up to two students.

The faculty nominator should comment on those aspects of the student's performance which seem to rank both present and potential contributions as being of exceptional value. Commentary might be directed toward quality of academic performance, leadership ability, initiative, dependability, responsibility, ability to relate to others, depth of contribution in extracurricular activities, professional commitment and ability to overcome adversity. Clinician recommendations might address the quality of clinical performance, responsibility, dependability, leadership ability, initiative, ability to relate to others, and the potential for future contributions to the profession.

Both nomination forms are now available on the MPTA website. Please notify your faculty that all portions of the Nomination Form are to be completed and returned to me by **August 15, 2008** by email, fax, or regular mail. This will allow the committee time to review the nominees from each program. We strongly encourage recipients (and their school representatives) to attend the October 11, 2008 MPTA Annual Fall Conference, at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, Michigan, to receive their award.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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MICHIGAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

FACULTY Nomination Form for "Outstanding Student" Award

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Educational Program: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. If more space is required, please use additional pages or include the information in a cover letter accompanying this nomination form. **DUE BY AUGUST 15**

1. How is this student's academic performance outstanding?

2. In what types of extra-curricular activities is this student involved?

3. Does this student regularly demonstrate initiative in academic and extracurricular activities? Please give examples.

4. How has this student demonstrated leadership ability in class? In extracurricular activities?

5. What have you observed that indicates that this student is dependable and handles responsibility well?

6. Has this student participated in any District, Chapter or National PT Association activities? Please describe.

7. What has this student done academically, clinically, or in extra-curricular activities that indicates potential for future contributions to the field of physical therapy? Please elaborate.

8. Please provide any other information about this student that you feel would be important for the Awards Committee to know as they review this nomination.

Signature of Nominator: _____

Please return by August 15 to:

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