# Lucy Blair Service Award

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GAIL JENSEN *
JERRY L. KLUG *
TOBY LONG *
JOSEPH A. LUCCA *
MARY JANE K. RAPPORT *
CHERYL RESNIK *
CAROL R. SCHUNK *
SENASA D. SIMPSON *
KATHERINE J. SULLIVAN
LAURA LEE (DOLLY) SWISHER *

2007
ANTHONY DELITTO *
KARL R. GIBSON *
Peg HILLER *
DIANNE V. JEWELL *
WARREN W. MAY *
IRENE R. MCEWEN *
ELIZABETH MOSTROM *
FRANCIS WELK *
NANCY T. WHITE *

2006
JANET R. BEZNER *
JILL S. BOISSONNAULT *
ELIZABETH DOMHOLDT *
NANCY R. KIRSCH *
DIANE NICHOLSON *
CHRISTOPHER M. POWERS *
MARCIA B. SMITH *
ELAINE WILDER *

2005
JONATHAN M. COOPERMAN *
CYNTHIA A. DRISKELL *
JAMES M. DUNLEAVY *
EVELYN M. HALLAS *
JAYNE L. SNYDER †*

2004
NANCY NIES BYL *
AIMEE BETH KLEIN *
KAREN A. PASCAL *
NANCY PRICKETT *
LISA RIOLO *
BABETTE S. SANDERS

2003
SUZANNE R. BROWN *
PAMELA A. DUFFY *
MICHAEL J. EMERY *
RODNEY A. MIYASAKI *
REBECCA E. PORTER *
BARBARA SANDERS
RITA WONG
LOUISE D. YURKO *

2002
JAMES A. BALL *
CARL P. DEROSE *
CAROLE B. LEWIS *

2001
DAVID W. PERRY *
JAN K. RICHARDSON *

2000
SAMUEL M. BROWN *
FRAN KERN *
LUTHER KLOTH *
SUSAN L. WHITNEY *

1999
A. CHARLES DORANDO *
CHERYL J. HILL *
BEN F. MASSEY *
PATRICIA MCADOO *
R. SCOTT WARD

1998
JANET GWYER *
BLAIR PACKARD *
JOHN SCOTT STEPHENS †*

1997
CAROL E. COOGLER *
HELENE M. FEARON *
BARBARA A. MELZER †
SCOTT D. MINOR *
HENRY C. WESSMAN *

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1996
CATHERINE M. CERTO *
JEROME B. CONNOLLY *
JANE E. HOGENCAMP *
TIMOTHY L. KAUFFMAN *
JOSEPH W. SMY *
STEVEN L. WOLF *

1995
SUSAN S. DEUSINGER *
LARRY P. FRONHEISER *
NEVA F. GREENWALD *
DOROTHY NELSON *
RICK REUSS *
JANE M. WALTER VENZKE †*

1994
JOHN O. BARR *
CORINNET T. ELLINGHAM *
BETTE HORSTMAN *
SCOT IRWIN †*
DONALD JACKSON *
MARY ANN WHARTON *
DON W. WORTLEY †*

1993
CAROLYN L. BLOOM *
JACK D. CLOSE *
DONNA JOY EL-DIN =*
MARILYN R. GOSSMAN =*
JACQUELINE MONTGOMERY *
JOAN CAROL NETHERY *
KATHERINE F. SHEPARD *
JANE K. SWEENEY *

1992
BONNIE M. BLOSSOM *
LINDA D. CRANE †*
LAURITA M. HACK *
HARRY G. KNECHT *
GLORY Y. SANDERS *
ANN F. VANSANT *
CYNTHIA C. ZADA *

1991
MARY S. BOWSER *
CAROLYN A. CRUTCHFIELD *
CAROL M. DAVIS *
CLAUDETTE FINLEY *
ROBERT LAMB *
MARILYN J. LISTER *
PATRICIA C. MONTGOMERY *
JOHN B. WADSWORTH *

1990
OTTO A. CORDERO *
REBECCA L. CRAIK *
PATRICIA RAE EVANS *
ROYCE P. NOLAND †*
BEVERLY J. SCHMOLL *
MILDRED L. WOOD *
LYNDA WOORDUFF *
PATRICIA YARBOUGH *

1989
FRANK L. ALLENDER *
AURELIE P. BABBITT †*
ANDREW A. GUCCIONE *
RUTH U. MITCHELL *
ROBERT W. RICHARDSON *
RODNEY SCHLEGEL *
ROSEMARY M. SCULLY *

1988
MARYLOU R. BARNES *
LUCY J. BUCKLEY *
SUE HIRT †*
J CAROLYN HULTGREN *
OTTO PAYTON†*
MABLE B. SHARP *
ELLEN F. SPAKE *
JEANETTE WINFREE †*

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|      | Dale H. Fitch *  
       | Helen J. Hislop † |
|      | Elizabeth L. Lamberton * |
|      | Betty R. Landen *  
       | Gary L. Soderberg * |
|      | Ann L. Walker †* |
| 1986 | Robert L. Babbs, Jr *  
       | Hyman L. Dervitz * |
|      | Simon J. Dykstra †* |
|      | Carolyn B. Heriza *  
       | Barry R. Howes * |
|      | Robert A. Teckemeyer *  
       | Helen Holzum Whealen †* |
| 1985 | Robert E. Ayers *  
       | Clara P. Bright * |
|      | Vilma I. Evans †* |
|      | Charles H. Hall *  
       | Joan M. Mills *  
       | James M. Morrow *  
       | Jean L. Roland †* |
|      | Peter A. Towne * |
| 1984 | Justin Alexander *‘  
       | James A. Armour * |
|      | Stanley L. Arno †*  
       | O. Kennett Ball *  
       | Mary Eleanor Brown †* |
|      | Kay A. Clinkingbeard †*  
       | Elaine M. Eckel * |
|      | Jay M. Goodfarb *  
       | Clarence W. Hultgren *  
       | Marjory Wilson Johnson *  
       | Isobel L. Knoepfli * |
|      | Eugene R. Lambert *  
       | Phyllis Srybniak Lehman ** |
|      | Jacob S. Schleichkorn †*  
       | Frances M. Tappen †* |
|      | David R. Weiler †* |
| 1983 | Richard E. Darnell *  
       | Sally C. Edelsberg *  
       | Samuel B. Feitelberg *  
       | Jeanne L. Fischer †* |
|      | Geneva R. Johnson *  
       | Barbara E. Kent *  
       | Colleen M. Kigen *  
       | L. Don Lehmkuhl †* |
|      | Charlene M. Nelson *  
       | John W. Robinson *  
       | Steven J. Rose †* |
|      | Sarah Semans †* |
|      | Catherine Perry Wilkinson * |
| 1982 | Leon Anderson †*  
       | Mary E. Bennett †* |
|      | Roberta F. Cottman *  
       | Lucille Daniels * |
|      | Sally Farrand *  
       | Paul L. Ferrara *  
       | D Lavonne Jaeger *  
       | Nancy C. Keating †* |
|      | Bella J. May *  
       | Claire F. McCarthy *  
       | Marilyn Moffat *  
       | Mabel M. Parker †* |
|      | Frances L. Patton †* |
| 1981 | Jean C. Bailey †*  
       | Susan Collopy *  
       | Joyce M. Flaig *  
       | Robert L. Gossett *  
       | Robert Harden * |
|      | Margaret Kohli †*  
       | James B. McKillip *  
       | Thelma Pedersen *  
       | Doris E. Porter *  
       | Mary Elizabeth Rexroad †* |
|      | Shirley Sahrmann *  
       | Virginia Wilson †* |

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LINDA E. ARSLANIAN, PT, DPT, MS

Linda E. Arslanian, PT, DPT, MS, has a history of serving the association on the state and national levels, helping to bring about change in the areas of ethics and professionalism.

As executive director of rehabilitation services at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, Arslanian has led the department through several initiatives and achieved improvements in clinical practice. She has developed a team of leaders that manages patient care in at least 3 outpatient clinics as well as in acute care physical therapy. Previously, she was director of rehabilitation and ambulatory services at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, Massachusetts. Arslanian holds a certificate from the Executive Leadership Program at Harvard Business School, DPT from Massachusetts General Hospital/Institute of Health Professions, MS in physical therapy from Columbia University, a certificate in physical therapy from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and BS in physical education from Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

As a member of the APTA House of Delegates, Arslanian works 1-on-1 with new and seasoned delegates to ensure they understand motions, and she provides leadership and collaboration to facilitate understanding and consensus regarding issues ranging from electronic health records to the movement system. She also serves the profession and the association as a national leader in ethics and professionalism. She served for 5 years as a member and chair of the APTA Ethics and Judicial Committee, during which period the committee revised the association’s Code of Ethics, Guide to Professional Conduct, Standards of Ethical Conduct for the PTA, and Guide for Conduct of the PTA. She continues to be a leader in the area of ethics as a member of the Brigham and Women’s Hospital Bioethics Committee. For the last 10 years, she has presented lectures on ethics and professionalism to students in management classes at both Boston University and Simmons College, challenging their thinking and decision making in ways that will serve them in their professional careers. She is a member of the Scientific Advisory Panel to the APTA Outcomes Registry for Physical Therapy.

A member of APTA since 1984, Arslanian has been active at the state and national levels. For the Massachusetts Chapter, she has served as vice president and speaker of the assembly, as well as Central District assembly representative. In addition to her work on the Ethics and Judicial Committee, she has served on the Task Force on Professionalism and as a member of the APTA sections for orthopedics, acute care, women’s health, and health policy and administration.

For her representation of APTA values, her dedication to clinical research, and her efforts to foster education at all levels, APTA is pleased to present Linda E. Arslanian with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Throughout my career I have been fortunate to have associated with colleagues who have been remarkable mentors and role models. Their encouragement and support have been the major impetus for my involvement in our Association and profession. There are more individuals who have been important to me throughout my career, almost too many to list, but in particular I’d like to acknowledge my colleagues from Massachusetts; George Coggeshall with whom I served on the Board of Directors and who was responsible for my nomination, along with Colleen, Leslie, Reg and Mary, to name just a few. Serving on the Ethics and Judicial Committee has well as the House of Delegates with Dolly, Deborah, Nancy, Babette and Tony has led to many opportunities for which I am very grateful. And finally, to my family who have always supported me in my career activities.
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GEORGE COGGESHALL, PT, DPT, CCS
George Coggeshall, PT, DPT, CCS, assumed the presidency of the Massachusetts Chapter at a critical juncture for the group and helped it to accomplish significant gains during that period, notably via his promotion of inclusiveness.

Currently associate professor of practice at Simmons College in Boston, and a physical therapist for Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, Coggeshall has held posts at Bay State College, Boston University, Northeast Physical Therapy, and Massachusetts Respiratory Hospital. He holds a DPT from Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut; MS in physical therapy from Boston University; and BS in biology from the University of Rhode Island.

While Coggeshall has served the profession with distinction at the district, state, and national levels, his service to the Massachusetts Chapter stands out as a significant and enduring contribution to the profession and APTA. Coggeshall strove to include new members and students in the chapter, and encouraged their active involvement. The Chapter’s PT Day on the Hill during his presidency had over 300 members attending, including a large contingent of students. Membership grew steadily under his leadership due to his efforts to reach out and engage colleagues. New faces in the chapter, with new perspectives, remain an important part of Coggeshall’s legacy.

Under his leadership, the chapter submitted 23 amendments to the Massachusetts Payment Reform Bill. He presented written and oral testimony opposing 4 scope-of-practice bills, he presented testimony in support of 3 bills the chapter filed during the session, and he saw one successfully passed during its first session—an unusual feat with lasting effect on physical therapist practice in the state. He helped push through term protection for the DPT designation, plus worked to defeat legislation that, if adopted, would have encroached on or threatened to impose inappropriate limits on physical therapists’ scope of practice. Massachusetts received APTA’s Outstanding Chapter award in 2013 as a direct result of Coggeshall’s passion, commitment, and enthusiasm.

Coggeshall has also been a distinguished student advocate as he frequently mentors students at CSM and NEXT conferences and has orchestrated students’ participation in Federal Advocacy Days on Capitol Hill.

On the national level, Coggeshall contributed to the successful creation and recognition of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy by the House of Delegates. He has also served as a Steering Committee member for the regional APTA payment policy pilot June 2011–December 2013, as part of the association’s efforts toward achieving payment reform. He has also served as a national delegate for many years, presenting several motions, which have impacted on our profession.

For his ongoing service to the profession, the association, the Massachusetts Chapter, and in educating and mentoring students, APTA is delighted to recognize George Coggeshall with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:
I am most grateful for this wonderful recognition from my APTA community. I have had a very fortunate professional life do to the guidance, inspiration and friendship of so many colleagues. My beginnings at Boston University provided me with so many opportunities and needed direction, especially from Cathy Perry who introduced me to the APTA. To Cathy, I am forever grateful! There are so many to be recognized, but I will limit my list to Eugene Lambert, Lesley Portney, Colleen Kiggin, Kathy Shaw, Linda Arslanian, Andrew Guccione and Julie Starr. Simply thanks for all your kindness. I also want to thank the Massachusetts Chapter for all the opportunities and support that they have consistently given to me over the course of my professional career. Thanks also to my current colleagues at Simmons College, Boston University and the Brigham and Women’s Hospital for making everyday enjoyable. Lastly, I thank my children Jillian, Jana and Adam and my wife Julie for making my life a grand adventure. I am a lucky man!
Anthony DiFilippo, PT, DPT, Med, OCS, has exhibited dedication to the profession, effective leadership, and a history of service that has been the driving force for many advances in the practice of physical therapy.

DiFilippo is owner/director of Rehab Professionals of Cleveland Inc, and adjunct/graduate faculty at Cleveland State University. In addition, he serves as an expert witness for various firms and is owner at Tier One Education, a continuing education provider. DiFilippo received a DPT from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia, Med in exercise science from Cleveland State University, and BS in physical therapy from Bowling Green State University in conjunction with the Medical College of Ohio.

DiFilippo played an integral role in giving Ohio consumers direct access to physical therapy, including 10 years of service as a district legislative coordinator, followed by 3 years as the state legislature chair. He organized and maintained phone chains and educated facilities regarding proposed legislation, gaining interest and broadening the efforts with a member-driven army ready to activate. He worked in legislators’ campaigns, inspiring and leading others at the grassroots level and helping to distribute postcards to facilities to get PTs, PTAs, and patients to send letters to their representatives and senators. This effort was coupled with raising PAC money and setting the example by contributing personally. Ohio now enjoys one of the least restrictive practice acts with respect to direct access. DiFilippo remains actively involved in current legislation to strengthen direct access. DiFilippo helps Ohio in navigating uncharted territory, as Ohio seeks to become the first state to allow physical therapists to order imaging. Ohio House Bill 169 has been introduced and is gaining momentum, having acquired 2 sponsors and multiple hearings. DiFilippo has been an advocate for this bill since its inception, drafting its language, educating therapists, recruiting support, and testifying on its behalf. These and other legislative efforts seek to improve access, reduce cost, and drive early intervention of physical therapy.

DiFilippo is president of the Ohio Chapter and Ohio delegate to the House of Delegates. He has served on APTA’s Strategic Planning Session with the Board of Directors, the Task Force for PTA Educational Pathways, and was a member of the work group for revision of the CSIF/CPI. He was named Physical Therapist of the Year in 2011 by the Ohio Chapter and received APTA’s National Outstanding PT–PTA Team award in 2008.

For his commitment to patients, his profession, and public health, APTA congratulates Anthony DiFilippo and is pleased to present him with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:
Honored and humbled to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award, I am fortunate to have many mentors along my career instrumental in my professional growth. I was once told, “you get out of the association more than you put into it.” I have benefited with personal and professional growth, as well as valuable networks and lifelong friendships due to my involvement with the association. It has been my privilege to serve alongside such passionate leaders and colleagues. I would like to give special thanks to my family and business partners who see the same value in the association and agree that my time away is well spent. The OPTA leaders, especially Jonathan Cooperman and Jeanine Gunn as prior OPTA presidents, “set the table” for me to continue the high leadership tradition. Also, Scott Euype, a prior Lucy Blair Award winner, who leads by example.
NANCY FELL, PT, PHD, NCS

Nancy Fell, PT, PhD, NCS Emeritus, has served and elevated the physical therapy profession via consistent service to APTA at all levels and her commitment to evidence-based practice through high quality continuing education delivery.

