American Physical Therapy Association Breaks Ground on Future Headquarters in National Landing

ALEXANDRIA, VA, January 22, 2019 —Today the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) broke ground on its new headquarters, APTA Centennial Center, in Alexandria, Va. The building is expected to open in January 2021, in time for APTA’s 100th anniversary.

The new building will be LEED Silver certified and receive FitWel’s highest certification (3 stars), recognizing the building as a workspace that encourages health and wellness. Designed by Gensler, an award-winning architecture firm, the 7-story, 115,000-square-foot building will include a top floor conference space with a partial roof terrace. The building will adjoin a new public plaza.

“Our new headquarters will serve as a continual reminder of APTA’s dedication to health, wellness, and rehabilitation, community-building and collaboration, and social and environmental responsibility,” said APTA President Sharon Dunn, PT, PhD. “It will be a place where staff, members, and visitors can feel empowered to work toward shared goals in a setting that exemplifies our shared values.”

This was the first groundbreaking in the newly renamed National Landing area since Amazon announced it would be establishing its second headquarters there. The new Potomac Yard Metro station will open directly across the street from APTA Centennial Center, and Virginia Tech will be building its $1 billion Innovation Campus nearby.

“This building is an investment in our future and in the Alexandria community that APTA has called home for 36 years,” said APTA Chief Executive Officer Justin Moore, PT, DPT. “It’s also a commitment to best serve the physical therapy profession, and to empower our members to pursue APTA’s vision of transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.”

In addition to Dunn and Moore, speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony included Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Joe Haggerty, and Andrew VanHorn, executive vice president of development at JBG Smith.

The address of APTA’s future headquarters is 3030 Potomac Ave, Alexandria, VA.

The American Physical Therapy Association represents more than 100,000 physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students of physical therapy nationwide. Visit MoveForwardPT.com to learn more about the types of conditions physical therapists treat, and find a physical therapist in your area.

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