

SSIG Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- Get involved with your professional organization
- Learn how to apply for a SSIG office
- VPTA Stipends and Scholarship for students
- Join the SSIG Facebook Page today

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What is the SSIG and why should YOU be part of it ??

1. Expand your profes- sional NETWORK!

- Meet PTs, PTAs, and other students
- Find your first job, maybe even your dream job by establishing great contacts now
- Find out what PT students at other school are doing

2. BE THERE when it happens!

- Annual Leadership Retreat = FREE!
- Officers receive stipends to attend the VPTA Conclave/ Conference for 2 years (incoming year entering office as well as outgoing year)

3. Get INVOLVED now and stay at the fore-front of the profession for the rest of your career!

- Stay on top of current events in the profession
- Find out what fellow students care about and be their voice
- Be a part of decisions that affect YOUR future profession



**VPTA Student Special Interest Group
2008-2009**



“It is great for students to be able to see practicing PT’s and PTA’s been active with the state and determining how we can get involved”

Heather Byrne

Minority Scholarship
2009

VPTA Stipends and Scholarships

YES, for YOU!!!

Did you know that as a Student Member you can apply to win stipends to attend conferences and scholarships?

Every year, the VPTA awards student with money to offset the cost of attending conferences. They know how important it is for us to have the chance to network and to learn about issues outside of the classroom.

In addition, the VPTA offers scholarship to help students to pursue they dream.

Just go to www.vpta.org/awards/studentstipend.cfm

Here are some quotes from students who received the stipends and scholarships:

“The stipend helped me attend CSM 2009 in Vegas where I was able to network with experienced PTs and learn more about PT outside of the classroom”

Nandina Jinnohara

“Being able to attend the National Student Conclave opened my eyes to issues I didn’t even know existed...there is so much more to PT than what we learn in the classroom, it is very exciting!”

Nata Salvatori

Electing New Officers...

How can I run for the SSIG Executive Committee?

The Executive Committee consists of five members elected by the membership each year at the VPTA Student Conclave, which will happen in Richmond, VA this year.

The BoD consists of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director.

There are also three (3) members of the nominating committee. Each officer serves a term of one year, and may not serve more than one year in any one

position.

To learn more about each position’s responsibilities and to apply for next year’s office, please visit the SSIG website at www.vpta.org/sigs/stdnt.cfm

or send an email to any of our Nominating Committee reps:

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Elections are coming up soon !!!



Join our group today!

Do you have Facebook??

The VPTA Student SIG does!

Join dozens of PT and PTA students and keep up with everything that is going on at each Virginia School.

At our group page, you can find information about upcoming events, volunteer activities,

stipends, scholarships, and have the chance to chat with student from different schools.

It is a great way to network and get involved with people who share the same interest than you.

You can find us as:

“VPTA Student Special Group (SSIG).”

We would love to have you as part of our group!!

Joining the APTA and VPTA...what's in it for me?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a voice in your profession! • When you join the APTA you automatically become a member of your chapter (state) association - and in Virginia there is no additional membership fee for students! • If you are a member of the APTA when you graduate, you will receive a 50% discount on national and chapter dues AND complimentary registra- | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tion to Preview 2020 or APTA's Annual Conference and Exposition. • Complete access to APTA publications: PT Bulletin Online, PT Magazine, and Physical Therapy Journal as well as The Virginian, which is our state journal. • Online career center both on the APTA and VPTA websites | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips on resume writing, interviewing, and negotiating • Access to insurance plans and financial programs (\$\$) • Discount on APTA store items including clothing and books • Support the people who fight for your rights |
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UPCOMING EVENTS

VPTA Annual Conference

Oct 9-11 , 2009

Richmond, VA

APTA National Student Conclave

Oct 30-Nov 1, 2009

Miami, FL

Combined Sections Meeting (CSM)

Feb 17-20, 2010

San Diego, CA

****Make sure to take advantage of the Early Bird registration fees!!!*

PT Programs in VA

Hampton University
Marymount University
Old Dominion University
Shenandoah University
Virginia Commonwealth University

PTA Programs in VA

Jefferson College of Health Science
Medical Careers Institute
Northern Virginia Community College
Tide Water Community College
Wytheville Community College

Did you know??

The VPTA has a Legislative Committee that fights for legislation that pertains to the Physical Therapy profession. Here are a few examples of the things they are concentrating on:

- ***In many states, Chiropractors are trying to pass legislation that would either expand their existing scope of practice or prohibit PTs from performing spinal manipulation.***

- ***Protection of the term “Physical Therapy” which today can be used by any professional and not only by Physical Therapists***

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

As students, we may think that the legislation changes do not affect us but we are about to enter the professional world pretty soon...to keep yourself informed is the best way to support our profession!

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS??
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