



## News & Updates

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### Leadership Apprenticeship Program

**Deadline to Apply: January 15, 2026**

#### **Purpose:**

The FPTA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the opening of the 2026 application process for the Leadership Apprenticeship Program. This program is meant to provide any member of the Association, interested in leadership, the opportunity to experience first-hand how the Board works. Three apprentices will be selected from three districts to complete a year-long apprenticeship with the Board. As an apprentice, you will be able to attend the Board Strategic Planning meeting, one Board of Directors meeting at the Annual Conference, and one Advocacy Day. At the end of the year, the apprenticeship class will be asked to produce:

- Work with PAC Chair to increase donors to the website at \$5 a month
- Review one article of the bylaws
- Review of board meetings for weekly digest
- Interview 2 board members with differing roles in conjunction with the leadership committee

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Participation at some leadership or volunteer level at SIG, Committee, District, or within a professional role.
- Members in good standing of the Association for a period of at least two (2) years. Years of practice will be considered in lieu of Association membership.

*\*An interview may be necessary to assist in the decision-making process.*

**Application**

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## **Now Available: New Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession**

***The updated Code aims to enhance and clarify ethical standards for the profession.***

On July 14, 2025, the APTA House of Delegates officially adopted The Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession. This updated Code combines into one document the current Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapist with the Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant.

[Read More](#)

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## **Quality Payment Program: What Physical Therapists Need to Know in 2026**

***Learn how changes to the program may affect your physical therapy practice.***

**In this review:** If you see Medicare patients, changes to the Quality Payment Program in 2026 may have an impact on your practice. Review APTA's resources on the QPP to figure out if you are an eligible provider or practice. If you already participate in QPP, read more to find out what changes are coming in 2026.

[Read More](#)

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# CALL FOR SPEAKERS

FPTA is currently seeking speakers/presenters for our 2026 Annual Conference in Orlando, Sept. 17-20. Click the link below to submit your proposal.



[Application](#)

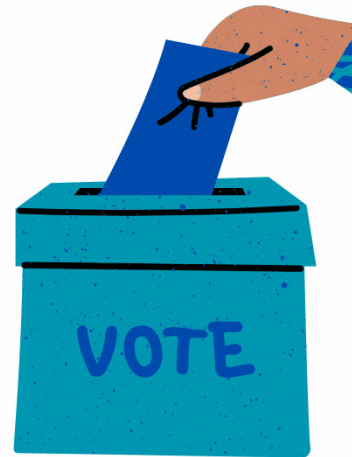
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# 2026-2027 STUDENT OFFICERS APPLICATION



**BRING YOUR BEST IDEAS TO  
THE BOARD & FPTA STUDENTS**

- **PROMOTE ADVOCACY**
- **STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**
- **EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS, & MEETINGS**
- **CONFERENCES & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



**APPLICATION AND MORE DETAILS  
AVAILABLE THROUGH QR CODE!**

**ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT  
FGCU DURING THE 2026 FPTA  
STUDENT CONCLAVE (2/28/2026)**

**QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL  
SSIGFPTA@GMAIL.COM**



**DEADLINE: JANUARY 30th, 2026 BY 12PM**

## Upcoming Events

**JANUARY 17-18, 2026**  
**Bradenton, FL**

### **APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program – Level 1 Certification Course**

**Event Dates & Times:**

- Saturday, January 17th, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM (ET)
- Sunday, January 18th, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (ET)

**Location:**

Manatee Memorial Hospital, 206 2nd St. E, Bradenton, FL 34208

**Trainer:**

Gina Musolino, PT, DPT, EdD, MSED

[Register](#)



Feb. 27-28

2026

# STUDENT CONCLAVE

Fuel the Movement

Hosted by  
The Florida Gulf Coast University



FPTA Student Member - \$55  
Student Non-Member - \$60  
FGCU Student Attendees - \$40

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## Exhibit & Sponsorship Opportunities

*Support the FGCU Conclave and gain unparalleled visibility with students, professionals, and the broader community!*

### Why Exhibit?

Exhibiting at the FGCU Student Conclave puts your organization in front of Florida's next generation of physical therapy professionals. Benefits of Exhibiting: Showcase your services, products, or job opportunities to motivated students. Network directly with future leaders in physical therapy. Build brand awareness within the physical therapy community. Don't miss this opportunity to connect and make a lasting impression!

### Why Sponsor?

Sponsors will enjoy exclusive benefits, including: Guaranteed tables at the exhibition space. Featured shoutouts on the FGCU Instagram leading up to the event. Name and Logo placement on all print and digital materials.

**Due to processing times, sponsors registering after January 30<sup>th</sup> are not guaranteed to have their logos on all printed material.**

[Be an Exhibitor/Sponsor](#)

**EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT**

# EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING



**DATE**  
JANUARY 26, 2026



**TIME**  
7:00 - 7:30 PM  
BUSINESS MEETING

7:30 - 8:30 PM  
CEU PRESENTATION

**VIA ZOOM**

**SESSION TITLE:**

Leadership Pathways in Physical Therapy:  
Your Guide to APTA & FPTA Engagement

**SPEAKER:** Jamie Dyson PT, DPT

**FPTA STUDENT MEMBERS: FREE**

**FPTA PT/PTA MEMBERS: \$15**

**NON PT/PTA MEMBERS: \$20**

**NON STUDENT MEMBERS: \$5**



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**NORTHERN DISTRICT**

FPTA Northern District

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## PANEL DISCUSSION



**JAN 20, 2026 630-830PM**

**FREE** for FPTA members  
\$20 Non-members

**1 CEU**

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**NORTHERN DISTRICT**

# **PT PUB NIGHT**

**Thursday, Feb. 26**  
**Culhane's Irish Pub**

9720 Deer Lake Ct,  
Jacksonville, FL 32246

**5:30 pm**

Other locations:

St. Augustine & Gainesville - TBD



## **2025 FPT-PAC**

The money raised for the Florida Physical Therapy Political Action Committee (FPT-PAC) will be used in our efforts to modernize the Practice Act in Florida. The Florida Practice Act governs every physical therapist and physical therapist assistant in the state. We need your support to modernize the act and remove barriers to providing physical therapy services. [Donate Today](#)

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