Since 1995, Dr. Fell has been a member of the physical therapy faculty at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and currently serves as a UC Foundation professor. A graduate of St. Louis University, she spent her early clinical career at Barnes Hospital and IWJ Rehabilitation Institute in St. Louis. She earned a MHS from Washington University, St. Louis, and became a Board Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy in 1995. Fell holds a PhD with motor behavior concentration from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Fell has also practiced as a physical therapy manager at HealthSouth Chattanooga and a staff physical therapist for Siskin Hospital and Contin-U-Care Home Health in Chattanooga.

Fell has consistently accepted leadership roles in the profession's drive toward evidence-based practice through the provision of high quality continuing education. She was appointed to APTA's Annual Conference Program Committee and served as chair in 2002-2003. Through this role, she was largely responsible for the Concentrated Education Series (CES) education format at Annual/NEXT conferences. After leaving the committee, she was invited to return and coordinate the Advances in Stroke Rehabilitation program in 2004, one of the first CES offerings. Fell's creativity, ability to think outside the box, and her willingness to take significant time to improve education in the profession, helped move these programs and classes forward. In addition, Fell has served APTA via elected offices in the Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy, currently as secretary and member of the board of directors and executive committee. She has a significant leadership role in the Brain Injury Special Interest Group, serving as founding editor of the newsletter and organizing education programs serving this population. On the Academy's program committee, Dr. Fell has been an effective developer and facilitator of Combined Sections Meeting educational sessions and preconference programming. She also served on the leadership team responsible for early development of the Academy's regional programming. At the state level, Fell has been involved with the Tennessee Chapter for 25 years, including serving as secretary in 2001-2004 and as a chapter-trained and -endorsed speaker, providing license-renewal required ethics and jurisprudence continuing education courses. Locally, she served as the East District chair and a representative member on the Chapter's board of directors.

Dr. Fell currently co-chairs the 2016 IV STEP meeting. Considered a hallmark meeting for those in neurologic physical therapist practice across the lifespan, STEP meetings have benefitted from Fell’s skill in planning, awareness of current practice issues, and knowledge of emerging themes in neurologic research.

For demonstrating sustained service and leadership to the profession at multiple levels, as well as taking on challenging roles and responsibilities in addition to her professional work, APTA is pleased to present Nancy Fell with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:
I am honored to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award. It is a privilege to serve the physical therapy profession. I extend my appreciation to the clinical and faculty teams at St. Louis University and Washington University in St. Louis, as they planted the seeds for service early in my career. My service would not have been possible without support from University of Tennessee at Chattanooga coworkers. Dr. Debbie Ingram is my steadfast mentor and friend. The Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy has had a profound impact on my career, with many colleagues providing support and encouragement. I also thank those individuals who made this nomination: Drs. David Levine, Ann VanSant, Carole Tucker, Karen McCulloch, and Cathy Hinton; your support letters brought tears to my eyes. And last, but certainly not least, I thank my wonderful family, who have willingly shared our time because they know how important physical therapy is to me.
KAREN L. MCCULLOCH, PT, PHD, MS, NCS

Karen L. McCulloch, PT, PhD, MS, NCS, has worked to advance neurologic physical therapy and the Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy representing the physical therapist profession with important stakeholders in the greater health professions community.

At the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC) Division of Physical Therapy, McCulloch serves as professor as well as assistant director for distance and continuing education. She held an ORISE Fellowship focused on military TBI-related education, consultation, and research for the Army Office of the Surgeon General from 2011 to 2013. McCulloch holds a PhD in human movement science from UNC, MS in physical therapy from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and BS in physical therapy from the University of Florida.

McCulloch’s efforts have helped the Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy further its mission in strategic ways that have supported the scholar, teacher, and clinician. For the APTA Academy, McCulloch cofounded the Brain Injury Special Interest Group, served as secretary three times, and was the inaugural director of education, leading multiple education initiatives, including planning for multiple practice changing conferences. She has also co-led TBI EDGE Task Force, the Concussion Course Development group, served as guest editor for Journal of Neurologic Physical Therapy, and helped to establish neurologic content on PTNow. While director of education, McCulloch championed the growth of educational offerings both at Combined Sections Meeting and in regional course development, with the end goal of improving the care of patients with neurologic disorders through educating therapists in best practice methods. McCulloch extended her service to multiple journals as reviewer and/or editor, once again with an emphasis on providing evidence for best practice to clinicians. Over her years as clinical education coordinator, hundreds of students have been touched by McCulloch’s mentoring, and she has applied her talents as an instructor and mentor in shepherding students through the post-professional program at UNC, advancing the science of practice. Most recently, McCulloch has served as PTNow clinical summary editor for Oncology, Neurology, and Woman’s Health.

In addition to McCulloch’s service to the neurology section, she is a member of the Section on Research and served on its Scientific Meeting and Exposition Review Committee. She was honored with the Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy’s Service to the Section Award in 2013.

For her instrumental work in advising and assisting APTA at the local and national levels, as well as her dedication to patients and the profession, APTA is honored to present Karen L. McCulloch with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

During my PT life, I’ve had a few guiding principles: 1 – value and support affordable public education, 2- spend my clinical and research energies where need is greatest (mostly TBI), and 3- work with people I enjoy. Serendipitously, those ideals led me to know many talented and strong-willed women who have inspired me in work and in life. From Marty, Claudette and Jane at UF; to mentors and co-workers at Spain Rehabilitation, Learning Services, and UNC-CH, I’ve been privileged to always have something new and interesting to look forward to. The Neurology Section is “home” with many big-hearted colleagues who make service worthwhile, challenging, but mainly fun. Special thanks to: UNC buddies Darlene, Judy, Angela, Cherie, Rick, MBO, and Rick; Section buddies, Kathys, Sue, Patty, Carolyn, Nancy, and Edee; Letter writers Debby, Deb, Ben, Judy and Dave; and last but not least, my NCS partners in crime, Leslie, Kathy, and Kenda. My decision to become a PT as a 9th grade “candystriper” couldn’t have been a better choice!!

And finally for my kids, Bryce and Kirsten, I wish you such contentment in your life’s work – your support for me has been invaluable.
WILLIAM F. McGEHEE, PT, PHD

William F. McGehee, PT, PhD, has made distinguished and meaningful contributions at the component level to the Illinois and Florida chapters, and to the APTA Board of Directors.

He is a clinical assistant professor and director of clinical education in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Previously, he was an assistant professor of physical therapy at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. McGehee holds a PhD in public policy analysis from St Louis University, MHS in physical therapy from the University of Indianapolis, BS in physical therapy from Bradley University, and BS in zoology from Eastern Illinois University.

He began his career and record of service in the Illinois Chapter, serving on the Finance Committee as a member and then chair. He was elected treasurer in 2002 and served as chair of the Illinois Physical Therapy Political Action Committee (IPT-PAC) from 2003 to 2006. During that time, the PAC raised its highest monetary amount in a single year. While chairing IPT-PAC, McGehee, recognizing the importance of developing meaningful and lasting relationships with legislators, served as APTA Key Contact to local legislators.

He has participated in the APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program since 2001 and has credentialled more than 100 clinical instructors.

Upon moving to Florida in 2013, McGehee assumed new roles at the University of Florida and immediately sought opportunities to participate in the Florida Chapter. He petitioned to have his name added to the chapter’s 2013 election ballot as a candidate for delegate. He was not elected but received enough votes to serve as second alternate. At his own expense, he traveled to all pre-House Florida delegation meetings, and to Charlotte, North Carolina, for the 2014 House of Delegates. In 2015, he was elected a Florida delegate to the 2016 House.

McGehee has served in mentoring and education leadership roles in Florida, and became the first PT mentor for students in the chapter’s Assembly of Representatives. He helped them develop an amendment charging the board with exploring opportunities for students to attend national physical therapy conferences and advocacy workshops. He is active in the Florida Consortium of Clinical Educators and leads the process for naming the state’s Clinical Instructor of the Year.

At the national level, McGehee served on the APTA Board of Directors as vice speaker of the House of Delegates. During that time he also was a liaison to the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education, the Acute Care Section and Sports Physical Therapy Section; and to the Indiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, and Oregon chapters. He chaired the Beyond Vision 2020 Task Force and served on the Board of Directors’ Sub-Group on Governance Review and the Appointments Board Work Group.

For his positive impact on APTA nationally and on the Illinois and Florida chapters, the association is pleased to honor William F. McGehee with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I am very honored and humbled to be a recipient of the Lucy Blair Award. I am grateful for all the opportunities I’ve had to serve our Association. I would like to thank all of those who wrote letters in support of my nomination. You are wonderful, treasured friends. I appreciate the efforts of the Florida chapter and for welcoming me so warmly since my arrival three years ago. Thanks to my colleagues at the University of Florida for coordinating the nomination and supporting my service. Many thanks to my great friends and colleagues in the Illinois Chapter for providing me with great role models as a new professional, encouraging my service, and being such great friends. Finally, a very big thank you to my wife Lisa and our children, Erika, Patrick, Derek, and Tony. I could not have been so involved in this work I love without your support and understanding.
CINDY MILES, PT, PHD, PCS, C/NDT

Cindy Miles, PT, PhD, PCS, C/NDT, is the visionary behind the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy’s Annual Conference (SoPAC), having developed and carried to fruition her concept of an event focused on meeting section members’ needs while embodying the core values of APTA.

Miles is the owner of Cindy Miles and Associates in Whitehall, Pennsylvania, where she is an active clinician. Previously, she held clinical positions at Valley Sports Medicine in Allentown and United Cerebral Palsy of Lehigh Valley in Bethlehem. She holds a PhD in pediatric science from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Provo, Utah, MEd in exercise physiology from East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania, and BS in physical therapy from the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Health Related Professions.

SoPAC, now in its sixth year, has benefited more than 3,000 pediatric PTs nationwide. Miles’ vision was to offer networking for practicing PTs and students—with a particular emphasis on new professionals. SoPAC offers early-career PTs opportunities to connect with mentors and discuss professional development options that are specific to each pediatric practice setting.

Another hallmark of SoPAC is “Goofy for Exercise,” a product of Miles’ passion for promoting fitness and healthy lifestyles in children and their family members. For 10 years her practice sponsored a yearly community Fun and Fitness Day, during which children of all abilities participated in recreational fitness activities. The past 7 years the practice has organized and hosted Trot for Trykes, an annual 10k, 5k, and fun run fundraiser to provide adaptive bicycles for individuals with disabilities, while promoting mobility and fitness for all abilities.

In addition to her work with SoPAC, Miles has significantly contributed to the profession in the area of reimbursement awareness—particularly as regards diminishing reimbursement from Medicaid. She spearheaded a work group of the APTA State Government Affairs Department and key APTA members that developed and disseminated a survey to inform an advocacy agenda that is now being disseminated across all areas of PT practice. The document advocates for improved transparency and consistency in reimbursement decisions for rehabilitation services and durable medical equipment.

Miles has volunteered for Wheelchair Mobility Access missions to remote and rural areas of Tibet and Western China through the Kham Aid and Rainwater foundations, helping to raise funds to purchase wheelchairs and providing services to underserved children.

She is active in APTA, particularly within the pediatrics section, where she was treasurer for 2 terms, 2006-2012 and helped to pioneer the section’s first special interest group, the Pediatric Sports Fitness SIG. Miles’ positions in other sections include the Sports Physical Therapy Section and the Private Practice Section (PPS), where she has chaired the sports section fitness SIG and served on the PPS nominating, awards, and program committees.

For her dedication to APTA, the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy, and her local community, and for her international involvement, APTA is pleased to present Cindy Miles with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:
I am humble amongst the incredible individuals I have been in awe of throughout my career. I cherish the privilege to serve with them as they pave avenues within our profession and APTA. Words are not available for the sincere appreciation of the invaluable SoPAC team and all colleagues involved with SoPAC. Their unrelenting support, patience, trust and confidence in our endeavor allows us to continue to pave uncharted territories. A special acknowledgement to my many mentors; their guidance and inspiration have driven me to inconceivable heights. It has all been wonderful. I will forever treasure the friendships and experiences I have gained. A big hug and acknowledgement to my family, friends, and colleagues for their unwavering devotion, encouragement, tolerance and trust. I would never be able to serve at this level without them. Their faith and love have progressed me through incredible professional and personal journeys and novel pathways.
Margot Miller, PT, who died in September 2015, was a tireless advocate for physical therapist payment, scope of practice recognition, and health policy in the field of occupational health during a lifetime of dedicated service to the profession.

She spent the final years of her distinguished career as vice president of provider solutions at WorkWell Systems Inc in Duluth, Minnesota. Previously she held posts at Isernhagen Work Systems and at Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center, both also in Duluth. She earned a BS in physical therapy from the University of Minnesota.

Miller was an APTA member for more than 30 years and made a lasting impact on physical therapist practice during that time. Her expertise and experience in the treatment of occupational health injuries was highly valued by APTA overall and by the Orthopaedic Section in particular.

She served first as treasurer, then membership chair of section’s Occupational Health Special Interest Group before serving as its president from 2006 to 2013. Miller provided critical leadership during a time of increasing recognition of the significant and societally important role PTs play in preventing work injuries and rehabilitating individuals who have sustained them. In the 1990s, Miller spearheaded APTA’s development of guidelines for PTs practicing in occupational health, and chaired the Task Force for Revision of Functional Capacity Evaluation (FCE) Guidelines.

Miller led efforts to recognize occupational health as a specialized area of physical therapist practice and was instrumental in establishing an alliance between APTA and Region V of the US Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration. She also participated in the work rehab clinical practice guideline development group. Miller was active in the Minnesota Chapter and served on the editorial board of the Private Practice Section’s publication Impact for more than 14 years.

As a member of the APTA Media Corps, she put her strong communication and presentation skills to use as an association spokesperson in the areas of repetitive strain prevention, overuse injuries, functional testing, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and pre-employment testing. Colleagues from around the country and across the globe sought out her expertise and advocacy skills, as well.

She generously shared with others her wealth of knowledge in evidence-based prevention and rehabilitation of work injuries, workplace accommodations for individuals with disabilities, and the key roles of PTs in occupational health and safety. For all of these reasons, APTA honors Margot Miller with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:
On behalf of my beloved mother, Margot Miller, I know that if she were with us today, she would be touched to be recognized amongst the ranks of such profound individuals. My mother loved her work as a physical therapist professional. She considered it an honor to witness first-hand how far physical therapy has progressed over the years.

I’m sure my mother would want special acknowledgements to go to her beloved husband, and my father, Rick Miller. They spent 46 wonderful years together as husband and wife. My mother would also want to acknowledge her children, my sister Lori, my brother Paul, and myself. For we knew her whole happiness was wrapped up in each one of us.

My mother’s deepest gratitude goes to all who acknowledge and promote physical therapy for all the good it offers; especially those she had the pleasure of working and collaborating with throughout her fulfilling career.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

JAMES R. ROUSH, PT, PHD, ATC

James R. Roush, PT, PhD, ATC, has had continual influence and involvement in multiple areas of the profession, including state government affairs, the House of Delegates, legislative activities, and committee work. Since 1996, Roush has been a professor at A.T. Still University's Arizona School of Health Sciences in Mesa. Past posts include owner of Roush Physical Therapy and clinical roles at Mesa Lutheran Hospital and Affiliated Physical Therapists Ltd. Roush holds a PhD in physical education with a specialization in kinesiology/biomechanics from the University of Southern California-Los Angeles, MS and BS in physical education from the University of Arizona, and BS in physical therapy from Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago.

Roush’s involvement in physical therapy work and advocacy has spanned many areas of practice, concentration, and geography. His committee involvement has included state and federal government affairs, lobbying on behalf of initiatives at the state legislature, as a delegate to APTA’s House of Delegates, and as a voice with ideas for others not yet ready to take the lead themselves. He stimulated debate and challenged assumptions by those with a “physical therapy-only” perspective to see the role of PTs and policies as part of a greater whole in health care and education. Not apprehensive about challenging the status quo or going against a majority opinion to stimulate honest discussion for an informed outcome, Roush has developed strong personal relationships and built a broad network of colleagues, respecting their experience and opinion in examining the issues at hand. As a member of the Arizona Chapter’s board of directors for 5 years, plus 3 years as president, Roush has provided energetic service in different capacities. Roush also shows commitment to research and scholarship, spanning from his pre-PT years as a student in athletic training and kinesiology, to his application of that knowledge to evidence-based practice as a PT, to his now nearly 20 years as a faculty instructor and researcher. His commitment to the profession has allowed him to contribute to the professional growth of others, and he always takes time for calls from students about projects and research.

Roush was honored in 2007 with the Arizona Chapter’s Presidential Citation for Distinguished Service. On the national level, Roush has been a member of APTA’s sections for education, sports physical therapy, research, and geriatrics; and he is a member of the House of Delegates.

