



## News & Updates

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### Thank you to all our members!

FPTA staff would like to take a moment and thank all of our dedicated members. Your support, advocacy, and engagement have shaped our shared success and strengthened our mission to improve lives through movement. We are deeply grateful for every contribution, every collaboration, and every milestone achieved together. Thank you for standing with us through the years and for continuing to inspire the next generation of therapists and leaders. See you next year!

Happy Holidays from **FPTA**  
FLORIDA PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION



**FPTA will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 4.  
We will reopen on Monday, Jan. 5 at 9am.**

## **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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**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.

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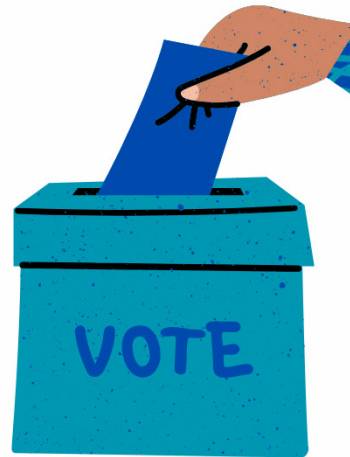
Application

# 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**

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## Upcoming Events

JANUARY 17-18, 2026  
Bradenton, FL

APTA Credentialed Clinical  
Instructor Program – Level 1

FEBRUARY 28 -  
MARCH 1, 2026  
Lakeland, FL

## 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](#)

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

### Event Dates & Times:

- Saturday, February 28th, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM (ET)
- Sunday, March 1st, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (ET)


### Location:

Keiser University - Lakeland, FL  
2400 Interstate Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33805


### Trainer:

Gina Musolino, PT, DPT, EdD, MSEd

[Register](#)



**Feb. 27-28**  
**2026**  
**STUDENT CONCLAVE**  
Fuel the Movement *Hosted by*  
*The Florida Gulf Coast University*

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

[Register Now!](#)

**EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT**

# EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING



**DATE**  
JANUARY 26, 2026

**VIA ZOOM**



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

7:30 - 8:30 PM  
CEU PRESENTATION

**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**



**NORTHERN DISTRICT**

FPTA Northern District

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## PANEL DISCUSSION



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

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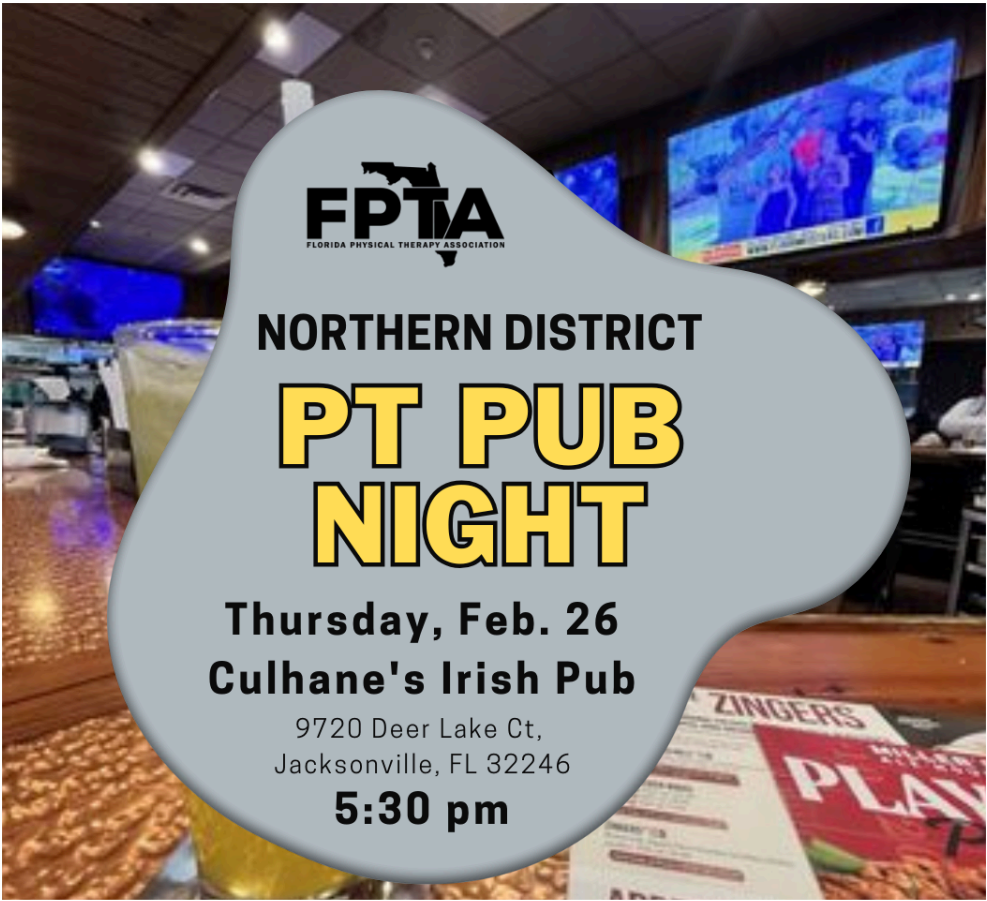
FREE for FPTA members

**1 CEU**

\$20 Non-members

[More information](#)

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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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- Catherine Patla

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