## MARILYN MOFFAT LEADERSHIP AWARD

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Ann Van F. Sant, PT, PhD, FAPTA, has throughout her 40-year career demonstrated leadership that spans the range from professionalism to practice, via research evidence, writing, and speaking contributions both nationally and internationally. Since 1995, Van Sant has served as editor-in-chief of Pediatric Physical Therapy. From 2007 to 2011, she was director of the PhD program in physical therapy for the College of Health Professions at Temple University; previously she was presidential faculty fellow, Office of the President, also at Temple. Van Sant received a PhD in education-motor development from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, MS in physical therapy from Virginia Commonwealth University, and BS in physical therapy from Russell Sage College.

Van Sant began her career in 1967 as a clinician who quickly rose to leadership positions in what was to become a distinguished academic career. Several of her early projects focused on the development of instructional materials, a portent of contributions she would continue to make in the area of physical therapist education. Van Sant has served the profession internationally as a member of the World Confederation of Physical Therapy and the International Organization of Physical Therapists in Pediatrics, where she contributes to their scholarly achievements. Van Sant has brought attention and acclaim to physical therapists and the profession through her research, lectures, and university service. As editor of Pediatric Physical Therapy, she has moved the journal from a physical therapy publication to one with a significant impact in the broader field of pediatric rehabilitation. Thanks to Van Sant’s tenacity, the journal is now indexed on PubMed with an impact factor of 1.2+. She has received important honors from bodies outside of the profession, including a Commendation for Service to the Board of Trustees of Temple University in 2000 and the Woman of Influence Award from Russell Sage College in 2008.

Van Sant has made vital, sustained, and copious contributions to APTA and specifically to the APTA sections for neurology, pediatrics, and research. She is regarded as a critical team member in the creation and successful completion of the STEP conferences. Van Sant has served as president of the Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy, vice president of the Section on Research, and continues as a member of the board of directors of the pediatrics section. She was named a Catherine Worthingham Fellow in 2006 and received the Lucy Blair Service Award in 1992.

For serving as an example of leadership that can have a meaningful impact on the lives of physical therapists spanning the range from professionalism to practice, APTA is pleased to present Ann Van Sant with the Marilyn Moffatt Leadership Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Marilyn Moffat Award is an honor beyond far my expectations and a very humbling experience. I am grateful for amazing physical therapists who were role models throughout my career, including Marilyn Moffat, who was a powerful influence on me as a new graduate attending my first APTA meetings in New York. Mentoring from Suzanne Hirt and the faculty at Medical College of Virginia, opportunities to work with leaders of the Virginia Chapter, and the Neurology, Research and Pediatric Sections are cherished gifts. My deepest gratitude goes to the leaders in those components who taught me joy in leadership. I am most grateful for the opportunity to serve as Editor of Pediatric Physical Therapy and thank Ellen Spake and Toby Long, who put their faith and trust in me. Above all, I thank the Editorial Board of Pediatric Physical Therapy for their exceptional service during my time as Editor.
RICHARD PAGE NIELSEN, PT, DHSc, ECS

A Richard Page Nielsen, PT, DHSc, ECS, is known for his commitment to the development of clinical electrophysiology and the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management, and continued distinctions in the areas of practice, education, and service.

Nielsen is founding president of Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (RMU) in Provo, Utah, where he concurrently teaches in the clinical electrophysiology DSc degree program and basic and intermediate electroneuromyography continuing education courses. Since 1998, Nielsen has led RMU in developing physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, speech pathology and other specialty field doctoral degree programs and successfully led the university to the highest level of accreditation (regional) in 2011 under the US Department of Education. He continues to see electrophysiology patients a few hours weekly. Past posts include director/faculty, Quadri-service (Navy, Army, Air Force, Public Health Service) Electroneuromyography Residency Training Program, Naval Hospitals, Portsmouth, Virginia, and Bethesda, Maryland; and chief physical therapist for the entire US Navy. Nielsen earned a DHSc (emphasis in clinical electrophysiology) from the University of St Augustine, a MS in neurokinesiology from the University of Washington, a BS in physical therapy from the University of Utah, and a BS degree in pre-physical therapy from Brigham Young University.

Nielsen demonstrated a passion for clinical electrophysiology early in his career. A pioneer and trailblazer in electroneuromyography, he was one of the first and few Navy physical therapists credentialed and board certified in clinical electrophysiology. In the 1980s and 1990s, he co-taught all APTA-sponsored electroneuromyography courses and in 1994 cofounded the Institute of Clinical Electrophysiology in Provo, Utah. Through that institute he and other faculty provided physical therapists and physicians with specialty training until 1998. He has been involved in the development and launching of the Annual Electroneuromyography Symposium and serves on the Board of Governors for the American Congress of Electromyography.

Nielsen has a passion for international service and was involved in volunteer medical care in Africa and Romania with Operation Smile International (1986-1998). In 1998, Nielsen cofounded Reach The Children, which built primary and secondary schools for under-resourced children in Africa. In 2006, he cofounded World of Difference, which focuses on primary school construction in Africa. In all, Nielsen has traveled to Africa almost annually for the past 27 years. In 2013, Nielsen and his wife received the Utah American Red Cross Hero of the Year Award for International Humanitarian Service. Currently they lead teams to Africa including RMU DPT students to provide them with school-building experiences and third-world clinical rotation opportunities.

For APTA, Nielsen is a member of the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management and the Orthopaedic Section. He has served as continuing education chair of the Utah Chapter and was a member of a 1998 APTA-selected panel to implement postprofessional PT educational objectives and direction into the next century.

In recognition of his leadership, commitment to the enrichment of the profession, and consistent contributions over the course of his career, APTA is pleased to present Richard Page Nielsen with the Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I scan the past 4 decades of my professional career, there are 3 giants and solid pillars that have crossed my path to shape me into the leader I always hoped to be, but never felt I had the ability to become. First, my 4 decade partner, colleague, and friend from Navy and civilian circles, Dr. Michael Skurja. Next, Dr. David Greathouse, whom I always felt inferior to, but who always made me feel equal or greater than when in his presence. And finally, Dr. Lynda Woodruff, who taught me about tenacity, never taking no for an answer, and to always be driven from my heart. But, the most important pillar of greatness is my wife and companion, Jodi, who has taught me how to fine-tune my ways to be my best self in all facets of my life and who has joined me in leading our family of 5 children while at the same time enjoying the fun that comes from that journey.
Barbara Connolly, EdD, DPT, EdD, FAPTA, has served the profession and association as a role model of leadership and professionalism for more than 40 years, demonstrating leadership in volunteer and consulting roles at all professional levels, nationwide and worldwide.

Currently professor emeritus at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences, she previously served the university as interim dean, chair, and professor. She has also held academic posts at the University of St Augustine, and the University of Indianapolis. She received a DPT from the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences, doctorate of education and master of education from Memphis State University, and BS in Physical Therapy from the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

Connolly has served the physical therapy profession in practice across clinical and faculty positions; in academics at the entry, advanced, and continuing education levels; and in research through receiving grants, reviewing grant applications and abstracts, and sharing research findings via presentations and publications. She initiated the formation of the International Organization of Physical Therapists in Paediatrics (IOPTP) of the World Confederation of Physical Therapy (WCPT), where she worked with officers, staff, and subgroup leaders to develop the charter, application to form a subgroup and motion for the WCPT Congress. Upon approval, she led the election of the first officers and committee chairs, and in the first year recruited 14 member countries. She led the development of the group’s constitution and bylaws, and was instrumental in the IOPTP’s co-sponsorship of 2 international conferences, in addition to planning the pediatrics programming for WCPT and establishing a website and newsletter. Since her retirement, Connolly continues to be involved in leading the IOPTP serving as a trustee and officer for the Foundation for Physical Therapy and presenting continuing education courses nationwide.

An active member of APTA since 1970, Connolly has served on the Pediatrics, Education, Research, and Neurology Sections in many leadership roles. At the local level, she has been a member of the Tennessee and Florida Chapters. She is a reviewer for Physical Therapy and a past recipient of APTA’s Jules M. Rothstein Golden Pen Award for Scientific Writing and Section on Pediatrics’ Research Award, Bud DeHaven Service Award, and Jeanne Fischer Mentorship Award. She is also a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of APTA.

APTA salutes Barbara Connolly’s distinguished record of service and advocacy to the physical therapy profession and to the association and is pleased to present her with the Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am honored to receive the Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award from APTA. I have had the opportunity to serve with Dr. Moffat on the national and international level over the years. In all these activities I have learned much from her leadership and feel privileged to receive an award bearing her name.

Many thanks to the Florida Physical Therapy Association for their nomination. My journey started in Florida as a new graduate from the University of Florida and now I have returned 44 years later to my “home.” My mentors who started me on my professional path have to be thanked! These include Barbara White, Norma Fisher, Fred Rutan, Thelma Holmes, and Martha Wroe. My thanks also to the APTA components who have given me the opportunity over many years to serve in leadership roles. Special appreciation is extended to the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association and to the Section on Pediatrics. I hope that I have been able to inspire new leaders through my contributions over the years.

Last but not least is my appreciation to my husband and daughter who have been supportive and understanding of the time that I have contributed to the profession that I love.
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SANDRA B. DAVIS, PT

Sandra B. Davis, PT, has demonstrated sustained and continuous positive leadership contributions to the physical therapy profession and the Association for more than 40 years.

For the past thirteen years she has held a Research Physical Therapist position with the Brain Rehabilitation Research Center (BRRC), Malcolm Randall Veterans Health Administration, Gainesville, FL. Previously Ms Davis was an instructor and Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education with the University of St Augustine for Health Sciences where she is currently an Adjunct faculty member. She also holds a Courtesy Instructor position at the University of Florida. She received a BS in Physical Therapy from the University of Maryland-Baltimore.

Ms Davis has been recognized for her efforts and accomplishments repeatedly over the course of her career. From clinician to administrator, to academician and researcher, her passion for the profession has been evident in her work with patients, students, and colleagues. For the BRRC, Ms Davis developed her knowledge and expertise with constraint-induced movement therapy, which served as the behavioral engine for a number of clinical trials of adjuvants to PT for upper extremity paresis after stroke. She was instrumental in leading the development of the Clinical Trials Center and maintaining its operation over the years. With her expertise and reliability, treatment compliance was close to perfect, with outcome measurements that were accurate and timely, and assured participant follow-up. Ms Davis’ leadership was also instrumental in forging the relationship between the BRRC and Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital in Jacksonville, now a thriving and productive partnership. Through countless trips to Jacksonville, Ms Davis educated Brooks staff about rehabilitation science, trained them in rehabilitation outcome measures and techniques, and inspired what is now a major Brooks-led clinical scientific program.

A member of APTA since 1968, Ms Davis has been active in the sections on Research, Cardiovascular Pulmonary, Federal, Neurology, and Geriatrics. During her years as the Federal Affairs Liaison for the Section on Research she orchestrated the first Research Advocacy Fly-Ins. She was an APTA reviewer for the Normative Model of Professional Education and held component memberships in Maryland, South Carolina, and Florida. For the Florida Chapter, she has been a delegate to the House of Delegates for fifteen years, served on the Board of Directors, chaired numerous committees including the new Leadership and Mentoring Committee and received FPTA’s first Legacy Award in 2011. In addition, she was a member of the National Association of HomeCare and the Florida Association of Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

APTA is pleased to present Ms Davis with the Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to express sincere appreciation to the APTA for the honor of the Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award. Dr. Moffat’s exemplary leadership is the daunting example of a legacy we can all strive to attain.

I acknowledge and thank my colleagues of the Florida Physical Therapy Association. I extend special appreciation to the APTA Section on Research.

From the University of Maryland to my most recent career in the Veterans Health Administration in Research I applaud so many. I cannot begin to name all the individuals who have mentored me. I shall pass on my passion for lifetime leadership and teaching through the next generations as I share my experiences with students at the University of Florida and the University of St. Augustine.

There is never enough appreciation for friends and family, for without their support I would not have had the time and opportunities to serve our profession.
Pat McAdoo, PT, MEd, has provided continuous leadership at the local, state and national level for more than 3 decades, serving in a multitude of appointed and elected positions in addition to many volunteer positions within APTA.

McAdoo is presently intermittent relief physical therapist for the following rural Alaskan hospitals: Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation; Norton Sound Regional Hospital; Mt Edgecombe Hospital; Petersburg Medical Center; Wrangell Medical Center; and Ketchikan General Hospital. She provides short-term coverage during absence of each community’s physical therapist and coordinated an information group of experienced retired military therapists willing to provide short-term coverage at these facilities as well. McAdoo is currently in the Transitional DPT Program at the University of Montana. She holds a MEd from the University of Maryland Counseling and Personnel Services; certificate from the US Army Medical Field Service School Physical Therapy Course; and BA in Psychology/Pre-Physical Therapy from the University of San Francisco.

According to her colleagues, McAdoo’s name is synonymous with Alaska in the PT world. She implemented an annual state conference and, given the distance of travel necessary for many participants, its coordination to better provide nationally and internationally known speakers, facilitate vendor support, provide non-dues revenue to the Alaska Chapter and allow the state’s therapists to plan their schedules around the programming. As president, McAdoo became a founding member of what is now the APTA Committee on Chapters and Sections, providing direct input to the Board of Directors. She has been able to demonstrate the needs and voice of the therapist “in the trenches” and provide a voice for the “everyday member.” Her background as a clinician provided additional details and input to the needs of the profession.

An APTA member since 1969, McAdoo has served on the Board of Directors and as chair of the Nominating Committee. She has been affiliated with the Texas, California, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois and Alaska chapters as well. Section memberships include Acute Care, Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Care, Federal, Geriatrics, Hand Rehabilitation, Health Policy and Administration, Oncology, Orthopaedics and Pediatrics. She was awarded the Lucy Blair Service Award in 1999.

APTA congratulations McAdoo on her impressive history of service to the profession and the association and is pleased to bestow upon her the Marilyn Moffatt Leadership Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is a true honor to receive an award named for a dedicated leader like Marilyn Moffat. In accepting this award, I would like to give my deepest thanks to the members of the Alaska Chapter – past and present – and the dedicated APTA staff who have provided such enduring support for all of my endeavors for the last thirty years.

“Cooperate and graduate” was the motto of the US Army Class of 70 and I thank my classmates for teaching me very early in my career that no one succeeds alone.

A special thanks to my entire family –especially my “Three man cheering Squad” – my Dad Bob, my brother Mike and my uncle Kevin – who have always been there no matter how rough the seas.

To the therapists and assistants of rural American –keep up the great work. You are the inspiration and future of healthcare in our country.
BABETTE SELIGMANN SANDERS, PT, DPT, MS

Babette Seligmann Sanders, PT, DPT, MS, sets high standards, creates new possibilities for any responsibility, and guides others toward the same goals with integrity.

Presently associate professor and assistant chair for curriculum affairs for the Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Sanders also serves as physical therapist at Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Illinois. She has held educator positions with the University of Illinois and SUNY-Downstate Medical Center, and a number of clinical roles.

Sanders has had a lasting impact on the development and progression on the physical therapy profession. On a day-to-day basis, she is an educator; at the individual level, she has mentored countless physical therapist and PTA students as a colleague. Her areas of expertise include acute-care practice and professional development; as a clinical educator she has assumed a critical role in developing safe and effective new graduates for many years. Sanders was an early advocate of mentoring more than one student at a time and instrumental in evaluating the pros and cons of this model of clinical education. In her faculty role, she is always ready to provide extra clinical supervision to students who are struggling with the adaptation of classroom to clinic. With a long history of active participation in leadership roles within the profession at the state and national levels, her interest in education and legislation has benefitted the Association in many ways. For example, she was instrumental in Illinois in the early development of a Common Evaluation Tool for use in evaluating student clinical performance, which led to an appointment to the first APTA task force in this area.

Active in APTA since 1970, Sanders has served the Education, Women’s Health, Orthopaedic, Acute Care, Neurology, and Health Policy & Administration sections. She has served in the House of Delegates and in leadership positions at the national and local levels. Sanders has been honored as the inspiration for the Babette Sanders Leadership and Service Award by the Illinois Chapter and has been presented with the award, Outstanding Physical Therapist Award, Lucy Blair Service Award, and Outstanding Clinical Educator Award from the Chicago Area Clinical Educator’s Forum.

APTA is pleased to honor Babette Seligmann Sanders’ accomplishments with the Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

There are many people to thank. Early on, the faculty at SUNY-Downstate showed me that APTA leadership was important by being great role models. My colleagues at Northwestern have given me tremendous support. They are the ultimate professionals. My APTA peers have helped me grow in tremendous ways by providing opportunities that pushed me in new directions. Thanks also go to the Illinois Chapter for nominating me for this award and for always being there. Many thanks and love to my family for allowing me to pursue my professional passion. Finally thanks to Marilyn Moffat herself.
Mark S DeCarlo, PT, MHA, MS, SCS, ATC, as president of APTA’s Sports Physical Therapy Section (SPTS), has facilitated an inventive restructuring of the section with the goal of increasing participation and mentoring to include a greater number of members at all levels.

Currently vice president of clinical operations at the Methodist Sports Medicine Center/The Orthopaedic Specialists in Indianapolis, Mr DeCarlo is responsible for overall clinic administration and direction of the physical therapy department, scholastic health care coordination, rehabilitation research and patient care. Mr DeCarlo holds an MS in physical therapy from the University of Indianapolis Krannert Graduate School of Physical Therapy, a MHA in health administration from Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and he recently completed a doctorate in physical therapy at the University of Kentucky.

Mr DeCarlo’s work in creating multilevel leadership and participatory roles for the SPTS has encouraged many individuals to participate in the day-to-day operations and tasks of the section. With a strategy of asking a wide variety of practitioners, educators, and researchers to fulfill roles within the section, Mr DeCarlo established successful section operations that have allowed SPTS to grow and flourish, and those operations continue to be used today. In addition, Mr DeCarlo was a driving force in improving the relationship of SPTS within APTA, striving to connect the section and parent organization in many ventures. After his tenure as president, Mr DeCarlo assumed the role of SPTS executive director, in which he supports day-to-day operations of the SPTS office in Indianapolis, assists with budget processes, and functions as the face of SPTS in local, national, and international athletic and medical communities. He has been instrumental in forging relationships between SPTS and the larger international physical therapy community via his involvement in the International Federation for Sports Therapy, a member organization of the World Confederation of Physical Therapy. He served as the elected representative-at-large from 2000 to 2005, and continues to serve as treasurer today.

APTA congratulates Mr DeCarlo on his work in furthering the cause of sports medicine within the association, at the local level, and internationally, and is pleased to present him with the Marilyn Moffatt Leadership Award.
Helene Fearon, PT, has distinguished herself in the domain of advocacy as the physical therapy profession’s preeminent expert in Documentation, coding, billing and payment related policy issues. In sharing her expertise, she has significantly influenced physical therapy practice, education and research.

Fearon and her husband, Tim, have owned their private practice, Fearon Physical Therapy, for over 25 years. In addition, Helene is a partner with Fearon & Levine, a national consulting firm focusing on practice management and payment policy in the outpatient rehabilitation setting, and is co-founder, shareholder and President of the Physical Therapy Provider Network (PTPN) of Arizona and development partner for OptimisPT, an end-to-end electronic health record platform for the outpatient PT industry. She has held a number of academic roles and is presently adjunct faculty for several T-DPT and DPT programs. Fearon earned a BS in physical therapy from Marquette University, School of Physical Therapy.

Fearon’s 34-year career and work in the domain of advocacy, particularly in the area of payment policy, has had a significant impact on the PT profession. In 1993, Fearon was selected to serve on the American Medical Association’s CPT Health Care professionals Advisory Panel. This began a significant interdisciplinary collaborative effort regarding policy relevant to PT practice and the process of developing, and revising CPT code nomenclature primarily used in the description of services provided by physical therapists. In 1999 she was appointed to serve on the AMA’s CPT Editorial Panel, and subsequently the Executive Committee, positions never before held by a physical therapist. Ms. Fearon is currently APTA’s CPT representative to the American Medical Association’s CPT HealthCare Professionals Advisory Committee (HCPAC). Her knowledge of the AMA CPT process and participation on the panel highlighted the continued needs for improvement in this reporting system for PTs and has served well to inform her continued efforts to reform this reporting mechanism for physical therapy services. She continues to serve as APTA’s representative to the CPT process.

Fearon has had many roles as an active member of APTA at the chapter, section and national levels. Her focus on advocacy in the realm of payment policy as it impacts services provide to individuals by physical therapists has been demonstrated through her participation as a member of several APTA Advisory Panels, committees on payment policy and task forces related to payment and peer review. She has served as co-chair for the Orthopaedic Section’s Practice Committee, and has chaired the Private Practice Sections program and nominating committees. Fearon is currently the PPS Government Affairs Committee Chair. Her advocacy extends to her home state of Arizona where she has served as Chief Delegate as well as involvement in both the payment policy and legislative committees. In addition the Governor appointed Ms. Fearon to the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy 1999-2007.
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MARILYN MOFFAT, PT, DPT, PHD, GCS, FAPTA

Marilyn Moffat, PT, DPT, PhD, GCS, FAPTA, a member of the American Physical Therapy Association who has made outstanding leadership contributions to both the Association and to the physical therapy profession as a leader, educator, practitioner, and administrator. Dr. Moffat has demonstrated exemplary leadership throughout her career. It was only five years after she received her certificate in physical therapy, that she assumed the position of editor of Physical Therapy and later served as editor of various newsletters and journals. She served on boards of directors at the district, section, chapter, and national levels, including two terms as APTA President (1991-1997), the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Physical Therapy, and on numerous boards outside of the physical therapy community. Her talent for raising moneys for various causes in the profession, including state and national political action committees, the Foundation, Diversity 2000, and minority scholarships, earned her the reputation as an outstanding fundraiser. During Dr. Moffat’s tenure as President of APTA, she spearheaded the development of the Association’s Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, both in its first and subsequent editions. Dr. Moffat served as APTA delegate to the WCPT General Meeting, on the Executive Committee of WCPT as the NACR regional representative, and as a member of the Task Force on the International Definition of Physical Therapy.