2023 Honors & Awards Recipients



55th Mary McMillan Lecture Award

Judith Deutsch, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association

Jill Boissonnault, PT, PhD, FAPTA

William Cade, PT, MSPT, PhD, FAPTA

Jennifer Christy, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Carol Courtney, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Jane Fedorczyk, PT, MSPT, PhD, FAPTA

Stacy Fritz, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Minal Jain, PT, DScPT, FAPTA Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Pediatric Physical Therapy

Marie Johanson, PT, PhD, FAPTA Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy

Michele Lobo, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Robert Manske, PT, DPT, MEd, FAPTA Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Sports Physical Therapy

Kathleen Mairella, PT, DPT, MA, FAPTA

Christine McDonough, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Alison McKenzie, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA

Debora Miller, PT, MBA, FAPTA

Robert Rowe, PT, DPT, DMT, MHS, FAPTA

Karin Gravare Silbernagel, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Julie Tilson, PT, DPT, MS, FAPTA Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy

Pamela Unger, PT, DPT, FAPTA

Francis Welk, PT, DPT, MEd, FAPTA

Lynda Woodruff, PT, PhD, FAPTA



29th John H. P. Maley Lecture Award

Philip McClure, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Lucy Blair Service Award

Beth Crowner, PT, DPT Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy

Susan Griffin, PT, DPT

Gregory Hicks, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Matthew Hyland, PT, PhD

Alan Chong Lee, PT, PhD Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Geriatric Physical Therapy

Joyce Maring, PT, DPT, EdD

Eva Norman, PT, DPT

Kristin von Nieda, PT, DPT, MEd

Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award

Sharon Dunn, PT, PhD Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy

Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Award

Rebecca Horton, PTA, BSPTA

Societal Impact Award

Stephen Leppard, PT

Theresa Monaco Spitznagle, PT, DPT Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Women's Health Physical Therapy

Humanitarian Award

Claudia Senesac, PT, PhD Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Pediatric Physical Therapy

Eugene Michels New Investigator Award

Michael Borich, PT, DPT, PhD

Nora Frit, PT, DPT, PhD



Marian Williams Award for Research in Physical Therapy

Gammon Earhart, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Jack Walker Award

Amit Kumar, PT, MPH, PhD

Chattanooga Research Award

Richard Shields, PT, PhD, FAPTA and Shauna Dudley-Javoroski, PT, PhD, for article "Epigenetics and the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health Model: Bridging Nature, Nurture, and Patient-Centered Population Health," published in PTJ: Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Journal, Vol. 102, No. 1.

Dorothy Briggs Memorial Scientific Inquiry Award

Katie Butera, PT, DPT, PhD, for article "Low Risk for Persistent Back Pain Disability Is Characterized by Lower Pain Sensitivity and Higher Physical Performance," published in PTJ: Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Journal, Vol. 102, No. 3.

Helen J. Hislop Award for Outstanding Contributions to Professional Literature

Chad Cook, PT, PhD, MBA, FAPTA

Catherine Eckels Lang, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Jules M. Rothstein Golden Pen Award for Scientific Writing

Fay Horak, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Dorothy E. Baethke-Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching

John Heick, PT, DPT, PhD

Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic, Orthopaedic, and Sport Physical Therapy

Signe Brunnström Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching

Leigh Langerwerf, PT, DPT

Margaret L. Moore Award for Outstanding New Academic Faculty Member

Kirby Mayer, PT, DPT, PhD

F. A. Davis Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator

Clarence Chan, PT, DPT

Minority Initiatives Award

Northwestern University Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences

Outstanding Physical Therapist Resident Award

Mitchell Adam, PT, DPT

Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy



Outstanding Physical Therapist Fellow Award

Joseph Derian, PT, DPT Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy

Mary McMillan Scholarship Award

Shondah Cowherd, PTA, Somerset Community College

Zofia Haack, SPT, University of Central Florida

Alyx Jorgensen, SPT, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Michelle Lueking, PTA, Clarkson College

Shane Mathew, SPT, University of Florida

Carolyn Schmitz, SPT, Marquette University

Minority Faculty Development Scholarship Award

Veronica Jackson, PT, DPT

Paula Johnson, PT, DPT, MBA

Minority Scholarship Award

Garreth Bell, SPT, University of Miami

McKenzie Bridges, SPT, Georgia State University

Xavier A. Gibson, SPT, Springfield College

Andrea Holloway, SPT, Alabama State University

Rosedaveia Howell, SPT, ATC, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Isabel Lorimer, SPT, University of Colorado

Jonathan Mack, SPT, Virginia Commonwealth University

Shane Mathew, SPT, University of Florida

Christine Rodriguez, SPT, University of Miami

Brianna Seawood, SPT, Andrews University

Tamya Sims, SPT, Indiana University

Federal Government Affairs Leadership Award

Lance Mabry, PT, DPT

Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy



State Legislative Leadership Award

Michael Riley, PT

Honorary Membership

Dean Jacks

Richard Macko, MD