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Tiffany Bohm, PT, MPT, DPT
Tiffany Bohm, PT, MPT, DPT, is the program coordinator and an associate professor in the Physical therapist assistant (PTA) program at Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC), where she has been on the faculty since 2006.

Bohm completed her transitional DPT through Simmons College in Boston. She received her MS in physical therapy and BS in mathematics from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri. She has also received certification as an assistive technology specialist through Oklahoma State University. Upon her arrival on campus, the PTA program had a national examination pass rate of less than 70%. Under her leadership, the dedicated faculty have transformed the program, which now boasts a 100% first-time pass rate for the past 9 graduating classes. When the PTA program sought reaffirmation of accreditation in 2013, Bohm successfully led her team through the self-study and onsite review process, resulting in a “clean” report with a rare commendation for their thorough and professional completion of the process. As an associate professor, Bohm teaches neuromuscular rehabilitation, pathophysiology for rehabilitation, and NPTE review and preparation.

Bohm is on the Board of Directors of the Kansas Physical Therapy Association (KPTA) as the Nominating Committee chair. Over the past 6 years, she has been a frequent presenter at KPTA conferences and the APTA Combined Sections Meeting on various topics pertinent to PTAs and their education. She authored 2 chapters for TherapyEd’s National Review and Study Guide for the Physical Therapist Assistant in the areas of neuromuscular rehabilitation and pediatrics, and she now is an instructor teaching TherapyEd’s review courses. In 2010, she joined the CAPTE’s onsite reviewers, serving as a team leader for onsite visits and as a candidacy reviewer.

At KCKCC, Bohm has served on a variety of committees, from Faculty Senate to the Academic Policies Committee. She is leading her PTA team in a pilot program for the college’s new assessment efforts. She is frequently called on to review self-study reports for other programs in the Nursing and Allied Health Division during their accreditation processes.

Prior to joining KCKCC, Bohm worked as a pediatric therapist in the public school setting and provided outpatient pediatric therapy through her own company. Since beginning her teaching career, she has continued to practice in settings that include long-term acute care, skilled nursing, outpatient, and psychiatrics.

In recognition of her commitment to PTA education and the furthering of the reputation of her institution through quality leadership, APTA is pleased to present Bohm with the F. A. Davis Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
To my team (Lori, Michele, Deanne and Ashley): thank you for encouraging, pushing, and humoring me and my crazy ideas.
To my students, past and present: thank you for trusting me to educate you. You challenge me to be a better teacher every day.
To my KCKCC colleagues and administration: thank you for supporting the PTA program.
To my parents: thank you for inspiring me to teach, mentor and care about each student.
To my husband, Matt, and my son, Jackson: thank you for being on this wild ride with me. None of this would be possible without your love and support!
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SUZANNE REESE-TAYLOR, PT, MS

Suzanne Reese-Taylor, PT, MS, has spent her career focused on quality physical therapist assistant (PTA) education and advocating for efficient use of PTA skills and clinical judgment in the delivery of high-quality physical therapist services.

Reese-Taylor is associate dean of Allied Health, Tulsa Community College, and has held teaching roles at the college since 1983. She holds an MS in exercise science from Oklahoma State University and BS in physical therapy from the University of Missouri.

Recently, Reese-Taylor was instrumental in opening the Nate Waters Physical Therapy Clinic at Tulsa Community College. The clinic had its beginnings when she looked out her office window at a vacant building and realized it could house a pro-bono clinic providing services to patients while providing real-life clinic experiences for PTA students. After making her case, Reese-Taylor was granted a sabbatical in 2008 to explore and develop her idea, leading the college to purchase the building. Reese-Taylor remained persistent in her journey to gain support for the project and held meetings with administrators, fundraisers, architects, and designers to form her vision for the clinic. With the support of many individuals and organizations in and around Tulsa, construction began in fall of 2013, and on June 26, 2014, the 8,000-square-foot learning laboratory and working clinic was dedicated. The clinic was named in honor of Nate Waters, a patient with SCI who became a longtime advocate for the physically challenged; the new clinic will continue Waters’ work in overcoming obstacles and inspiring a community.