In recognition of his demonstrated concern for the profession, enthusiasm, and openness in his approach to issues and interaction with individuals, APTA is pleased to present James R. Roush with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I am deeply honored and humbled to receive this prestigious award. Upon hearing the announcement, I first thought of my mother and how proud she would have been. I thought of two mentors: Boyd Baker and Roger Burke, who early on taught me that I must be actively involved in my profession and not just sit on my hands. I thought of the physical therapy professionals with whom I have had the honor of working, and all the great leaders in the Arizona Physical Therapy community: Blair Packard, Cynthia Driskell, Helen Fearon, and Phil Tygiel to name a few. I thank Denise Just, who have always been at my side. Finally, I thought of my grandfather, severely wounded in World War I, treated by those women in blue and white who worked tirelessly to restore function in our veterans. While I am deeply honored, I continually thank the physical therapy profession.
MARY C. SINNOTT, PT, DPT, MED

Mary C. Sinnott, PT, DPT, MEd, has shown dedication and service to
the profession through her activities in association service, teaching,
practice, and acting as a role model for integrity and leadership.

Sinnott is director of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program and
associate professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, College
of Public Health, at Temple University in Philadelphia. Past posts
include academic roles at Hahnemann University in Philadelphia, and
consultant for provider credentialing for Keystone Mercy Health Plan. She holds a DPT
from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions in Boston, MEd in
exercise physiology from Temple University, and BS in physical therapy, also from Temple.

From Sinnott’s early years in the Pennsylvania Chapter’s Southeast District, then in the
Pennsylvania Chapter and onto section and national association service, her contributions
have been longstanding and far-reaching. She became the first president of the newly
formed Section on Health Policy and Administration, a merger of the former sections on
administration and on health policy, legislation, and regulation. In her 2 terms as president,
Sinnott was able to bring these interest groups together as a cohesive unit, helping the
newly formed section to find its message, grow, and offer a home to members sharing
these common interests while leading a section now more financially and member stable.
Nationally, Sinnott served 2 terms on the APTA Board of Directors, using her experience in
acute care and management as a program director to further the initiatives of the board.
She worked on the Governance Review Task Force, questioning, engaging, and offering
solutions of governance and other challenges. Sinnott continues to balance national and
local leadership opportunities with her responsibilities to her students and her academic
institution, while serving as a role model for future members and leaders of the profession
and the association.

In addition to the leadership described above, Sinnott has been honored with a named
lectureship award for clinical excellence from the Acute Care Section. She received the
Outstanding Service Award from the Section on Health Policy and Administration in 2007
and the Pennsylvania Chapter Service Award in 1997. In 1991, she was a recipient of the
Signe Brunnström Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching.

In recognition of Mary C. Sinnott’s passion for the profession and her enduring
contributions to physical therapy and the association, APTA is pleased to honor her with
the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:
I am thankful and humbled by this award. I had the privilege of serving with many great leaders -
all of whom taught me something about service and leadership.
Shawne E. Soper, PT, DPT, MBA, has served the profession through her dedication to patient care and education, with significant contributions of her time and expertise to Sheltering Arms Hospital, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), the Virginia Chapter, and APTA.

Soper’s professional life spans the educational and clinical arenas. She is assistant professor and assistant director of clinical education, and residency program coordinator, for VCU. In the past, she held several positions at Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Hospital and was owner/partner of Adaptable Home Designs in Richmond. Soper holds a DPT from Simmons College in Boston, MBA from Averett University, and BS in physical therapy from East Carolina University.

Soper became an APTA member while still a student at East Carolina University, recognizing the importance of professional service from an early age. She has held either an appointed or elected position at the district, state, or national level continuously since graduation in 1984. She participated in the organizational structure of the Virginia Chapter on committees and by leading the district and chapter in various capacities, including chairing the Legislative Committee and the Central Virginia District. She was voted in as a delegate in 1992 and chapter president in 1993, while continuing to serve on several chapter committees as she gained national recognition through the Council of Chapter Presidents. Considered a respectful and focused listener who brings the voice of reason to debates, Soper, as a member and chair of the APTA Reference Committee, helped many delegates form effective proposals via her facilitative style. Serving as speaker of the House of Delegates 2008-2014, Soper was instrumental in and recognized for organizing the House and promoting inclusiveness for all members. At VCU, Soper brings both a wealth of professional information and knowledge of critical issues to her position. Soper helps guide students effectively by communicating tips for professional development throughout the 3-year curriculum, including educating students about the value of APTA and encouraging their involvement. Students view Soper as the “go to” person with questions regarding career guidance, fundraising, and for listening to their needs.

Soper has also served APTA at the state level as Virginia Chapter historian, Ethics Committee chair, and on the Lobbyist Selection Committee. For the Health Policy and Administration Section, she is a past member of the Finance Committee. She also is a member of the Acute Care Section, the Education Section, and the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy.

In recognition of her dedication to the profession, her strong personal and professional values, and her genuine interest and appreciation of colleagues, patients, and students, APTA is pleased to honor Shawne E. Soper with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I am honored to receive the Lucy Blair Service award. Serving the Virginia Physical Therapy Association and American Physical Therapy Association have been integral parts of my career. I have always found that what I receive from service far outweighs what I give.

None of us serve without the support of our family, friends, and employer. I would like to offer a special thank you to my spouse, Shirley Douglass who has supported me in all of my professional endeavors for well over 25 years and my friend and colleague Katherine Baucom, PT, DPT who has nudged me along since PT school. I would like to recognize and thank my colleagues at both Virginia Commonwealth University and Sheltering Arms Rehab Hospital for their support and encouragement. Finally, thank you to Mary Shall PT, PhD for spearheading my nomination and to all of my colleagues who contributed with letters of recommendation.
TAMARA L. BURLIS, PT, DPT, MHS, CCS

Tamara L. Burlis, PT, DPT, CCS, has demonstrated longstanding commitment to and passion for the physical therapy profession, with service contributions over a period of more than 2 decades.

Burlis is the associate director of clinical education and assistant director of the professional curriculum at the Washington University School of Medicine, Program in Physical Therapy in St. Louis. Previous positions include senior physical therapist and supervisor of cardiopulmonary physical therapy at Barnes Hospital, also in St. Louis. She holds a post professional DPT, MHS and BS in physical therapy from Washington University and BA in biology from Wartburg College.

A dedicated proponent of clinical education, Burlis has been a credentialed clinical instructor since 1998 and in 2008 became a clinical instructor trainer. She has organized numerous continuing education opportunities for clinical instructors, helping ensure that students receive high-quality mentoring during their clinical experiences. Burlis promotes and facilitates student involvement in government affairs and dedicates herself to educating the physical therapy community about the importance of active participation in the legislative process. As an appointee to the Advisory Commission for Professional Physical Therapists by the governor of Missouri, Burlis provides education to the profession’s workforce throughout the state and helps protect consumers of physical therapy across Missouri. She also is president of the Central Area Clinical Education Consortium.

An APTA member since 1986, Burlis has been active in the Missouri Chapter, serving in various roles including secretary, membership chair and vice president. She has represented Missouri in the House of Delegates 12 times, including 7 years as chief delegate. In addition, Burlis has helped organize annual chapter conferences, plus served as a strong and effective advocate for patients and the physical therapy profession. In addition, Burlis has served as program chair, secretary and manuscript reviewer for the Section on Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy, and as a member of the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Specialty Council. Burlis currently is on the ABPTRFE board of directors, the Education Section Nominating Committee and recently participated in the Choosing Wisely Workgroup.

APTA congratulates Tamara Burlis on her history of service to the profession and is pleased to recognize her contributions with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am honored and humbled to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award. Serving our profession has been a professional endeavor that has been made possible due to organizational support from Washington University and from the many dedicated colleagues who have served as some of the best mentors and role models one could have. I am thankful for each of you. In addition, I would like to thank those who nominated me for this award: Ruth Clark, Gammon Earhart, Marcie Harris-Hayes, Peggy Newman, Mary Thompson, and Dianne Jewell. Finally, I would like to thank my husband, Tom, and children, Taylor and Nathan, for their support and love; they are the light that helps me to burn brighter.
Barbara H. Connolly, PT, DPT, EdD, FAPTA, has had a long and distinguished history of service to the physical therapy profession as a clinician, educator, leader, and mentor.

Over the course of her career, Connolly was a professor and held leadership roles at the University of Tennessee’s Center for Health Sciences and Department of Physical Therapy. In addition, she taught at the University of St Augustine, University of Indianapolis Krannert Graduate School, Rocky Mountain University, University of Mississippi, and University of Miami. She held clinical roles at the University of Tennessee; General Hospital of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center in Fort Lauderdale; and Broward General Hospital, also in Fort Lauderdale. She was a pediatric consultant with the University of Tennessee-Martin’s Infant Stimulation Program. Connolly holds a DPT from the University of Tennessee; MEd and EdD from Memphis State University; and BS in physical therapy from the University of Florida.

In addition to her university teaching, Connolly is active in the continuing education world, with more than 250 national and international presentations, and is in demand as a consultant in the area of pediatrics, providing support to multiple schools systems within the United States and as an expert witness to the US Department of Justice.

At the national level, Connolly has held numerous APTA elected and appointed positions. Most recently, she took office this year as president of the Foundation for Physical Therapy. As a member of the Section on Pediatrics, she served as secretary, delegate, and president, and as a member of the several committees. She also served on the APTA Board of Directors, chair of the Academic Administrators Special Interest Group for the Section on Education, and on the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. Connolly was an integral part of the Tennessee Chapter, where she served as delegate, chief delegate, and parliamentarian, and member of numerous committees and task forces. Now living in Florida, Connolly has picked up the reins of state-level involvement in her new state as an active member of the Florida Chapter. Connolly was named a Catherine Worthingham Fellow in 2002 and is a past winner of numerous other awards from APTA and other professional organizations.

APTA extends its gratitude to Barbara Connolly for her distinguished career and dedication to advancing the profession, and is pleased to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am greatly honored to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award. I have had the opportunity to serve many years and in these activities, I have enjoyed serving the children, students, professionals, and organizations. Many thanks to the Section on Pediatrics for its nomination. My service activities began with the section in 1974, and I still claim that section as my home. My thanks also to the components and the Foundation for Physical Therapy, which have given me opportunities to volunteer and serve. Special appreciation is extended to the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association, which allowed me to serve for over 35 years, and to the Florida Chapter, which now has welcomed me back to where I started as a young therapist. I hope that my service journey will inspire other therapists to serve at the component, national, and international levels. 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.
SCOTT EUYPE, PT, DPT, MHS, OCS

Scott Euype, PT, DPT, MHS, OCS, has served the physical therapy profession via his noteworthy habits of hand, mind, and heart, and has modeled behavior for the younger members of the profession to demonstrate both service and social awareness.

Currently the Director of Education at the Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Sports Therapy, Euype also serves as a clinical manager, and practices as a clinician. As the director, he teaches, and coordinates both a sports and orthopaedic residency program, and is responsible for the education for clinical staff development and for multidisciplinary student clinical education. Euype has given numerous didactic and clinical presentations at local, state and national meetings and conferences. As an educator, he is both graduate and adjunct faculty for the DPT program at Cleveland State University and serves on the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Advisory Board at Kent State University. Euype holds a DPT from Marymount University; MHS from the University of Indianapolis; and BS in biology from Grove City College.

Euype shows a commitment to physical therapy as a caring profession through not only his consistent patient-centered practice approach, but also through his work in the development and management of two outpatient pro bono physical therapy clinics in the inner city of Cleveland, Ohio. He has tirelessly sought volunteers to provide direct PT services, coordinates all schedules for both practices, volunteers himself at least weekly and supervises Cleveland State University students who gain early clinical experience in these venues. Euype demonstrates both altruism and social responsibility by ensuring physical therapy services for deserving patients/clients in the community who would otherwise not have access to physical therapy.

A member of the APTA since 1985, Euype has been involved in multiple sections, and within the Ohio Chapter, he serves as delegate and an executive board member. Known as a consensus builder and creator of positive energy within the group, Euype routinely brings passion, compassion and a sense of reason to proceedings while making significant contributions. At the national level, Euype is co-chair of the Education Section’s Clinical Education Special Interest Group and was subsequently appointed to the Partners in Physical Therapy Education Committee and the organizing committee for the National Clinical Education Consortium. He served on the Vision Task Force and put forward an updated vision that was presented to the House of Delegates in 2013. Euype is a trainer for the clinical instructor credentialing program and has served as a mentor since the inception Orthopaedic Section's mentoring program.

APTA is pleased to recognize Scott Euype’s focus on practice, education, and service to the profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am humbled and honored to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award. I have been fortunate to have so much support from my family, friends, and colleagues. This award belongs to them as well, and they all deserve thanks. I thank my parents, who have taught me to value education and hard work, and my family, who continue to listen to my thoughts and ideas about physical therapy. I am thankful to the rehabilitation leadership team at the Cleveland Clinic, and to the faculty at Cleveland State University for providing me with opportunities to teach and serve the community. I am thankful for the Ohio Chapter, Executive Board, and delegates for inspiring me to keep striving to do even more for our association, and I am especially thankful for the past and current leaders of APTA, for they have given me a vision and purpose to serve.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

Laurie Baldwin Kontney, PT, DPT, MS, CEEAA

Laurie Baldwin Kontney, PT, DPT MS, CEEAA, has contributed to the physical therapy profession via teaching, administration, scholarship, and service.

Dr. Kontney is clinical associate professor and director of clinical education at Marquette University. She also holds clinical roles with Aurora Health Care and Hales Corner Care Center, and teaches licensure exam preparation courses through Scorebuilders. Dr. Kontney holds a DPT from Simmons College, Boston; MS in physical therapy from Finch University of Health Science/The Chicago Medical School (now Rosalind Franklin University); and BS in physical therapy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr. Kontney is known as an effective mentor and inspiration to students and clinicians. She serves as faculty advisor to student council and the academic liaison committee. She also served as a faculty advisor and CI in the development of MU’s student run pro bono clinic. Recognizing the importance of clinical teaching and mentoring she has implemented CI development activities throughout the Marquette DPT curriculum and has been instrumental in mentoring colleagues to become clinical instructors and directors of clinical education. She was awarded the WPTA Mentor of the Year Award in 2002. In 2001 Dr. Kontney was appointed by the governor of Wisconsin to the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board. This was a critical time as the board sought to open the WI state practice act for revisions with incorporation of the FSBPT model practice act guidelines. Thanks in part to her service, the state now recognizes the DPT credential, the term “physical therapy diagnosis,” expanded direct access authority, and the physical therapist’s ability to provide manipulation as part of practice.

Dr. Kontney has spent her career as an advocate and diligent worker on behalf of the Wisconsin Chapter. As a new graduate, she immediately joined the chapter’s Conference Committee and was acknowledged early in her career with the Southeast District Mary Pat Murray Award for Clinical Excellence. She served as district chair, was an academic liaison committee member and chair, a delegate, and a member of the Board of Directors and Executive board and numerous other committees and task forces. During her tenure as district chair her executive committee instituted a meeting rotation throughout the district to increase attendance and participation at meetings. To ensure financial stability for the district her executive committee organized and implemented the very successful “Pearls” continuing education course series; a low-cost continuing education offering on relevant clinical practice topics. Her many contributions were recognized with the Chapter’s 2005 Outstanding Service Award.

At the national level Dr. Kontney served as section program chair (SPC) for the Education Section for 11 years. She was elected chair of the SPCs and was also appointed to the Committee on Chapters and Sections. Most recently she was appointed to the newly formed CSM Steering Group and was elected chair by her peers.

In recognition of Laurie Kontney’s many contributions to the profession, APTA is pleased to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thanks to APTA for this honor; I am truly blessed to be recognized for doing what I love. The desire to serve was ignited and fueled by my parents, who were the consummate role models of service to others. I was fortunate to have had many mentors who were instrumental in my personal and professional growth allowing me the opportunity to pay it back. Special thanks to my students and those who opened doors, nudged me, and got me going. To name a few: Gwyn Straker, Susan Griffin, Warren May, Laurie Hack, Lynn Steffes, Joan Zachow, and the amazing APTA staff. Thanks to my colleagues and friends who nominated me and wrote letters: Lawrence Pan, Diane Slaughter, Gwyn Straker, Dolly Swisher, Peggy Gleeson, Rob Worth, Kerry Wood, and Lynn Frank. Finally, special thanks to my family and friends who have supported me throughout and whom I love more than anything, especially my mom, Marcy, my husband, Bob, daughter, Kelli, and best bud, Lois Harrison.
Craig A. Moore, PT, MS

Craig A. Moore, PT, MS, has cultivated a local, statewide and national professional presence throughout his years of service to APTA and to the physical therapy profession.

Moore is the executive director of Florida Hospital Home Care Services in Orlando; previously he served this organization as director of operations. Past roles include leadership positions at Celebration Health Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation; Florida Hospital Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine; and Milestone Healthcare. Moore is pursuing an MBA at the University of Central Florida with an expected graduation date of May 2015 and he received his MSPT in physical therapy and BS in human anatomy and physiology from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Moore’s experience in patient care has fueled his desire to improve clinical practice, assist APTA in its efforts to advocate for the profession, and to recognize value in diversity. His involvement with the APTA Leadership Development Committee and the HPA-LAMP (Leadership, Administration, Management, and Professionalism) Steering Committee has resulted in Moore giving numerous presentations nationally on leadership and how to build leaders within the physical therapy profession. As a mentor, Moore stresses the importance of being actively involved as personal leaders at all levels within the profession.

An active APTA member for 20 years, Moore has served in elected positions and on committees, including recent appointments to the Board of Directors’ Search Committees for the last 2 CEOs, the Committee on Chapters and Sections, and the APTA Finance Committee. He served 4 years as president of the Home Health Section, during which he also served in the House of Delegates, collaborating with both his section colleagues and with his delegation from Florida. His service and dedication to the section led to his being honored with the Section Presidents Award from APTA and the Section Contribution Award from the Home Health Section. In addition, Moore has served as federal government affairs liaison, and has mentored many physical therapy students, physical therapists, and physical therapist assistants during their initial visits to Capitol Hill. In addition, at the local level, Moore has presented to the Florida Chapter on the topic of advancing cultural competency.

APTA is pleased to recognize Craig Moore with the Lucy Blair Service Award in acknowledgement of his longstanding commitment to leadership in the profession of physical therapy.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am deeply honored to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award. For me, this association has been an oasis of inspiration, mentorship, friendship, and professional development. Whatever services I have given and will continue to give is simply an outpouring of my gratitude for what has been given to me so freely. My sincere thanks to the Florida Chapter for nominating me. I count it a privilege to be a member of a chapter with such a long history of service to our association. To my Home Health, HPA The Catalyst, and LAMP colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to serve, to be a better leader and a better person. Truthfully, I have been mentored and supported by so many extraordinary colleagues within this association that there are too many to mention individually, but know that each of you have impacted my life significantly. Thanks to my leaders and colleagues at Florida Hospital, who have afforded me opportunities to live the mission of the organization daily. Finally, thanks to my wife, June, who has supported me in all of my endeavors over the years and has been my cherished friend, confidant, and foundation of support.
SUSAN A. APPLING, PT, DPT, PhD, OCS

Susan A. Appling, PT, DPT, PhD, OCS, has made contributions to the physical therapy profession that have resulted in streamlined communications and processes, year-round governance of the House of Delegates, improved quality of publications, and increased participation of members.

Currently associate professor for the Department of Physical Therapy in the College of Allied Health Sciences at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Appling is also clinical coordinator for the Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency Program. Previously she was assistant professor and a member of the graduate faculty. She is a consultant for University Therapists in Memphis and was a contract physical therapist for St Francis Hospital, also in Memphis. She received a DPT from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, PhD and MS from the University of Memphis, BS in physical therapy from the University of Central Arkansas, and BS in natural science from Christian Brothers University in Memphis.

As a member of the APTA Task Force on House of Delegates Governance, Appling helped to achieve the eventual outcome and was instrumental in helping to develop 23 recommendations that were submitted in order to move the House of Delegates closer to year-round governance. Her professionalism, vision, passion, integrity, respect for differences of opinion, and the ability to stay focused on the intended outcome made her a valuable member of the team. The result was that the House of Delegates was affirmed as the highest policy-making body of the profession, ensuring that future generations of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants will continue to have a central and predominant role in directing the future of the profession.

A member of APTA since 1985, Appling has been involved with the CEO Search Work Group, Task Force on Governance Review, Finance and Audit Committee, and Task Force on House of Delegates Governance, and was moderator of the House of Delegates. For the Orthopaedic Section, she has served on multiple committees, and as editor of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice. For the Tennessee Chapter, Appling served as chief delegate, on the Board of Directors, and on the legislative and nominating committees. She has been honored with the Tennessee Chapter’s Carol Likens Award and APTA’s Abstract Recognition of Excellence.

APTA is pleased to recognize Susan Appling’s many achievements and proud to honor her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thanks to my colleagues and friends who have supported me throughout my career, especially Carol Likens, who coordinated my nomination and has been a long time friend and mentor, along with those who contributed to my nomination for the Lucy Blair Award: Bill Boissonnault, Steve Levine, Steve McDavitt, Scott Newton, and Nancy Reese. You are dear friends whom I respect and treasure greatly. Thanks to the PT faculty and students at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center who continually support me, keep me grounded, and have taught me so much these past 22 years. You are awesome! Thanks to the PT faculty at the University of Central Arkansas who got me started on this path. Thank you to the APTA Awards Committee and the Board of Directors for selecting me for this wonderful award. I am truly honored. Finally, thanks to my family for supporting me on this journey.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

JANE S. BALDWIN, PT, DPT, NCS

Jane S. Baldwin, PT, DPT, NCS, is a committed advocate for the physical therapy profession and those it serves through her work as an officer, committee chair, delegate, and task force member.

Currently assistant professor and interim chair of operations for MGH Institute of Health Professions (IHP), Baldwin previously served as associate director of clinical education and term lecturer. She is also an instructor at International Educational Resources in Concord, Massachusetts, and an advanced clinician for Spaulding Rehabilitation Center at Wellesley. Prior to her current position, she was a lecturer at Boston University and served on the Advisory Committee for the DPT program at Simmons College. Baldwin received a DPT from Simmons College and BS in physical therapy from Northeastern University.

In addition to her extensive administrative duties, Baldwin leads MGH Institute’s pro bono Physical Therapy Center for Clinical Education and Health Promotion and organizes the DPT program’s health promotion projects that provide numerous wellness needs to the underserved in the Boston area. She contributes to a number of efforts in the IHP to foster stronger ties to the surrounding community, has served for the past 2 years as clerk of the faculty senate, and has been a member of Simmons College’s Advisory Committee for its physical therapy program. In addition, she teaches PTA licensure preparation courses nationwide for International Education Resources. Her experience with multiple aspects of the profession has led her to help advance the work of PTs and PTAs behind the scenes and advocate for the clinical community, the educational community, and the profession as a whole.

A member of APTA since 1983, Baldwin has participated in the Education Section, Neurology Section, and Section on Pediatrics. She was a member of the Task Force on Governance Review and recently served on the Task Force on Alternative Dues Structure and as Massachusetts Chapter liaison to the Section on Pediatrics. On the local level, she is delegate and served 2 terms as chief delegate. In 2006, the Massachusetts Chapter presented her with the Presidential Service Award.

APTA congratulates Jane Baldwin on her history of service to APTA and is pleased to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am honored and humbled to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award. I have been mentored and supported by so many extraordinary colleagues over the years that there are too many to individually mention. My friends, colleagues and mentors in the Massachusetts Chapter have been an inspiration to me since entering Northeastern University and have instilled the value of commitment and dedication. I appreciate the support I have received from my colleagues at Spaulding Rehab as well as the MGH Institute of Health Professions who continually support and encourage my involvement. I want to thank my sister, Nancy, who is always there as my sounding board and helps me to put things into perspective. To my parents who led by example of being involved in their community and professions and who instilled in us that service is something you not only participate in but embrace.
William G. Boissonnault, PT, DHSc, FAAOMPT, FAPTA, combines his clinical and academic experience with leadership and resourcefulness to make substantial contributions to the physical therapy profession.

Currently professor for the Physical Therapy Program in the Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, as well as senior physical therapist and curriculum director at the university, Boissonnault is also adjunct faculty at numerous physical therapy programs. He earned a transitional DPT from MGH Institute of Health Professions, DHSc from University of St Augustine for Health Sciences, MS from the Institute of Physical Therapy, and BS in physical therapy from University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Boissonnault challenges conventional organizational practices with creative strength. During his tenure as president of the Orthopaedic Section, his insight and support for the development of grants for residency programs in manual therapy helped move those visions forward. His support for open exploration and analysis of examining and addressing the members’ needs contributed to the development of APTA House of Delegates addressing interstate licensure, delegation of practice intervention, and standards in providing continuing education programming. During Boissonnault’s presidency, the progression of reimbursement and practice privilege threats on the physical therapist practice of mobilization/manipulation led him to support the financing and development of a manipulation task force, which was later sanctioned by APTA and remains active today as the Manipulation Work Group. As a leader, he set measurable objectives and promoted a genuine consensus approach to solving issues.

Boissonnault has also served as president of the Foundation for Physical Therapy, Inc. since 2009. Since then the Foundation has implemented significant organizational changes, continued to fund clinical research, and developed a funding track for health services/policy research.

Since 1976, Boissonnault has been involved in many areas of APTA, including the Section on Research, Education Section, and Orthopaedic Section. He serves on the APTA Work Group for Guide to Physical Therapist Practice Revision and the APTA Task Force on Manual Therapy Legislature Issues, and he formerly chaired the Task Force on the Implementation of Clinical Residency Programs/Faculty Credentialing.

APTA salutes Bill Boissonnault’s many years and examples of service to the association and profession and is pleased to present him with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am very grateful to the APTA Board of Directors for this wonderful honor. My service record pales in comparison to what I have gained from being a part of our wonderful profession. The list of previous awardees includes individuals that I have long admired and who have served as important professional service role models. I am indebted to Dr. Stanley Paris who first instilled in me the sense of responsibility, the sense of duty, to serve the Association. Last, this honor is proudly shared with my family: Jill, Josh, Jacob, and Eliya, and my parents Gregory and Geneva Boissonnault.
CATHY HAINES CIOLEK, PT, DPT, GCS

Cathy Haines Ciolek, PT, DPT, GCS, has demonstrated service to the physical therapy profession via sustained contributions to the Delaware Chapter and the Section on Geriatrics.

Ciolek has held a number of academic roles within the University of Delaware in Newark, DE, including associate director for the Neurologic and Older Adult Physical Therapy Clinic; director of clinical education; Geriatric Physical Therapy Residency faculty; and faculty instructor of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Entry Level Program. She received a DPT from Arizona School of Health Services in Mesa, Arizona; advanced certificate in gerontology from the University of Delaware; and BS in physical therapy from Ithaca College.

Since 1987, Ciolek has been a leader in the Delaware Chapter in a variety of roles, including chair of the Membership Committee, chair of the Ethics and Judicial Committee, and Continuing Education coordinator. She has also served as delegate, chief delegate, and chapter president. As chief delegate, she made significant contributions to Vision 2020, working behind the scenes with the Northeastern Caucus to facilitate the creation of the Open Door, enhancing evidence-based practice. As president, she improved this role by moving from an all-volunteer organization to having executive support, thus decreasing the reliance on volunteers and strengthening the chapter to better utilize volunteers’ talents and skills for advancement of the profession. In addition, Ciolek developed a listserv for the Section on Geriatrics in 2000 and managed it for 11 years. The Section on Geriatrics has recognized Ciolek with the Joan Mills Award, the President’s Award, the Clinical Educators Award, and the Lynn Phillippi Award.

Ciolek’s service to the association is demonstrated through more than 10 appointments to task forces and panels with numerous outcomes resulting from her participation. During her work on the Governance Review Workshop, she chaired a subgroup that examined the relationship of the variety of sections of APTA, which increased the alignment of the sections to implement partnership activities and improved the relationship of the sections within the association.

APTA is pleased to present Cathy Ciolek with the Lucy Blair Service Award in recognition of her contributions to the physical therapy profession and the association.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am honored and humbled to be recognized for doing something that I love, serving my profession. I would like to thank the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy which has been an incredible catalyst for my personal and professional growth, particularly Dale Avers, Bill Staples, Anne Coffman and Jennifer Bottomley. I had an opportunity to become part of a small group of tireless leaders from the Delaware Chapter specifically with support from Joe Lucca, Eric VanDoorne and Stacie Larkin. I received incredible mentoring and friendship from Mary Sinnot, Kathy Mairielia, Ira Gorman, Peter Kovacek, the northeast caucus, APTA staff and Board, and faculty at the University of Delaware. Lastly, I would never have been able to contribute this level of service without the support of my husband Dan Ciolek and our three children, Alex, Dani and Hannah, who are my center and who have made my life complete.
PEGGY BLAKE GLEESON, PT, PhD

Peggy Blake Gleeson, PT, PhD, has served the association in a variety of roles at the national and component levels, and has demonstrated professionalism, leadership abilities, organizational skills, and ethical and moral standards in her work to promote the physical therapy profession.

Currently associate director of the School of Physical Therapy at Texas Woman’s University in Houston, Texas, Gleeson also serves as tenured professor and director of clinical education. Past posts include other academic roles at Texas Woman’s University as well as, childbirth and cesarean education instructor for the Houston Organization for Parent Education. She received her PhD and MS, both in physical therapy, from Texas Woman’s University, and BS in physical therapy from St Louis University.

Gleeson has been instrumental in the significant strides made in the Education Section during her tenure in leadership positions. For one, she participated on the task force that created the instrument educational programs used for students to evaluate clinical sites and instructors. In addition, she participated in efforts to expand the New Faculty Development Workshop, implement an annual meeting of the academic administrators and clinical educators, and form the Partners in Physical Therapy Education. She instituted the section’s President’s Award, tripled the funding for the Adopt a Doc awards, and improved communication by supporting live webcasts of the PTA Educator Special Interest Group business meetings and strategic planning sessions. She volunteers for numerous assignments at the national and local levels, and engages others to join her in serving, actively supporting and encouraging others’ willingness to be slated for leadership positions. She is also a manuscript reviewer for the Journal of Physical Therapy Education and Physiotherapy Theory and Practice: An International Journal of Physical Therapy.

Throughout Gleeson’s 35-year career, she has led and served the association as resident of the Education Section, Education Section delegate, academic co-chair of the Education Section’s Clinical Education Special Interest Group, and programming chair for the Educational Leadership Conference. In addition, she has served on 2 APTA education task forces, and on task forces for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Task Force.

APTA congratulates Peggy Gleeson on her history of service to the association and physical therapy profession and is pleased to honor her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Receiving the 2014 Lucy Blair Service Award is an incredible honor and a very humbling one. I am incredibly appreciative of the efforts of Dr. Debbie Ingram in nominating me for this award. Debbie was instrumental in encouraging that first dip into the volunteer pool and I have never looked back! Dr. Jody Frost has been a rich resource, guiding and mentoring me through many interesting twists and turns. Those members with whom I have served on the Board of the Education Section are surely some of the most caring, accepting and mindful people in our organization. And most importantly, the physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who are members of our clinical education community have my utmost respect and appreciation for what they do every day. My service has been for them.
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THOMAS P. MAYHEW, PT, PhD

Thomas P. Mayhew, PT, PhD, has been key to the establishment of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy.

Currently associate professor and immediate past chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at Virginia Commonwealth University’s (VCU) Medical College of Virginia Campus in Richmond, Mayhew also holds a joint appointment as associate professor of anatomy and neurobiology. He earned a PhD in anatomy from Virginia Commonwealth University, MHS and BS in physical therapy from Washington University in St. Louis, and BS in occupational therapy from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

As chair of VCU’s DPT program, Mayhew worked with the Admissions Requirement Task Force and recognized the need for more national consistency; as a member of APTA’s Academic Administrators Special Interest Group, he was instrumental in the exploratory committee to look into the possibility of an independent group representing the academic physical therapy programs. Subsequently, he became a director of the Governing Board of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy, and helped establish a solid foundation for the group. Throughout his career, he has served the Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Physical Therapy on various committees, including the Curriculum Development Committee, Admissions Committee, and as chair of several promotion and tenure peer committees. He shouldered the task of transitioning the just-approved DPT degree and enrolled in the Grace E. Harris Leadership Program to enhance his leadership skills and knowledge of the university’s mission and vision. In addition, he was called into service on the School of Allied Health Professions Executive Committee and Search Committee, and was a key member of the university’s Strategic Planning 2020.

As an APTA member, Mayhew has been involved with the Virginia Chapter as treasurer and delegate and the research, education, and orthopaedic sections. He is currently a mentor in the APTA’s Education Leadership Institute Fellowship collaborative program. He was named a Fellow of the Grace H. Harris Leadership Institute in 2002 and was recipient of the Faculty Mentor Award from Virginia Commonwealth University Instructional Development Center’s Faculty Mentor Program.

APTA salutes Thomas Mayhew’s many contributions and acts of service to the physical therapy profession and is pleased to present him with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am very honored to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award and join this group of talented individuals. It has been a pleasure to work with so many devoted colleagues in professional service over the years, many which have become good friends and have truly enriched my life. I have enjoyed the support of many colleagues over the years in the Virginia Chapter, and the Education and Research Sections. My commitment to professional service would not have been possible without the support of my fellow faculty members at Virginia Commonwealth University including my former chair Bob Lamb. I especially want to thank my wife Jill for supporting the many hours of service activities over the last 34 years. I also want to give special thanks Jack Echternach, whom I miss dearly, for providing mentoring, an example of lifelong professional service, and encouragement along the way.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

DAVID QUALLS, PT

David Qualls, PT, is regarded as a leader, role model, and mentor to physical therapists in Louisiana, demonstrating a high level of professionalism, passion, integrity, compassion, and dedication to the profession.

Currently president and owner of Qualls & Co in Sulphur, Louisiana, Qualls has also been associated with Rehab Xcel, Nova Care/Rehab Clinics, Physical Therapy Institute, and West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital. He received his training at Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana State University.

As Louisiana Chapter president, Qualls spent time in each of the chapter’s 9 districts, educating members about what the new direct access law meant for physical therapy practice. He was equally aware of the importance of educating payers about the change as well. His colleagues attest to his ability to “listen and hear,” and maximize the use of his talents to reach a goal. His leadership helped steer the chapter during the state’s devastation by Hurricane Katrina, when the physical therapy school in New Orleans was destroyed and scores of therapists’ practices vanished under the floodwaters. During this time, Qualls also mounted charitable giving within the state and from other chapters and sections for efforts in recovery for Louisiana’s therapists and schools. For his efforts and dedication, he was honored by the Louisiana Chapter.

Throughout his career, Qualls has been an active member of APTA. Nationally, he served as chair of the Committee on Chapters and Sections and has been a member of the Private Practice Section for the past 23 years, recently serving as director. His service to the Louisiana Chapter began on the Ethics Committee, where he eventually served for 13 years. He also served as nominations chair and on the Governmental Affairs Committee. He was vice president, then president, of the Louisiana Chapter, so far the chapter’s only president to serve for 6 years. Qualls has served as a delegate or chief delegate to the APTA House of Delegates for the past 15 years. And in 2003, he received the chapter’s Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award.

APTA is pleased to recognize and honor David Qualls’ many examples of service to his colleagues and the industry with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This exercise to thank those who have been involved in my professional journey has been both interesting and exciting. It has been a time of reflection! Receiving the Lucy Blair Award has been made possible because so many people have influenced my career.

My journey started over 40 years ago while I was still a student at Louisiana State University. Our program director, Dr. Jack Burke, encouraged association participation along with George Hampton, one of our professors. When, as a student, we got a glimpse outside the school environment, I was impressed by the activity level of Francis Guglielmo, a long time LPTA, APTA, and PPS member. During my last rotation before graduation, I spent time in Columbus, Georgia with George McClusky. That is where I witnessed how physical therapy should be practiced. Forty years later, I’m still motivated by those four short weeks I spent in Georgia.

After I started practicing, my first department director, Betty Wolfe, encouraged professional association participation. She also allowed me to practice independently. Great thanks go to her.

My LPTA journey began as I watched one of our presidents, Dave Warner, in his long time dedication to physical therapy and our association. LPTAs service award is in his honor. Over eighteen years ago, I first ran for LPTA office. Unfortunately, it was against Sharon Dunn and she kicked my butt. Even with that defeat, I continued to pursue volunteer service. It was because that same Sharon Dunn encouraged me to do so. As she served and teamed up with Dave Pariser and Paul Hildreth, I had no choice but to say yes. When I said, “No, I can’t do that,” they said, “Yes you can and we need you to do it.” I am so thankful to them.

This volunteer and professional pilgrimage to date has been wonderful and I have served in places and positions that I never dreamed I could do. It took the simple ask and encouragement of these and many other friends and colleagues.

Of course, I could not have done any of this without the support of a dedicated clinic staff at home and Cindy, my wife. Cindy continued to keep the home going and that allowed me to do the things I love to do for my church, my community and you, our professional association.

What a journey and thank you all for letting me serve you.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

WILLIAM H. “BILL” STAPLES, PT, DPT, DHSC, GCS

William H. “Bill” Staples, PT, DPT, DHSc, GCS, has demonstrated service to the physical therapy profession at the component and national levels, with a focus on progressing clinical practice, ensuring quality in the physical therapy licensure process, and advancement of the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy (formerly Section on Geriatrics).

Currently associate professor, Entry-Level Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program of Kraner School of Physical Therapy at the University of Indianapolis, Staples has also served as assistant professor and as program director of the university’s Physical Therapist Assistant Program. He has also held academic roles with Ivy Tech State College in Muncie, Indiana. Staples received his DHS and DPT from the University of Indianapolis, MS and certificate in physical therapy from Columbia University, and BA in Zoology from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Over the past 20 years, Staples’ leadership has resulted in such honors as the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy’s Distinguished Educator Award, Outstanding Faculty Award, the Joan M Mills Award and the President’s Award for Exceptional Service. He was highly involved in the Geriatric Specialty Council and the Board of ABPTS, with work that included the development of the specialty certification process and a significant increase in the numbers of clinical specialists. In addition, Staples has served on the Specialization Academy of Content Experts and is currently a lead reviewer for APTA clinical residency and fellowship programs, including the evaluation of 7 new clinical residency programs and is currently the chair of the Item Bank Review Committee of FSBPT. He has demonstrated commitment to enhancing clinical practice through increasing clinical practice knowledge through presentations and contributions to research; since 1978, he has presented more than 40 presentations in a variety of settings, with written contributions in books and reviewed journal articles that have contributed to evidence-based practice.

An APTA member since 1979, Staples has served the Neurology Section since 2004; Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy since 1984, where he currently is president and has served on its Board of Directors for 9 years, including 6 years as treasurer; and Home Health Section since 1989, and has been involved with the Indiana Chapter since 1990. In 2008, he was inducted into Sigma Phi Omega, a national professional society for gerontology, and in 2012 received the Anthony D. Certo Award “for distinguished contribution of time, energy, and expertise toward furthering physical therapy as professional practice.”

APTA is pleased to recognize Bill Staples’ many contributions to the physical therapy profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am deeply honored and humbled to receive this award. I want to first thank my professional organization, the APTA, for the opportunity it has afforded me to serve my profession. The fact of the matter is that I have been given back much more in every way than I have given to my profession. Awards are nice to receive for time and energy put forth in support of this profession, but it is not the reason to volunteer. The success of my career can be traced to this organization and the people who belong to it. I have actually had the privilege of being mentored by many of the people being honored here tonight and previously, which is not a surprise to me. Katie Mangione was the first person to get me involved with the Section on Geriatrics and then ABPTS. Dale Avers and John Barr mentored me with leadership skills, and I feel like I have matured along the way with Cathy Ciolek’s and Mary Thompson’s shared expertise. Thank you.
MARY E. CASSELBERRY THOMPSON, PT, PhD, GCS

Mary E. Casselberry Thompson, PT, PhD, GCS, has advanced the physical therapy profession via her work in the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy (formerly Geriatrics Section), on the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency, and Fellowship Education, Accreditation Services Committee.

Currently professor for the School of Physical Therapy of Texas Woman's University in Dallas, Thompson is also a contract physical therapist, providing physical therapy to homebound older adults in rural Collin County, Texas. She has formerly held posts at North Texas Medical Center Home Health Care/HomeCare Network in McKinney, and Grayson County Health Department of Texoma Home Health Service in Sherman. She earned a PhD in higher education from University of North Texas, MS in physical therapy from Texas Woman's University, and BHS in physical therapy from the University of Kentucky.

Thompson has spent many years engaging in service activities that enhance the profession, geriatric patients/clients and practitioners, specialization, and residencies, as well as protect the public. She became a member of the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy immediately upon graduation as a physical therapist, and since 2010 has served as a director on the section's board. Her efforts in editing monographs for the section resulted in the awarding of the Distinguished Educator Award for Excellence as a Physical Therapy Educator in 2007, and the President's Award for Exceptional Contribution that same year. In 2012, she was presented with the Joan M. Mills Award for outstanding service to the section. She has served the physical therapy profession as a geriatrics specialty exam item writer for the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties and member of the Specialization Academy of Content Experts, and was appointed to the Geriatric Council of the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists (ABPTS) from 1998 to 2002, reviewing specialist applications, guiding the Geriatric Council, and serving and chairing the ABPTS. She is involved in the accreditation of residency and fellowship education by serving as content expert for geriatric and women’s health programs. Every 2 years, she takes a group of students to the state legislature and guides students in advocacy for the profession and patients.

In addition to her work with the section, Thompson has served APTA on the Women’s Health, Research and Home Health Sections, guiding students to success within those areas as they move into practice. She was a participant on the APTA Education Strategic Planning process in 2005 and was twice North Texas delegate to the Texas Assembly.

APTA is pleased to recognize Mary Thompson’s many achievements and contributions to the physical therapy profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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My joy in this journey comes from those who walked with me. These people include Richard “Mac” McDougall at UK and Dorn Long at TWU who planted the idea that I could serve the profession. Over the years, the students and faculty at TWU allowed me to serve beyond my own neighborhood. Any of my accomplishments in service would have been impossible without the staffs of the American Board of PT Specialties, Texas Board of PT Examiners, Federation of State Boards of PT Examiners, Academy of Geriatric PT, American Board of PT Residency and Fellowship Education, and Foreign Credentialing Commission on PT. I especially would like to thank those who participated in my nomination: Venita Lovelace-Chandler, Sue Schuerman, Sue Lindeblad, and Linda Csiza. Lastly, this award would not be possible without my husband, Ray, and friend, Ann Medley, both of whom remind me to have balance in life.
JOHN G. WALLACE JR, PT, MS

John G. Wallace Jr, PT, MS, has served the association for 20 years in elected and appointed positions at the state and national levels, contributing to the financial strength of APTA and mentoring hundreds of up-and-coming physical therapy professionals.

Currently cofounder and principal of BMS Practice Solutions and WorkWell System Inc in Upland, California, Wallace also provides independent consulting services and works with the Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation. Past posts include roles with Regency Health Services and Matrix Rehabilitation, Peachwood Physical Therapy Corporation, and California Primary Physicians. He holds a MS in physical therapy from the University of Southern California, and a BS in zoology from California State University.

Wallace has had a significant impact on APTA’s operations in the area of financial management. He leads, teaches, writes, and serves the community as a consultant in practice management and in fiduciary roles, including finance officer of the California Chapter, an 8-year member of the Finance Committee, and treasurer of the Physical Therapy Fund of California. On the national level, Wallace has served on the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. In addition to his contributions in the finance arena, Wallace’s influence helped move the Board of Directors toward action on future practice payment models, an issue of national importance and critical to how PTs will be paid for their services in the future. He continues to serve the national membership in this area through his current work on the Private Practice Section’s Business Model Task Force. Wallace has also been a frequent contributor to the professional literature in the area of practice management, whether he is addressing documentation for Medicare, tying compensation to outcomes-based care, or working to stop fraud in physical therapy practice. Throughout his service to the profession and Association, he has continued to mentor students in and out of the classroom, offering his assistance for any questions or issues they have.

Additional APTA roles include Foundation for Physical Therapy Trustee, Foundation for Physical Therapy Executive Committee, delegate, Referral for Profit Committee chair, and Practice Equity Opportunity Task Force. On the local level, he has chaired the Communications Task Force and participated on the Referral for Profit Committee as a consultant.

APTA is grateful to John G. Wallace for his longtime service to the association and physical therapy profession, and is pleased to honor him with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

I would like to thank the Awards Committee and the APTA Board of Directors for this recognition. I would also like to thank Cheryl Resnik who led the nomination process and the faculty of The Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy, The Ostrow School of Dentistry at the University of Southern California for nominating me for this award.

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CARL JOSEPH (JOE) BLACK, PT, DPT, SCS, ATC

Carl Joseph (Joe) Black, PT, DPT, SCS, ATC, has a sustained record of service at all levels of APTA: national, state, and section. Presently Clinician/Manager of Outpatient Rehabilitation, Blount Memorial Hospital, Maryville, TN, Dr Black is also an athletic trainer and physical therapist for Maryville High School and Maryville College. Until 2009, he was CEO, Owner and President of Appalachian Therapy Center, and Owner and President of Cherokee Health & Fitness, both of Maryville. Dr Black received a DPT in Physical Therapy from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga; BS in Physical Therapy from the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences-Memphis; and BS in Education from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Dr Black served multiple terms as president of the Tennessee Chapter after holding the roles of program chair, membership chair and vice president. As president, he successfully led the efforts in the state legislature to expand direct-access law and testified on state committees. Presently he is Chapter Legislative Chair and on the APTA Nominating Committee, and early last year the Chapter presented him with its highest honor for professional service: the Carol Likens Award. In addition, he serves the Sports Physical Therapy Section as administrative services team leader, has served in a number of leadership positions in the Section, and has been a supporter of the Section's Gala and Silent Auction to benefit physical therapy research. Known as “Mr. PT” in eastern Tennessee and considered a tireless volunteer, Dr Black is an active member of the Jeff Roth Cycling Foundation, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Heart Association and the Tennessee Interscholastic Athletic Association. He writes a weekly column for the Maryville-Alcoa Daily Times, posts a blog based on the column and was inducted into the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame.

In recognition of longstanding service to the PT profession via patient care and volunteer efforts, APTA is very proud to present Dr Black with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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It has become a cliché but it is so very true—behind every award winner is a team of folks that share equal billing. For me, that team is huge. It includes folks from the Sports Section, the American Physical Therapy Association, and the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association. I am perpetually amazed by the folks in this profession that I get to consider great friends. People like Barb Sanders, Barb Hoogenboom, Scott Ward, Barney Poole, Danny Smith, Mike Voight, Tab Blackburn, Roger Herr, the late Dave Pariser...the list is too long to continue and omissions would be embarrassing.

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I thank my family for giving me up to pursue my many dreams. A special thanks to my wife who has shared me to a point that is unfathomable.
NANCY CICIRELLO, PT, MPH, EDD

Nancy Cicirello, PT, MPH, EdD, has provided consistent service to the profession, the Association, the Section on Pediatrics, and the international community over the last four decades.

Presently Professor, School of Physical Therapy, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR, Dr. Cicirello has also served as an adjunct professor and lecturer. In the clinical arena, she performed volunteer consultation at Pediatric Habilitation Center of Xin-Qiao Hospital and at the Fuling orphanage in China and with University of Montana students in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Dr. Cicirello has been on the advisory board for the Oregon Health Sciences-Institute pediatric PT residency program. She received an EdD from Portland State University, Portland, OR; MPH in Maternal Health and Child Health, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; and BS in Physical Therapy, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

With 42 years of service to APTA and the Section on Pediatrics, Dr Cicirello has served on the Oregon PT Association’s Program Committee and Pediatric Practice Parameter Task Force. Within the Section, she served on the Pediatric Governmental Affairs Committee for 15 years and chaired it for four years. She also served on the Speaker’s Bureau Task Force, the Nominating Committee and the Task Force Re: Transition of Care. She was an Oregon State Representative for seven years and a Regional Director for five years. In addition to her service to APTA, Dr Cicirello was a member of the Society for Disabilities Studies and is an active member of the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine, Lifespan Care Committee and was elected president of the Oregon and Southwest Washington UCP Board of Directors. In her community, Dr. Cicirello is a member of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteer organization, since serving as a U. S. Peace Corps Volunteer in Fiji as a pediatric physical therapist and continues to reach out to the international community. Over the past 30 years, she has volunteered her skills as a therapist and educator in Vietnam, Mexico, Bolivia, Columbia, Kyrgyzstan and China.

APTA congratulates Dr Cicirello on her outstanding service to the profession and community and is pleased to bestow upon her the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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Janet Downey, PT, MPT, PCS, has a distinguished history of service that includes numerous leadership roles at the District, Chapter, and Association levels.

Recently retired as Rehabilitation Therapy Coordinator, Children’s Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, Hurley Medical Center, Flint, MI, Ms Downey has also been Supervisor of Physical Therapy Services for Mott Children’s Health Center in Flint and a staff physical therapist for Holland Public Schools, Holland, MI. She served as an Instructor in Clinical Embryology at the University of Michigan-Flint. She received her MPT in Physical Therapy from The University of Michigan-Flint and BS in Physical Therapy from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Considered a leader, mentor, and role model to her colleagues, Ms. Downey represents the PT profession in a multitude of ways. As president, chief delegate, and the first speaker of the membership meeting for the Michigan Chapter, Ms Downey exhibited patience, vision, and determination. When the Chapter Executive Director passed away unexpectedly in the 1990s, Ms Downey and other volunteer Board members stepped up to ensure that operations continued, and helped lead the search for and hire of a new executive director. Long a participant in Michigan state politics for physical therapy, Ms Downey was instrumental in convincing the Governor to rescind an Executive Order that would have eliminated the Physical Therapy Licensing Board. Under her leadership, the Michigan Chapter was informed and engaged in grassroots efforts to effect the change.

Exhibiting creativity and talent, Ms Downey used her background as a master gardener to inspire the title and content of “How Do Your Leaders Grow?” which was presented by the Nominating Committee at a Combined Section Meeting during her tenure on the Nominating Committee. Her long services as Bylaws Chair for the Pediatric Section included using her knowledge of Bylaws to assist the Section.

APTA is pleased to recognize Ms Downey’s many achievements in service with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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I am honored and humbled to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award. There are many people to thank, including my professors at the University of Missouri who taught my entry level program and instilled the importance of being an active member in the Association, Barbara Minor, PT, who took me to my first Western Michigan District Meeting, Beverly Schmoll, PT, PhD, FAPTA, who mentored me as I advanced from District activity to Chapter activity, the members of the Michigan Chapter who elected me to positions of leadership, and the many members of the House of Delegates who have educated and mentored me over the years. I also thank my colleagues at my practice setting who picked up the slack while I was serving the Association. My husband, Tom, has supported my activities and encouraged my participation. I would also like to thank all past and present physical therapists who have made this a great profession and look forward to “The Places We’ll Go” in future generations.
GLENN L. IRION, PT, PHD, CWS

Glenn L. Irion, PT, PhD, CWS, has been responsible for the publications of the Acute Care Section since 1997, in addition to other service to the Section as well as the Section on Women’s Health and the proposal for ABPTS specialization in Wound Management.

Presently Professor of Physical Therapy at the University of South Alabama, Dr Irion holds a PhD in Physiology from Temple University School of Medicine; MEd in Exercise Physiology from Temple University, Philadelphia; BS in Physical Therapy from the University of Central Arkansas; and BA in Psychology from Temple.

Dr Irion has been instrumental in developing Acute Care Perspectives and transitioning it into the Acute Care Section’s journal, Journal of Acute Care Physical Therapy. Shortly after joining the Editorial Advisory Board, Dr Irion’s talent led him to transition to co-editor and then editor of Acute Care Perspectives. Under his leadership, the journal grew from a newsletter to a blend of section news, invited articles of interest, and themes, including a separate section for news and research components. Dr Irion wrote policy and procedure manuals, recruited associate editors and peer reviewers, and convinced researchers to submit their manuscripts to the fledgling publication. More recently, preparations are being made to apply for indexing in MEDLINE, which Dr Irion accomplished without requiring outside publication sources. In addition to his Journal of Acute Care Physical Therapy accomplishments, Dr Irion has continued to serve the Association in many other ways, including as chair of the Research Committee for the Wound Special Interest Group of the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management (SCEWM).

His personal work on this subcommittee has financially allowed SCEWM to pursue the goal of a wound management specialization; as chair, he produced a Delphi study and followed up with a large nationwide survey of practicing physical therapist regarding the specialized knowledge component of the ABPTS application. He is currently working on the “Description of Specialized Practice” with other members of the subcommittee.

APTA is pleased to recognize Dr Irion’s accomplishments with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Much of the credit for this award belongs to my wife, Jean Irion, who had been active in service to the community of physical therapy before I entered this profession. She served as a role model of service to the profession and encouraged me to be involved as well as my career changed from basic scientist to physical therapist.

The Acute Care Section welcomed me into their fold early in my physical therapy career providing me opportunities to grow professionally with progressively greater responsibilities in the Section’s service. Similarly, when the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology officially added the Wound Management component, the people I looked to as role models invited me to join them in moving wound management by physical therapists forward in stature within health care.

I also want to thank my employers for encouraging and providing the support necessary for me to perform the various service opportunities.
MICHELLE M. LUSARDI, PHD, PT

Michelle M. Lusardi, PhD, PT, has demonstrated service to the physical therapy profession in the realm of educating physical therapists and students, as well as notable contributions to APTA, particularly via the Section on Geriatrics.

Presently a provider of continuing education and facilitator of clinical research with Lusardi Physical Therapy Consultation Services, Dr. Lusardi has also held a number of academic roles, including Professor Emerita of Physical Therapy at Sacred Heart University. She holds a DPT from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions; PhD from the School of Family Studies, University of Connecticut; certificate in Gerontology, Traveler’s Center on Aging and School of Family Studies, University of Connecticut; MS in Allied Health/Education, University of Connecticut; and BS in Physical Therapy from SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

A member of the Section on Geriatrics’ Board of Directors from 1996 to 2001, Dr. Lusardi helped institute a number of education-related initiatives, including the popular Home Study Course series that dealt with a range of aging-related topics embracing the basic, social, and clinical sciences. The series has also been a valuable educational resource in preparing for the board specialty certification exam in geriatric physical therapy. Chief among Dr. Lusardi’s service accomplishments has been her role as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Geriatric Physical Therapy (JGPT) from 2007 through 2012, which has transitioned from a publisher at a component level to one at the international level, with more pages per issue and more issues per year. Overseeing a team of four associate editors and an expanded international editorial board, Dr. Lusardi has worked to increase submissions, improve turnaround time, increase the number of systematic reviews and white papers, and make available a publish-ahead-of-print feature. The JGPT is now indexed and abstracted in MEDLINE/Pubmed, CINAHL, EMBASE, and AMED. In 2012, Dr. Lusardi instituted a critical strategic planning review of the journal and developed a vision statement to guide ongoing growth.

APTA is pleased to recognize Dr. Lusardi’s service to the profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It has been an honor and a blessing to be a member of the Section on Geriatrics for most of my physical therapy career. The opportunity for service to the Section and collaboration with my colleagues has been an incredible catalyst for my personal and professional growth. I am humbled by both the nomination and my selection as a Lucy Blair Award recipient. I offer heartfelt thanks to colleagues from the Section on Geriatrics and the Connecticut Chapter for their support and collaboration over the years I have been active as a proud member of the APTA. I remember and thank all of the students who have passed through my classroom and patients and family members who have passed through my clinic, all of whom have inspired my desire to be of service. I would like to especially thank Rita A. Wong PT EdD FAPTA, Michael J. Emery PT EdD FAPTA, Marybeth Brown PT PhD FAPTA, Kevin K. Chui PT DPT PhD GCS, OCS, and Donna Bowers PT MPH PCS, treasured friends in my journey as a physical therapist.
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TARA JO MANAL, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS

Tara Jo Manal, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS, has demonstrated exceptional contributions to the Association and the physical therapy profession.

Presently Director of Clinical Services, University of Delaware Physical Therapy Department, Newark, DE, Dr Manal also serves as Director of Residency Training and Associate Professor. In addition, she is a faculty member of the Sports Physical Therapy Residency Program and Geriatric Physical Therapy Program. She received her DPT from Temple University, Philadelphia; MPT from the University of Delaware; and BA in Psychology, also from the University of Delaware.

Dr Manal has made significant contributions in the areas of clinical residency and fellowship education, and reinvested her own achievements as a clinical specialist in both orthopedics and sports into improving the process of education training for the entire PT profession. She has established collaborations within and outside the university community and mentors clinicians (PT, MD, AT, nursing), post-professional students, and PT students in what best practices exist in physical therapy. Dr Manal oversees highly successful residencies at the University of Delaware in orthopedics, sports, and geriatrics, and was instrumental in the partnership and development of the UD- Johns Hopkins Hospital’s neurology physical therapy residency.

A member of the Orthopaedic Section for 19 years, Dr Manal was instrumental in developing the credentialing and specialization process as a member of the Standards Setting Committee for the National Board of Specialists Orthopedic Specialty Exam. She served as a member of the Specialization Academy of Content Experts of the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties and as chair for the Orthopaedic Section’s Residency and Fellowship Education Committee. Other roles on the Orthopaedic Committee include serving on the Finance Committee and the Research Committee as an abstract reviewer, and as moderator of the research platform presentations at Combined Sections meetings. As co-chair of PTNow Portal Development, Dr Manal was an invited member of “Revitalizing Research through Practice and Practice though Research.”

APTA is pleased to recognize Dr Manal with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am very honored and humbled to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award. I have been supported by so many wonderful colleagues throughout my career and hope to honor them by emulating their professional dedication and service. I believe strongly in sustained and significant support of your professional organization. The opportunity to belong to a profession comes with obligations to contribute to the current momentum and future direction of the field; I am committed to this effort. I sincerely appreciate the support of the University of Delaware Physical Therapy faculty, staff and students along with my husband Kurt and children Cameron and Sidney. Contribution to the field is more rewarding than costly, however, it does steal time from family and job responsibilities and I hope those who have sacrificed along with my achievements realize that they too share in this award. Thank you so much for all your support!
DAVID PARISER, PT, PHD

David Pariser, PT, PhD, (deceased 2013) was associate professor of physical therapy at Bellarmine University in Louisville. Pariser was a coauthor of the March 2010 LER article “Preoperative exercise boosts TKA outcomes.” He was also an active member of the physical therapy community, serving in various capacities within American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and its Kentucky (KPTA) and Louisiana (LPTA) chapters.

A member of APTA since 1981, he served on the Nominating Committee, as LPTA president, and as chair of the legislative committees for both the LPTA and KPTA. During his time as legislative chair of the KPTA, Kentucky legislators passed bill SB112, or the copay bill, landmark legislation that other states have used as a model. In 2011 Dr Pariser was elected to APTA’s Board of Directors.

He also received numerous awards in recognition of his service, including the Dave Warner Award for Distinguished Service (Physical Therapist of the Year) from the LPTA in 2001 and induction into the LPTA Hall of Fame in 2006 for career achievement.

Dr Pariser participated in pro bono physical screening exams for the Bellarmine University Athletic Department from 2006 to 2009, served as a faculty search committee chair in 2008 and received the Presidential Merit Award at Bellarmine.

In 1983, he received his BS in physical therapy in 1983 from West Virginia University in Morgantown. From 1988 to 2005 he was a full-time faculty member at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center’s Physical Therapy Program in New Orleans. During that time he earned his PhD in education, curriculum, and instruction from the University of New Orleans. In 2005 he joined the faculty at Bellarmine University.
Sandra Moon Riegor, PT

Sandra Moon Riegor, PT, has provided exceptional service to APTA and the Florida Chapter that has furthered the profession and the Association.

Presently Rehabilitation Supervisor, Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice of the Florida Keys, Ms Riegor was previously a care manager for Lifeline Home Health Care, Florida Keys, and Regional Clinical Director for the Florida region at Communicare Pro Rehab, Jacksonville, FL. Since 1994, she has been involved with the Zonta Club of Marathon, a worldwide humanitarian service organization to encourage, foster and improve the lives of women and children. She earned her BS in Physical Therapy from the Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Professions, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Ms. Riegor has been a member of APTA and active at the state and national levels since 1972. Known for her role as Florida chief delegate, Ms Riegor remains abreast of the issues affecting the profession, and never hesitates to lobby and advocate for best practices and policies at both the state and national levels. Bringing candor, humor, and deep thought to her deliberations, Ms Riegor doesn’t shirk from crucial conversations and demonstrates acumen for those she serves. She has also served APTA through the Committee to Approve the Minutes for the 2012 APTA HOD and has been recognized with the FPTA with the 2012 Inspiration Award. At the state level, she has held the roles of Florida Chapter Public Relations co-chair, Finance Panel chair and Legislative Key Contact, and participated in Marches on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Assuring the fiscal needs of the Florida Chapter, she served two influential terms as treasurer, during which time the chapter was recognized as the First Place Financial Management winner in 1994. In addition, she received the FPTA Recognition Award for Outgoing Chief Delegate, the FPTA BOD Fred Rutan Outstanding Service Award, and the President’s Award for Distinguished Service.

APTA is pleased to recognize Ms Riegor’s achievements with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

When I look back at all previous Lucy Blair Award recipients, I am truly humbled and honored to now be on that very prestigious list. I would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Marilyn Moffat, Dr. Pam Duffy, Dr. Carol Davis, Dr. Paul Hildreth and Bruce Anderson for your wonderful letters of support to the selection committee and to Dr. Gina Musolino for your tremendous efforts in spearheading this nomination from the Florida Physical Therapy Association. I want to thank my colleagues from the Florida Chapter for your support, professionally and personally when I needed it the most. It has been and is truly an honor to serve with each one of you.

But most importantly, I want to thank my husband, Riegor for his support and encouragement through the years to be involved and stay involved because he knew how incredibly important my profession and this Association has been to me. I wish he was here to share this with me. He would have been so very proud.
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LISA K. SALADIN, PT, PHD

Lisa K. Saladin, PT, PhD, has focused her career on advocacy and health-care policy, working tirelessly on the prohibition of referral-for-profit. A leader in the health-care industry, she has impacted the profession on the national, state, and individual levels.

Presently Dean and Professor, College of Health Professions, Medical University of South Carolina, Dr Saladin previously held the posts of Interim Dean, Executive Associate Dean, and Interim Executive Associate Dean. She holds a certificate from the Institute of Management and Leadership and Education from Harvard University; DPT from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale; MS in Anatomy from the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg; and BMR in Physical Therapy, also from the University of Manitoba.

During her first term in the House of Delegates as chief delegate, Dr Saladin proposed two RCs on behalf of South Carolina. The first RC was related to racial disparities and access to healthcare, and strived to educate PTs on the issues of access to care and engage the members in a discussion on how to lessen the inequalities; the second RC involved culture competence in the profession. Both RCs set in motion policy at APTA that has promoted change within the Association and the PT profession. As a member of the South Carolina Chapter Board of Directors in 1998, Dr Saladin was part of a team assisting the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners with extensive revisions of the State Physical Therapy Practice Act, which was modeled after the Delaware State PT Practice Act; it allowed patients to see a PT without a referral for 30 days. In addition, this new practice act prohibited PTs in the state from working in a referral for profit situation. Dr Saladin exhibited knowledge of the legislative process and an ability to bring opposing groups together to reach a consensus. In 2003, Dr Saladin ran on an election platform for South Carolina Platform president with specific goals to help move the chapter forward and PTs in the state closer to Vision 2020.

APTA congratulates Dr Saladin on her many achievements and is pleased to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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As Winston Churchill said; “You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give.” My life has been enriched through my service to the APTA and the many friends I have made along the way. I am truly honored to receive this award and hope to continue my service to the profession and the association for many years to come! In this crazy age where everyone’s lives are getting busier, there is even more of a need to examine our service and seek opportunities to give back. I would like to extend a special thank you to Gretchen Seif (South Carolina), Ira Gorman (Colorado), Sheila Nicholson (Florida), Chris Murphy (Oregon) and Patti Naylor (Illinois) for their contributions to the nomination packet and their friendship and to my husband Michael for his incredible support and unconditional love for the last 33 years.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

REBECCA G. STEPHENSON, PT, DPT, MS, WCS

Rebecca G. Stephenson, PT, DPT, MS, WCS, has been instrumental in promoting the profession via many roles in the Section on Women’s Health, serving on the American Board of Physical Therapy’s Specialties (ABPTS) Board, through leadership roles and in publications.

Presently Coordinator of Women’s Health Physical Therapy, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, previously Stephenson conducted a private physical therapy practice providing services to adult, adolescent, and pediatric clients, with a specialty in orthopedics and women’s health. In addition, she was at Dedham Medical Associates, Dedham, MA. She earned a Masters and DPT from the MGH Institute of Health Professions and BS from Sargent College of Allied Health Professions, Boston University.

As a member of the Section on Women’s Health, Dr Stephenson has been involved as a board member (Secretary and Communications Director past positions held) writer, lecturer, and mentor of new committee members and teachers, and participated on the Web Radio project on issues of women’s health. Currently serving on the Certificate of Achievement in Pregnancy/Postpartum Curriculum Oversight Task Force, she has also been a reviewer of the committees policy and procedures. For her collective body of volunteerism, she was awarded the committee’s 1998 Elizabeth Noble Award from the Section on Women’s Health. From sitting for the specialization exam for women’s health practitioners the first time it was offered, to encouraging and fostering the development of younger clinicians, she serves as a mentor and role model. Dr Stephenson has been a book reviewer and journal abstractor for the Physical Therapy Journal and was the primary author on Obstetrics and Gynecological Care in Pregnancy. Additionally she has authored home study modules for the Orthopedic Section “Lumbopelvic Dysfunctions During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period” and for the Section on Women’s Health “Physical Therapy in Obstetrics”. Presently she is developing a women’s health residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and is co-director of the Physical Therapy Residencies at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She is also the president of the International Organization of Physical Therapists in Women’s Health (IOPTWH) a subgroup of WCPT.

APTA is pleased to recognize Dr Stephenson’s efforts in advancing the visibility and quality of women’s health via the physical therapy profession and congratulates her on receiving the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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STEVEN HI TEPPER, PT, PHD

Steven HI Tepper, PT, PhD, has made contributions to APTA and the profession revolving around advancing cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy, advancing the vision of APTA and the promoting the transitional DPT.

Presently Coordinator of Distance Education, tDPT Programs, at both the University of Montana and University of South Florida. Dr Tepper teaches entry-level DPT courses at George Washington University, Marymount University, The Ohio State University, Sage University, University of Delaware, and University of Maryland. He has presented hundreds of courses for the APTA, GREAT Seminars and numerous other private groups. He received a PhD in Experimental Pathology from the School of Medicine, University of Maryland-Baltimore; and BS in Physical Therapy, also from the University of Maryland.

A driving force in the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Section, Dr Tepper’s leadership has been acknowledged as far back as 1999, when he received the Linda Crane Award, established to “acknowledge an individual who has made outstanding and enduring contributions to the practice of physical therapy.” He served as Research chair of the section for nearly a decade and as president from 1998-2001. During his tenure as president of the Cardiopulmonary Section, Dr Tepper was instrumental in changing the Section's name to Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Section more accurately reflect the role of practitioners in this area; increasing membership by role modeling active recruiting; and establishing one of the Section’s first long-range strategic plans. He also served on the Section Journal’s editorial board and was considered a driving force in positioning the Journal’s acceptance for indexing in MEDLINE, a major developmental step for health-related scientific publications. An active contributor to APTA IMPACT conferences that elucidated the need for change from the BS to Master’s entry-level degree, Dr Tepper was involved in the APTA Consensus conferences that established common agreement among educators about the purpose, meaning, scope, and preferred outcomes of physical therapist professional education and led the first “Normative Model of Physical Therapist Professional Education.” In addition, he assisted in revision The PT Guide to Practice to reflect the rapidly occurring changing in the profession.

Through his efforts of matching contributions Dr. Tepper was awarded the first Robert C Bartlett Innovation in Fundraising Award by the Foundation for Physical Therapy, presented at APTA's National Conference, Boston, MA, June 2005.

APTA is pleased to present Dr Tepper with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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Love what you do, do what you love. How fortunate we are in our ability to use our hands, our hearts, and our minds to help alleviate pain and improve function in our patients. How lucky I have been that the profession of physical therapy has brought me treasures beyond my wildest dreams. Friends, colleagues, places, and times that are priceless. Some of the special colleagues that were involved with me receiving this award include Rita Wong, Jonathan Cooperman, Sandy Cassady, Andrew Guccione, Julie Ries, Chuck Ciccone, Carole Lewis, Ben Keaton, Richard Jackson, Katherine Harris, Reed Humphrey, Daniel Riddle, all of the Rehab Essentials group and all of my students/therapists/patients/family that have helped me to be the person I am. For these, I’m forever grateful. And how blessed I am to have met my life partner Linda over a cadaver!!!
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

VICTORIA S T TILLEY, PT, GCS

Victoria S T Tilley, PT, GCS, has provided service to the profession, the community at large, her patients and clients, and the Association.

Founder and president of Elderfit Physical Therapy & Consulting, Hillsborough, NC, and North American Clinical Services Coordinator, Special Olympics Inc, Tilley was previously associated with Durham Regional Homecare and Spectrum Rehab: Mariah Parham Hospital. She has been a guest lecturer at a number of institutes of higher learning, including Winston Salem State, Elon College, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and Duke University. She received her BS in Physical Therapy from the University of Delaware School of Physical Therapy, Newark, DE.

Ms. Tilley has been an active member of the APTA since 1985, Ms Tilley is one of three founding members of the FUNfitness Program of the Special Olympics. FUNfitness is a physical therapy screening and education program provided to special Olympic athletes. It is part of the Healthy Athletes screening program. The FUNfitness screen was developed through a collaboration between APTA and the Special Olympics, Inc, which now uses the program to screen more than 130,000 athletes and accounts for 811 screening events involving more than 20,000 PT and PTA professionals and students worldwide. This model has also led to the creation of what has been identified as the largest database of functional measures on individuals with intellectual disabilities across the lifespan.

Ms Tilley has also been active in serving the NCPTA most recently as chief delegate and delegate and APTA with positions on the Advisory Panel on Practice, the Health Promotion and Wellness Special Interest Group of the Geriatric Section, and as CPT member and coding consultant for APTA. She has also served on the Advisory Panel on Reimbursement and has been an expert member for the APTA Balanced Budget Act hotline for long-term care. Other roles include co-chair of the Disabled Athletic Special Interest Group of the Sports Section and serving as APTA consultant to Special Olympics Inc.

APTA congratulates Ms Tilley on her many achievements and is pleased to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to my parents, Richard and Sue Taylor, my children, Drew and Rachel Tilley, for their constant love and support. I thank their Dad, Steve Tilley for his support of my involvement. I also want to thank my colleagues at ElderFit, and my friends and peers with the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association, Special Olympics, and the American Physical Therapy Association. Your mentorship, leadership, and support have been priceless to me. My special thanks goes to Paul Hildreth, Dan Dore, Peter Kovacek, and Ben Massey for writing the letters of support, and Dean McCall for coordinating the nomination letter from the NCPTA. I am surprised and humbled with your perception of me because you have been my mentors. Lastly, I want to thank three special women and my dear friends, Louise Yurko, Eileen Carter, and Patty Rode. You are constant friends and invaluable in my life.
IRA GORMAN, PT, MSPH

Ira Gorman, PT, MSPH, has been a model of service and commitment to APTA and to the Colorado Chapter, displaying the highest level of dedication and service to the physical therapy profession.

Presently assistant professor, School of Physical Therapy, Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions, Regis University, Denver, CO, Gorman has also held the positions of instructor, affiliate faculty member, consultant and clinical instructor. He was clinic director for Physiotherapy Associates in Englewood, CO, and president of the Osceola Group Inc, Denver, a transitional living facility for head-injured clients, as well as executive director of the Colorado Head Injury Foundation Inc. Gorman received a PhD in Health and Behavioral Sciences, and MS in Public Health, from the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center; and BS in Physical Therapy and BS in Biological Science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Allied Health Professions.

Gorman has worked tirelessly to encourage physical therapists to become more involved in federal legislative issues and policies that affect the PT profession. A model of service and commitment to the profession of physical therapy, APTA and the Colorado Chapter, Gorman has provided exceptional leadership and direction as well as a strong advocacy on behalf of the PT Political Action Committee Practice Committee, and via his service to APTA as the federal affairs liaison for the Colorado Chapter and chair of the Subgroup on Chapters-Governance Review Committee. He sets a tone of constructive leadership with a mentoring approach that encourages contributions at all levels, while providing collaborative behavior through logical guidance, effective inquiry and positive communication.

For APTA, Gorman has served on many national committees and task forces, including federal liaison for the Colorado Chapter, member of the APTA Equity Task Force, chair of the Monthly Dues Payment Group, member of the Task Force on Governance Review, and abstract reviewer for the Combined Sections Meeting. As a result of these activities, Gorman was awarded the 2010 Federal Affairs Leadership Award, with letters of support provided by Drs McDavitt, Levine and Peterson. Since moving to Colorado in 1979, Gorman has served the Colorado Chapter in numerous capacities, and is currently president. Past posts have included chair of the Colorado Chapter Referral for Profit Task Force, chief delegate for the Colorado Chapter to the House of Delegates, member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and chair of the Clinical Educators Forum. He was the recipient of the Bob Doctor Service Award in 2004 and named Outstanding Physical Therapist in 2005.

APTA is pleased to recognize Gorman's many achievements with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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I want to thank the many people that have made it possible for me to succeed in this profession and lead to me being recognized by this great association. My many colleagues at Regis University, especially my Dean Dr. Barbara Tschoepe, who has supported me in my passion for association leadership including the professional and political advocacy that I have always felt was an essential part of our practice as healthcare professionals. My APTA mentor, Marcia Smith, who has taught me not just the importance of APTA but how to utilize and navigate our association to the utmost. Tom McPoil, who as my most recent colleague championed my nomination for this award and solicited the support of many people around the country. My students who allow me to share my experiences with them and inspire me to keep serving our profession as a role model. And finally my wife Nancy and our two daughters Codi and Alyssa, who have always given me the reason and motivation to work as hard as I do in order to make the world a better place for them and how they have all sacrificed many times to allow me to be the best PT I could be.
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CHARLES J GULAS, PT, PHD, GCS

Charles J Gulas, PT, PhD, GCS, involvement in the PT profession runs the gamut from local advocacy to the Missouri Chapter, the national association and beyond. An effective leader who seeks and plans for outcomes, Gulas is a resource of knowledge for fellow PTs, students and patients.

Presently dean of the Maryville University School of Health Professions, St Louis, as well as a professor with the university’s Physical Therapy Program, Gulas has also served as Physical Therapy Program director. A board certified geriatric clinical specialist, he has clinical practice at Alexian Brothers Sherbrook Village, St Louis; and Rehab Choice Incorporated. Gulas holds a PhD in Higher Education Administration from St. Louis University; M.A. Ed in Education from Maryville University; a Certificate in Physical Therapy from The Ohio State University and BA in Psychology from Hiram College, Hiram, OH.

Gulas has used his professional expertise, leadership and teaching skills to train and guide the development of new and experienced physical therapy clinicians and students across numerous programs within Missouri and in Haiti. These activities have resulted in raising the standard of physical therapy practice for many clinicians, and in the clinics that employ them. While in Haiti, Gulas served in disaster relief and helped establish and teach a very successful training program for Haitians to become “rehabilitation technicians,” which is now an annual event. His two major areas of focus are implementing systems and concepts to promote the best care and treatment plans, and enhancing decision-making in order to identify the appropriate level of care. In the academic arena, Gulas continues to impact the quality of PT practice, raising the level of the university PT program by inspiring faculty to strive toward higher professional degrees and recruiting more doctorate-level professionals onto the faculty.

Gulas’ history of service began at the district and chapter level, and has progressed to the national level with involvement in the Geriatrics, Education, and Health Policy and Administration sections, as well as the Advisory Panel on Practice, Committee on Cultural Competence and Central Application Service. A member of the House of Delegates for 12 years, Gulas has also been an invited participant to the APTA Summit on Physical Therapy and Capitol Hill advocacy events. As president of the Missouri Chapter, his leadership has brought the chapter forward in implementing its strategic plan to promote education, legislative involvement, programming and increased enthusiasm in the membership.

APTA is pleased to salute Gulas’ many achievements with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am honored and humbled by being chosen for this award. It has been a blessing to have the opportunity to serve with so many talented and giving colleagues who have believed in me and cared enough to provide encouragement and to be mentors. Receiving an award from friends who give so much to our association is extremely meaningful. I would especially like to thank those who participated in my nomination: Tammy Burlis, Michelle Unterberg, Bill Bandy, Janet Peterson and Mary Jane Rapport. My own service and accomplishments could not be possible without the support of Gil Smith, my partner, and my colleagues at Maryville University, and in the Missouri Chapter. I would be remiss not to mention the APTA staff members who have provided me with their guidance and patience; Johnnette Meadows, Marilyn Phillips, Justin Moore, Libby Ross, and Lisa Ruane.
CONNIE DAVIS HAUSER, PT, DPT, ATC

Connie Davis Hauser, PT, DPT, ATC, has been a leader, mentor and role model to her APTA colleagues. Her sustained contributions to the PT profession include more than 35 years of continuous service at the component and national levels, serving on multiple committees and assuming leadership as a board member.

Presently president and CEO of PT Pros, Physical Therapy and Sports Centers, Inc, Hauser has also been a partner at the Physical Therapy Clinic in Lexington, KY, senior staff therapist for St. Joseph Hospital, and chief physical therapist for Kings Daughters Memorial Hospital, Frankfort, KY. She holds a DPT in Physical Therapy from A.T. Still University, BHS in Physical Therapy from the University of Kentucky and BS in Health and Physical Education from East Tennessee State University.

Hauser started her own practice in rural southeastern Kentucky in a community where there were no physical therapy services available. She has devoted considerable time and effort to nurturing PT students and new professionals in Kentucky into outstanding physical therapists who understand that service to the profession is the hallmark of a true professional. Recognizing a void in entry-level PT education, Hauser and her colleagues combined practice management content with the necessary requirements for advanced orthopedic practice. Many of her employees have served as officers and committee chairs at the local and national levels of APTA. She grew her own practice from one office into a multistate company that now includes a residency program, LSUHSC and PT Pros Orthopaedic and Practice Management Residency, developed in conjunction with the Physical Therapy Program and LSUShriveport.

An APTA member since 1972, Hauser has served both nationally and locally. She has been treasurer, a member of the Executive Committee and on the Board of Directors, and has been active on the Finance Committee, Private Practice Section and in the Committee on Chapters. Locally, she was president of the Kentucky Chapter from 1993 to 1994, and was Kentucky delegate for a number of years. She chaired the Peer Review Committee of the Kentucky Chapter and was chairman of the Nominating Committee. Awards and honors include the Section Practice Award from the Private Practice Section, Kentucky Chapter Physical Therapist of the Year and the Robert G Dicus Award. The University of Kentucky has bestowed upon her the Philanthropy Award and inducted her into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

APTA commends Hauser on her years of service to the industry and is pleased to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am honored to be selected as one of the 2012 Lucy Blair Service Award recipients. Thank you to my colleagues who sent letters of support to the selection committee, and especially to Dr. Melanie Gillar for her tremendous efforts in coordinating and preparing my nomination packet. I owe a particular debt of gratitude to my family for enduring—with patience and understanding—my sometimes chaotic attempts throughout the years to maintain the balance between my responsibilities to them, and my commitments to my association and my business. Reflecting back, I am amazed at how my involvement with the Kentucky Chapter, the Private Practice Section, and the APTA Board has given me fulfillment not only in my professional life, but in my personal life as well. Author Mitch Albom once said: “…devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning” and, for me, that “something” has been Physical Therapy.
LYNN JEFFRIES, PT, DPT, PHD, PCS

Lynn Jeffries, PT, DPT, PhD, PCS, demonstrates unrelenting dedication and exceptional service to APTA through her leadership roles in the Section on Pediatrics and the Oklahoma Chapter. Her contributions are valued by her fellow members and have impacted the growth of the association, professional development of therapists, and services to children and families.

Currently Jeffries is the assistant director of clinical education and clinical assistant professor, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and has held numerous academic positions with the University, Lee Mitchner Tolbert Center for Developmental Disabilities. Previously Jeffries was director, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, Langston University, Langston, OK. She was staff physical therapist at Children’s Hospital of Oklahoma and physical therapist for the Child Study Center of Oklahoma City. Jeffries completed the Transition-Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Alabama State University, and holds a PhD, MS and BS from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Jeffries promotes the physical therapy profession and high-quality evidence-based practice, supporting the role of the PT in serving children with special needs and advocating for children and their families. She is a positive physical therapy role model for the larger pediatric health-care and educational community, recognized for her insights, high professional expectations and positive attitude. Throughout her years of service to the PT profession and community, Jeffries has balanced her responsibilities in administration, scholarship and teaching, and has conducted numerous presentations, developed educational products, written book chapters and disseminated peer-reviewed research articles. She consistently goes beyond the call of duty to enable therapists and families to participate in the research process, leading to growth in the quality and quantity of contributions to the PT profession.

Jeffries has served APTA on the Section on Pediatrics as practice chair, regional coordinator, and vice-chair of the early intervention special interest group as well as the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, pediatric council. Active in the Oklahoma Chapter as well, she is presently newsletter editor and delegate to the House of Delegates and served as president from 2004 to 2008, secretary, bylaw chairperson, and representative to the Section on Pediatrics.

APTA congratulates Jeffries on her record of distinguished service and is pleased to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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What a wonderful honor to receive an award recognizing the activities I love to do and in turn, have enriched my life. Serving is part of participating and my involvement with “my other family” has provided me with lifelong friends and memories. My service could not have been possible without the support of numerous colleagues and my family. It is impossible to thank every person who has served with me over the years, but I hope they know how important they have been in my life. Specifically I want to express my sincerest gratitude to Lisa Chiarello, Sally McCoy, Joe Schreiber, Sheree York, Elisa Kennedy, Jeff Jankowski, Peggy Newman, Marti Ferretti, Irene McEwen, and Sandy Arnold for their support of my activities and this nomination.
CAROL ANN COUNTS LIKENS, PT, PhD, MBA

Carol Ann Counts Likens, PT, PhD, MBA, has supported the profession through APTA, the Tennessee Chapter, the Tennessee Board of Occupational and Physical Therapy Examiners, Commission on Physical Therapy Education, and the Physical Therapy students at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.

Presently Chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and program director of the entry-level program, Likens has held a number of other roles at the university. She is also a clinician in the Department’s faculty practice, and owned Associated Therapists of Memphis from 1984 to 1991. Likens earned an MBA from the University of Tennessee-Martin; PhD from the University of Tennessee, Health Science Center; MPA from the University of Memphis; and BS from Baylor University, Waco, TX.

As chairman and program administrator, Likens instills the importance of knowledge, skills and service to physical therapy professionals so the future of the profession will prosper. Likens has served as a commissioner as well as an on-site evaluator for the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education. Her extensive history in research and scholarly includes more than 15 peer-reviewed presentations or publications at the state and national levels.

From mentoring new delegates to lending her calm wisdom to discussions in the Southern Regional Caucus, Likens’s contributions have been significant. Likens is considered an articulate member of the House of Delegates, able to distill the rhetoric and effectively clarify information. She has also served on the APTA Committee on Chapters and Sections, is a member of the Education Section, and Health Policy and Administration Section, serving on the Editorial Board of its publication, Resource. She was presented with Education Section’s “Adopt-a-Doc” award when working on her PhD. She also serves on the Nominating Committee for the Academic Council of APTA. For the Tennessee Chapter, Likens has served as President, Chief Delegate, Finance Committee chair, Legislative Committee chair, Federal Affairs Liaison and District Chair, among others. The highest chapter award, the Carol Likens Award, was named in her honor and presented to her as the first recipient after her 10-year tenure as president.

APTA is pleased to recognize Likens’s commitment to the profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Most of us go into physical therapy with the idea of helping others. Serving the profession has provided me immeasurable learning experiences, not only about physical therapy, but also about myself. Working with patients has helped me learn to be more compassionate and empathetic, and to expand my critical thinking skills by helping solve patients’ problems. Participating in our association and in professional activities has given me the opportunity to develop my organizational and leadership skills.

Through the generosity and flexibility of my friends, colleagues, and students, I have been fortunate enough to be able to take the time to be involved in professional activities. I especially want to thank my family for the unwavering encouragement and support they have provided me throughout my career.
STEPHEN C. McDAVITT, PT, DPT, MS, FAAOMPT

Stephen C. McDavidt, PT, DPT, MS, FAAOMPT, has been an active member of APTA for 35 years, serving the association at the component, section and national levels.

Presently director of program development, Spine Center, Saco Bay Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy, Scarborough, ME, McDavidt was formerly president and clinic director of McDavidt Physical Therapy Group, Portland, ME, and group/clinic director, Physiotherapy Associates, also in Portland. He has held a number of academic roles, including assistant professor, University of St Augustine for Health Sciences, Institute of Physical Therapy, St Augustine, FL. McDavidt received a DPT from MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston; and MS and BS from Boston University, Sargent College.

During his tenure as Practice Committee chair, the profession was being challenged across the country by chiropractors. McDavidt and a colleague developed an advocacy packet to assist those components facing legislative battles for the right of physical therapists to perform spinal and extremity mobilization/manipulation. They assisted 20 states with advocacy efforts to prevent prohibition of physical therapists to perform spinal and extremity mobilization/manipulation. From this visionary effort, the Board of Directors established the Manipulation Task Force, with McDavidt as the first chair. The work performed under his leadership continues to be a valuable resource to components facing legislative adversaries. Many states have successfully utilized the white papers and materials created by this group in advocacy efforts to demonstrate that manipulation is a component of physical therapist practice.

An APTA member since 1976, McDavidt has served as Practice Committee chair for the Orthopaedic Section and as a section delegate, and two terms on the Board of Directors. In 2008, the Orthopaedic Section recognized McDavidt with the section’s highest honor, the Paris Distinguished Service Award. He participated on the Task Forces on Hurricane Relief, Practice Equity Opportunity, Branding, Advisory Panels on Reimbursement and Practice, and liaison assignments to chapters and sections. At the chapter level, he served as chair of the Direct Access Committee through its successful achievement, and on several component committees prior to being elected membership chair for the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology.

APTA is pleased to recognize McDavidt’s many contributions to the profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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GINA MARIA MUSOLINO, PT, MSEd, EdD

Gina Maria Musolino, PT, MSEd, EdD, has provided exceptional service to the association, and multiple chapters and sections. Fostering social responsibility for clinical and academic education, Musolino is a role model and leader in service activities.

Presently, Musolino is associate professor, director of clinical education, and serving on the leadership team for the University of South Florida, Morsani College of Medicine, School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tampa, FL. Musolino has also held academic roles with The University of Utah, College of Health, Department of Physical Therapy; Florida Gulf Coast University, College of Health Professions; and Nova Southeastern University, Health Professions Division, Physical Therapy Department, North Miami Beach and Ft Lauderdale, FL. Musolino received a doctor of education from Nova Southeastern University, Fischer School of Education and Human Services, Programs for Higher Education; MS from Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO; and BS from Washington University, School of Medicine, Program in Physical Therapy.

Musolino has been instrumental in the process of development and implementation of enhanced standards of clinical education and evaluation of both students and clinical instructors. Since becoming an APTA credentialed clinical trainer in 2004, Musolino has conducted more than 35 basic or advanced credentialing programs in 7 states, collaborating with multi-state consortia and numerous chapters within APTA nationwide. In the process, Musolino has educated more than 700 physical therapists and therapist assistants to be more effective educators and learners. Musolino has published extensively and received the Feitelberg Journal Founder’s Award for her publication in the Journal of Physical Therapy Education.

With proven leadership in numerous service activities in support of physical therapist education, Musolino is presently vice president of the Education Section and a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Physical Therapy Education. She has actively planned state, regional and national conference events, serving as chair/member of the Annual Conference Program Planning Committee and Committee for Screening Abstracts, chair/member of the Northwest Intermountain Consortium for Clinical Education, chair/member on the national Honors/Awards Education subcommittee, member Florida Consortium of Clinical Education, Promotion Representative-at-Large for the Education Section, and nominating committee Clinical Education Special Interest Group. Musolino serves the Florida Physical Therapy Association as Board of Director-at-Large and as Florida Delegate and previously as a Florida Assembly Representative. Musolino was instrumental in passing State of Florida legislation for the Temporary Permit for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants and moving forward continuing education credit for clinical education instruction.

APTA is pleased to present Musolino with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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I am truly humbled, and deeply honored as a Lucy Blair recipient. I especially thank my first teachers of service, my parents, the late Dr. Joseph L. Musolino and my wonderful Mother who dedicates herself daily to the challenges of movement; and my five siblings, seven nieces and nephews, you inspire me daily! The numerous patients/clients and professional students, I have had the privilege to serve over the years, one of the most rewarding compensations in my life, to help another. Special thanks to my many educators, providing the important professional foundations, especially Washington University, School of Medicine, Program in Physical Therapy. Thank you to the countless dedicated colleagues that have entrusted to me the incredible opportunities to serve with the American Physical Therapy Association, Education Section, Florida Physical Therapy Association, Florida Consortium of Clinical Education, Northwest Intermountain Consortium of Clinical Education, The University of Utah, and The University of South Florida, Morsani College of Medicine, School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences. I am indebted to the tremendous support and dedication of nation-wide clinical instructors and clinical coordinators of clinical education – keep making a difference! With enormous gratitude to my dear colleagues that nominated me for this award, Drs. Alecia Thiele, PT, DPT, MSEd, ATC, LAT, ACCE; Gail M. Jensen, PT, PhD, FAAPTA; Katherine J. Sullivan, PT, PhD, FAHA; Susan S. Deusinger, PT, PhD, FAAPTA; and Sheila K. Nicholson, PT, Esq, MBA, MA— you have each encouraged me in abundant ways.
LYNN RUDMAN, PT

Lynn Rudman, PT, has made many contributions to the profession and is known for engaging others in service. In doing so, she has helped grow the profession, celebrate her colleagues, and develop the next generation of physical therapy leaders.

Presently development coordinator/database administrator of The Associated/Baltimore Hillels, Rudman has been director of physical therapy for The New Children’s Hospital, Baltimore; physical therapy supervisor for Montebello Rehabilitation Hospital, Baltimore; and staff physical therapist for The Rehab Hospital for Special Services, Mechanicsburg, PA. She holds BS degrees in Physical Therapy and Physical Education, both from the University of Maryland.

Rudman’s history of service leaves a legacy of people who are engaged in the profession because of her efforts. An ambassador who has advanced the Acute Care Section, Maryland Chapter, and APTA as a whole, Rudman has inspired many new memberships and encouraged many professionals, and is a leader who creates more leaders by way of mentoring and affirming those who are emerging in the field. She was instrumental in the rebranding initiatives undertaken by the Acute Care Section. Her prolonged efforts and attention to detail resulted in an improved image and public relations platform that has grown the section’s membership and heightened its visibility. Her contributions were central to the advances that resulted in APTA’s 2011 Outstanding Section Award being presented to the Acute Care Section. For many years, she also has been the face of the section through her service at its booth at National Student Conclave, Annual Conference, and Combined Sections Meeting. She has used every opportunity to reach out to current clinicians as well as to students, both PTs and PTAs, fostering their development and involvement in the profession; her enthusiasm has been infectious. Rudman serves as mentor to the new chair of the membership committee, helping to promote continued section growth and member engagement. Finding joy in celebrating her colleagues, she worked with the president to develop the section’s Lecture Award and served as chair of the section’s 20th Anniversary Celebration at CSM 2012.

In addition to her outstanding service to the Acute Care Section, Rudman has a long history of service to the Maryland Chapter, with important leadership positions ranging from vice president to president to chief delegate, plus service on numerous task forces, committees, and in her local district. As a leadership mentor at the state level, Rudman works with junior volunteers to help them succeed and grow. For many years she organized and participated in the chapter’s annual student conclave, helping to nurture the next generation of PTs and PTAs. She has been both chair and member of the chapter’s nominating committee over the years, encouraging everyone—those who have experience and those who are new to the profession. As chief delegate for 4 years and delegate for over 10 years, Rudman’s quiet wisdom assisted delegates in understanding difficult concepts, breaking down the nuances of motions and bringing the concepts back to a “whole.” She continues to serve the House of Delegates in her current role as a member of the Reference Committee. Nationally, she also served on the Honors & Awards Committee as the Maryland representative on the Practice and Service Subcommittee for the Henry O. and Florence P. Kendall Award.

APTA congratulates Lynn Rudman on her history of service and mentorship and is pleased to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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How remarkable it is to receive an award for doing what I love; I am honored and humbled. I have been blessed with a loving network of family and friends and for that, I am ever grateful. Over the years, I have been privileged to work with many amazing and dynamic colleagues who have made a difference in my life, both through support and by example, and I thank them all. Special thanks go to Carol Zehnacker, Barbara Dillon, Lee Miller, Mary Rodgers, Rick Peret, and execs Wayne Becraft and Lauri Jacobson from the Maryland Chapter; Jim Smith, Sharon Gorman, Jan Nosse, Kathy Harris, Mary Sinnott, and exec Judy Oiler from the Acute Care Section; and to the many dedicated APTA staff members who have given me invaluable assistance along the way. Through it all, my dear friend and colleague Anita Bemis-Dougherty has truly been the wind beneath my wings.
Philip Paul Tygiel, PT, MTC, has been a leader in the PT profession for 4 decades, with service to the profession in evidence at the district, chapter, section and national levels.

Presently in private practice with Tygiel Physical Therapy, he has also served as a consultant for the Fan Kane Research Foundation for Brain Damaged Children and consultant for the University of Arizona, Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine. He received a certificate in physical therapy from New York University, Physical Therapy Program, and BS in Physical Education from Long Island University.

Tygiel established leadership within the PT community in public service for those most in need of rehabilitation services and developed his expertise in orthopedic manual therapy. He served as a consultant to the Fan Kane Research Foundation for Brain Damaged Children in Tucson and as a consultant to St Andrews Crippled Children's Clinic in Nogales, AZ. He guest-lectured at the University of Arizona and served as a consultant in the university’s Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, and was founder and board member of the Southern Arizona Therapy Network. He was the founder and first chairman of the Southern District Orthopedic Study Group and regularly presented to the group on clinical, administrative and regulatory issues affecting orthopedic manual therapy practice. He has mentored and inspired decades of students and colleagues in the establishment and management of private practices in Arizona and across the country. In 1995, he was named Outstanding Physical Therapist of the Year for Arizona by the Physical Therapy Association.

Tygiel has served the Arizona Chapter as Recruitment chair, Public Relations chair, corresponding secretary, delegate, chief delegate and advisor to the House of Delegates, on the Scholarship Committee, Bylaws chair and a number of other leadership positions, including president from 1999-2001. On the national front, Tygiel has served on the Task Group of Physical/Physical therapist Practice Arrangements, Committee on Physical Therapy Practice and the Task Force on Socio-Political Issues Guidelines. He worked on the Clinical Management Editorial Advisory Group and the PT Magazine Editorial Advisory Group. In addition, he has served as a member of the Advisory Panel on Public Relations, Government Affairs Committee and the Private Practice Section Board of Directors. He has been a member of the Orthopaedic Section, Sports Medicine Section, Neurology Section, Pediatric Section, Section on Health Policy and Administration and the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual PT.

APTA is pleased to recognize Tygiel's many contributions to the PT profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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One of the advantages of serving the profession is the blessing of getting to work with, and be mentored by, so many of our great leaders, past and present, the legends of physical therapy. I have been so blessed and I thank them all, far too numerous to name here, for their guidance and encouragement. I also want to thank my colleagues from the Arizona Chapter who, through all these years, inspired me and enabled me to serve. Thanks my family and all of the physical therapists and staff who have worked with me in my practice through the years. Without their support I could not have been as involved as I have been. Lastly, I must thank Peggy Hiller, Linda Duke, Blair Packard, Peter McMenamin, Peter Towne and Carolyn Bloom for the wonderful letters they wrote for my nomination.
DALE AVERS, PT, DPT, PHD

Dale Avers, PT, DPT, PhD, has made contributions of exceptional value to the Association as a whole and the Section on Geriatrics in particular.

Avers is director and associate professor of the Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY. Previously she was a clinician with VanBeveren & Yankowitz Physical Therapy, and graduate program director and associate professor of the Doctor of Science program in geriatrics at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. She earned a PhD from Indiana University, DPT from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions, and MSEd and BHS from the University of Kentucky.

Avers served almost continuously on the Section on Geriatrics’ board of directors from 1981 to 2000 in a variety of leadership roles. Under her leadership, the section formalized its strategic planning process, grew by more than 1,000 members, established a full-time executive office, founded the Geriatric Fund, and established special interest groups to better meet the clinical practice interests and needs of members. Between 2004 and 2008, Avers co-chaired the Exercise Task Force that developed an evidence-based foundation for entry-level professional PT students, Physical Therapists as Exercise Experts with Aging Adults Curriculum Guidelines, a publication that was distributed to all PT professional education programs. She is active in the Retooling for an Aging America Taskforce, which develops surveys to assess the entry-level preparedness of both physical therapist and physical therapist assistant students to work with older adults.

A member of APTA since 1978, Avers’ involvement in the Association has been significant and continuous. On the national level, she was co-chair of the Council of Component Presidents, chair of the Committee on Sections, and a candidate for director. She served as president of the Section on Geriatrics twice, as well as director, vice-chair, secretary, nominating secretary, on the Clinical Residency Task Force, Falls Initiative Steering Committee, and the Retooling for an Aging America Task Force. Other sections that have benefitted from her involvement include Administrative, Private Practice, Orthopaedic, Sports, and the Section on Education. She has held leadership positions in the New York, California, Indiana, and Kentucky chapters as well. Avers has been recognized with the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching from Upstate Medical University; the Section on Geriatrics’ Distinguished Educator award, Dissertation of the Year from the School of Education at Indiana University, and the Anna Tracey Memorial Award, recognizing producers of a communications medium that enhances the image of the elderly.

APTA is pleased to recognize Dale Avers’ contributions to the profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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This award is only possible through the support, encouragement, and love from many friends and colleagues who have cared enough to coach and mentor me. Working with them has been a joy, as is serving this fantastic profession. The Section on Geriatrics holds a special place in my heart, for they have served as a vehicle for my passion for older adults. The past 10 years have been the best, however, because of the unwavering support and caring from my physical therapist husband, partner, and love of my live, Patrick VanBeveren.
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JOANELL A. BOHMERT, PT, MS

Joannel A. