POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DOROTHY E BAETHKE-ELEANOR J CARLIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC TEACHING BOD Y08-14-04-04 [Amended BOD Y12-13-06-12; BOD Y06-08-02-02; BOD Y06-06-02-04 BOD Y03-05-03-03; BOD 05-02-02-04; BOD 11-98-29-102; BOD 03-97-06-14; BOD 06-96-09-21; BOD 11-92-11-46; BOD 03-87-38-121; BOD 03-86-29-120; BOD 03-85-47-164; BOD 11-82-12-51; BOD 06-82-02-06; Initial BOD 03-81-17-68] [Policy]

History

In 1981, the Dorothy E. Baethke-Eleanor J. Carlin Award was established to recognize excellence in academic teaching in physical therapy.

Dorothy Baethke (deceased 1984) was a pioneer in physical therapy. Ms Baethke received her physical therapy education at the Mayo Clinic and attended the University of Minnesota and Northwestern University. In 1972, after 25 years of exceptional service, Dorothy Baethke retired as Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Pennsylvania School of Allied Medical Professions. Through the creation of the Baethke-Carlin Award, Dorothy Baethke is recognized by the profession for her leadership role in the growth of APTA and for her service on various national committees.

Eleanor J. Carlin, (deceased 1997) was known as a leader in quality physical therapy education. Dr Carlin received her physical therapy education at Beaver College and Walter Reed Hospital. Dr Carlin joined the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania in 1947 and is fondly remembered by the students she taught and mentored as an outstanding, "one-of-a-kind" teacher. Dr Carlin's professional accomplishments and exceptional contributions to APTA include serving as President of APTA from 1956 to 1958, as an unforgettable Speaker of the House of Delegates from 1952 to 1956, and as a writer of considerable ability and Editor of Physical Therapy for six years. Dr Carlin was elected as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the APTA in 1994.

Purpose

To acknowledge an individual who has made significant contributions to physical therapy education through excellence in academic teaching as exemplified in the professional and teaching careers of Dorothy E. Baethke and Eleanor J. Carlin.

In addition to the information provided in the APTA Board of Directors' Policy and Procedures Regarding APTA Honors and Awards, the following criteria apply to this award:

Criteria for Eligibility

1. Nominees must be physical therapists or individuals not eligible for APTA membership who have been actively engaged in teaching physical therapist students (entry or advanced level) or physical therapist assistant students in formal education for at least 5 years.

2. Nominees must be either clinical or academic educators. Nominees must have a faculty appointment of any rank (part-time or full-time) or receive compensation for their teaching responsibilities.

3. Teaching must occur in an academic setting within one or more accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant education programs, or advanced level programs for physical therapists, from which students earn an academic qualification.
4. Teaching solely as a component of continuing education does not constitute eligibility for this award.

5. Current members of the APTA Board of Directors and members of the APTA Awards Committee - Education Awards Subcommittee are not eligible to be nominated for this award and shall not nominate, write letters of support, or endorse an individual for this award.

Criteria for Selection

The nominee has demonstrated:

1. Exceptional teaching effectiveness in the academic setting.

2. A distinct expertise in at least one subject area to which the academic teaching has been directed.

3. Excellence as a role model for academic teaching for students, faculty and clinicians.

Procedure for Nomination

1. Nominations must be submitted electronically via APTA’s website (www.apta.org). All materials completed and submitted for each nomination must be received by the APTA Honors and Awards Program by 5:00 pm Eastern time on December 1, for consideration for the award.

2. The nominator is responsible for reviewing and ensuring the completion of all steps and compliance with eligibility criteria within the online nomination submission process before its final submission. During the online process, the following documents will be required for upload:

   A. Current curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee.

   B. A letter of nomination (from the nominator) that specifically focuses on the strengths of the nominee in relation to the criteria for selection for the award, not to exceed 3 pages.

   C. Two (2) letters of support not to exceed 2 pages each, 1 from each of the following:

      - A physical therapist colleague from the nominee's institution, and

      - A current or former student who is representative of an academic level of teaching in which the nominee has been engaged. The academic experience of the student should include attendance through at least one entire course taught by the nominee.

Notification of Award

1. The award recipient and nominator will be notified promptly after selection by APTA’s Board of Directors.

2. The nominators of individuals not selected will receive a letter thanking them for their participation.

Nature of Award

A plaque will be presented to the awardee by APTA’s Board of Directors at the NEXT Conference and Exposition and an official announcement of the award will appear in an Association publication.

(Member Services Department, ext. 8082)
Explanation of Reference Numbers:
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