Reese-Taylor has been an APTA member since 1990, serving the association in numerous roles, including Eastern District vice president, task force member, delegate and chief delegate, Scholarship and Awards Committee member and chair, Personnel Committee member, and Oklahoma Chapter president. Her peers awarded her the chapter’s Founder’s Award in 1997.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In recognition of Suzanne Reese-Taylor’s history of dedication to PTA education, plus her tireless work in conceiving of and realizing her vision of a combined learning laboratory and working clinic in Tulsa, APTA is pleased to present her with the F.A. Davis Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator. Thank you to Tulsa Community College (TCC), which hired this novice instructor 26 years ago. TCC’s culture promotes creativity, provides faculty sabbatical, and afforded me opportunities to participate in cherished pursuits such as CAPTE, ELI, and most recently the opening of the Nate Waters Physical Therapy Clinic at TCC. I learned from amazing faculty: Rita Zeman, Kathy Johnson, Carla Hinkle, Jeff Hammontree, Vicki Jurries, and Melanie Heffington. Their contributions to this award cannot be measured. They are as eager as I am to provide quality education, and they never say no to creative ideas. Not even the idea to put our PTA Program in a pro bono physical therapy clinic. We have just begun to explore the powerful learning opportunities the clinic will provide our students in the years ahead. And my family, Fred, Megan, Justin, Reese and Chase … thanks for making me happy and grateful every day.
JUSTIN W. BERRY, PT, DPT, MS

Justin W. Berry, PT, DPT, MS, has demonstrated sustained commitment to physical therapist assistant (PTA) education through his efforts within the association and the organizations he serves as a clinician and educator.

Currently PTA program director for Northland Community and Technical College in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, Berry also serves as Allied Health Division chair. He has also held academic roles at the University of North Dakota and Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota. Berry earned a MPT and DPT from the University of North Dakota, a MS in education from Bemidji State University, and an AAS as a physical therapist assistant from Williston State College.

Although Berry was appointed director of the Northland Community and Technical College PTA program in 2006, the program he was hired to direct had not yet been established. Consequently, he was responsible for its development and implementation. Beyond his work as an instructor and program director, Berry has undertaken a research schedule that has served to illuminate, clarify, and advance PTA practice and education. In the last 6 years, Berry has been principal investigator on 10 research presentations focusing on PTA practice or education at APTA national conferences, and has presented on PTA educational and professional issues at two FSBPT annual meetings. In addition to being an active researcher in PTA education and professional issues, he has also maintained an active schedule of presenting PTA-specific orthopedic continuing education workshops throughout the country, frequently at state chapter conferences. Berry has also served as an FSBPT item-writer for the PTA-NPTE, and is currently a CAPTE on-site reviewer for PTA Educational Programs.

Berry serves within the Education Section, Health Policy and Administration Section, and Research Section; on the state level he is chair of the North Dakota Chapter’s nominating committee, and has been a past member of the chapter’s public relations, quality assurance, and continuing education committees.

APTA is pleased to recognize Justin Berry’s commitment to PTA education with the FA Davis Award.

I am honored to be selected as the recipient of the 2014 F.A. Davis Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator. I would like to thank the APTA Board of Directors; the F.A. Davis Company; and Clint Hosford, PT, PhD, who nominated me for this award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have been fortunate to have had amazing students and colleagues within the Northland PTA Program. Thank you to all of my current and previous students for making my job the best in the world, and for laughing at most of my jokes. Thank you also to my departmental colleagues: Shelley Koerber, who has also been with the PTA Program since day one and has been instrumental in its success; and Dawn Eickman.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife, Whitney, and children, Nora, Ellen, and Jack, for all of their love and support.
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PETER-JOHN ZAWICKI, PT, MS

Peter-John Zawicki, PT, MS, has made significant contributions to PTA education, diplomatically and consistently contributing to raising the stature of physical therapist assistants in Arizona.

Presently he is the Program Director and Faculty in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at GateWay Community College in Phoenix, AZ. Mr. Zawicki is also an on-call physical therapist at Banner Boswell Hospital in Sun City, AZ. He received a BS in Physical Therapy from the University of Illinois at the Medical Center, Chicago; and a MS in Rehabilitation Administration from DePaul University in Chicago.

Mr. Zawicki was the inaugural faculty member at the PTA Program at GateWay, where he has served as the program director as well as instructor for 20 years. This was the first PTA program in the state of Arizona and remains highly popular, with an admissions waiting list that extends nearly two years. Considered unwavering in his commitment not only to the program itself, but as a resource to both current students and program graduates, he has received awards for innovation in teaching and achieved great success with the initiation of a distance-education program allowing students throughout Arizona – including underserved areas – the opportunity to gain an education in the PTA field.

Throughout his years of service as program director he has helped promote GateWay and the PTA profession to the community and statewide. Recently, Mr. Zawicki was involved in discussions of supervision laws at the state level, and he lobbied for the rights of students as well as the PTA community. He has also provided education sponsored by the Arizona Chapter and state board on the supervision of the PTA and supervision of the student in physical therapy practice settings.

An APTA member since 1983, Mr. Zawicki is also active in the Arizona Chapter, notably as Alternate Delegate, Secretary and Delegate, and participates in the Speakers Bureau. Mr. Zawicki has been active as an on-site reviewer for the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education and currently serves as a commissioner on the PTA Panel. He has also served on several committees for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and is a past recipient of a distinguished service award for this organization.

APTA is pleased to recognize Mr. Zawicki with the F. A. Davis Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am humbled and honored to be named the recipient of the F. A. Davis Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator for 2013. It has been my good fortune to have been faculty and program director for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at GateWay Community College since the program was started in 1993. During my years at the college I have benefited from the guidance and support from many people. In the PTA Program I have been blessed to work with outstanding faculty colleagues including Kirsten Berdahl-Klug, PT, M.Ed., ATC, Jessica Goodman, PT, DPT, and Deborah Bornmann, PTA. I have been inspired by their dedication to student success and to providing the highest quality instruction to students. Numerous adjunct faculty have also supported the program and I appreciate their efforts in providing quality instruction in program classes. Most of all I appreciate and honor the love and support that I receive from my wife, Linda, and our two sons, Stephen and David.
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CAROL ANN SCHAEFER CLAYTON, PT, PhD

Carol Ann Schaefer Clayton, PT, PhD, has demonstrated commitment to teaching, promoting and defining physical therapist assistant education in her 39-year career.

Presently academic coordinator and program manager of clinical education at Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford, FL, Clayton previously held academic positions at Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID; Howard University, Washington, DC; University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS; and Indiana University, Indianapolis. She served as assistant chief and staff physical therapist at Veterans Administration Hospital Physical Therapy Department, Indianapolis. She received a PhD in Educational Leadership from the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS; and MS in Health Sciences Education and BS in Physical Therapy from Indiana University.

Clayton’s students know she has high expectations, but also that there is no one better to turn to in a crisis, no matter what it is. Every year she builds a very cohesive group out of very diverse individuals, who learn to help each other and the faculty, and in the process demonstrate and attain leadership positions they never knew they were capable of. In addition to many publications and presentations, Clayton assisted with the development of the PTA online CPI course released in 2009. The course was the result of a three-year task force created by APTA to advance technology in PTA clinical education. Known to actively seek solutions to improve the clinical training of students and define the role of the PTA in the healthcare environment, Clayton demonstrates focused research concerning the evaluation of physical therapy faculty and consults for numerous organizations.

An APTA member since 1967, Clayton presently serves on the Section on Education and as a member of the Florida Chapter. Leadership roles have included Membership chair of the Indiana Chapter; delegate, treasurer and chair of Continuing Education, Mississippi Chapter; and for the Florida Chapter, vice-chair of East Central District, ECD, Job Fair coordinator, and assembly representative.

APTA salutes Clayton for her many achievements in PTA education and is pleased to present her with the F.A. Davis Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I’d like to thank the APTA, FA Davis Company, Florida Physical Therapy Association, and the group who spearheaded the effort on my behalf. Special appreciation goes to PTA students in the Class of 2013, Dr. Scott Harp, Mayra Eschbach, Mary Connors, Board members of FPTA and graduates.

Thank you to my mother, who is watching over me tonight. You were a natural born actress and teacher, whose genes were passed to all of your 7 children. Thanks, mom for setting the stage for me.

To my husband Bill, my biggest fan. Thank you for the synergy that is us. You have always believed in my teaching abilities. I have watched you laugh at the techniques I’ve used in the classroom to get the students’ attention and/or to make a point. Your reinforcement for all these years has been a stabilizing force for me. Thank you!!
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SUSAN R. NELSON, PT, MS

Susan R. Nelson, PT, MS, a physical therapist assistant educator since 1987, is a gifted instructor who infuses liberal arts into technical courses, develops community partnerships, and supports nontraditional students.

Nelson is director of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program and associate professor at St Catherine University, Minneapolis. In addition to teaching she also practices as a physical therapist with University of Minnesota Medical Center-Fairview. Nelson received her advanced MS degree in physical therapy from the University of Minnesota and BS in physical therapy from the University of Wisconsin.

Nelson serves as one of the primary instructors for the first-year curriculum at St. Catherine University’s Physical Therapist Assistant Program. In this role, she establishes high standards for performance that set the tone for students from day one throughout their time in the academic program. Through her strong emphasis on a competency-based curriculum, students are held to high standards, not only in technical skills but also in their professional behaviors and interactions with patients, faculty, and classmates. Her students speak strongly of her ease with people and teaching skills, and she receives high scores from students for the criterion “the instructor effectively facilitates my learning.” Nelson puts students first and creates a learning environment that maximizes their potential for success. She also demonstrates strong leadership with the faculty and administrative staff to whom she serves as supervisor, never asking more of others than she is willing to give of herself.

In addition to being an APTA and Education Section member, she has served CAPTE as an on-site team leader and has been involved in the development of the Educational Leadership Institute as a representative of the PTA Education Special Interest Group. Nelson is a member of Community-Campus Partnerships for Health and the Minnesota Minority Education Partnership Inc. She has published and presented on education matters in the field, and was awarded the 2010 Minnesota Campus Compact Presidents’ Civic Engagement Steward Award for her work in the Community.

APTA is pleased to recognize Susan R. Nelson’s excellence in the field of PTA education with the F.A. Davis Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to acknowledge my colleagues and students, who have provided me the opportunity to learn and grow as a teacher and often make me look better than I am; my parents, who provided me with unwavering support and inspired me to find a vocation, not just a career; my brothers and sisters, who are always there for me and will never know how they have influenced my life; and my children, Colin, Anna and Claire, who inspire me by the people they have become to live more authentically.
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BRAD THURINGER, PTA

Brad Thuringer, PTA, serves as a role model for PTA students, demonstrating the link between clinical work and public service by creating multiple opportunities for students to volunteer and be active in the community.

Mr Thuringer is dedicated to teaching students that their responsibilities to the profession lie both within and outside the clinic setting. Each year, Mr Thuringer rolls up his sleeves alongside his students and works on a Habit for Humanity home, and he spearheaded a campus-wide volunteer opportunity at Joy Ranch, a camp being built to be accessible to children of all abilities. For PT Month, Mr Thuringer organized a 5K run/walk to bring students, PTs, and PTAs together to raise awareness for the Foundation of Physical Therapy. Every year at APTA’s convention, Mr Thuringer leads PTAs and students in Shoeless Sunday (Shoes4Kids), a movement encouraging the donation of shoes and socks to children in need.

Currently PTA program instructor at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, SD, Mr Thuringer teaches Introduction to Physical Therapy, Ethics, Physical Agents, Psychosocial Disorders, Musculoskeletal Disorders, and Clinical Experience. Clinical roles have included a PTA position at Brookings Center for Physical Therapy in Brookings, SD. He holds an AA in education from Presentation College of Aberdeen, SD, and AA in physical therapist assisting from Lake Area Technical Institute.

Active in APTA since 1997, Mr Thuringer serves on the Section on Education and Section on Health Policy and Administration. He has been a member of the Geriatrics, Sports Physical Therapy, and Orthopaedic sections. Leadership roles include director of the Board of Directors for the South Dakota Chapter and north central regional director of the National Assembly of Physical Therapist Assistants.

APTA salutes Mr Thuringer’s educational achievements to PTA students both inside and outside the classroom and is pleased to recognize his work with the FA Davis Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am truly honored to be selected as the 2010 recipient of the F. A. Davis Award for Outstanding PTA Educator. I especially wish to thank my state chapter for coordinating the preparation of my nomination package.

I would like to thank my wife, Anita, and my daughters, Alexis and MaKenzie, for their perpetual tolerance and support of my professional activities that often imposed upon our family life. Any accomplishments that may be credited to me would not have been possible without your support.

I would like to thank my good friends Ashlee Esplen, Travis Carlton, Ron Lasley, and Terry Trundle. They have always been there for me and believe in me as a person.

Finally, I’d like to thank my colleagues at Lake Area Technical Institute, Chris Barrett and Brenda Norton, for supporting my service endeavors, even when it took my attention and energies elsewhere. Thank you for allowing me to express my passion for physical therapy.

BRAD THURINGER, PTA
Becky McKnight, PT, MS, is an educator whose service on behalf of physical therapist assistants (PTAs) has promoted an identity and stronger voice among the educators of PTAs, influencing all PTA programs nationwide.

Ms McKnight is co-owner of Reach Consulting of Powersite MO, providing consultation on curricular development and assessment. She also teaches at Missouri State University and at Ozarks Technical Community College, where she serves as program director. Previous posts include staff physical therapist for Skaggs Community Health Center and member of the Clinical Pathways Committee at both Skaggs Community Health Center and St John’s Regional Health Center. Ms McKnight holds degrees from St Louis University (BS) and Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (MS).

With her clear understanding of the valuable role of the PTA within the physical therapy profession, Ms McKnight strives to uncover the best evidence that the teaching methods incorporated within the program effectively prepare the PTAs of the future. Under Ms McKnight’s leadership, the pass rate of the PTA licensure exam by Ozarks Technical Community College graduates has exceeded the national average. She demands the most of herself while pushing her students and coworkers out of their comfort zone, and she is described by one colleague as a “tide changer”—one who defines a student’s potential outside of the classroom.

Ms McKnight has served APTA in many capacities, in which she has advanced, promoted, and defined the education of PTAs. From 2004 to 2007, she served on the Task Force to Revise the Normative Model of Physical Therapist Assistant Education. For the Education Section, she has been chair, vice chair, and on the Nominating Committee of the Physical Therapist Assistant Educators Special Interest Group. Also active in the Missouri Chapter, Ms McKnight is currently director on the State Board and in the past served as Southwest District chair.

In honor of her commitment to PTA education, APTA is pleased to honor Ms McKnight with the FA Davis Award.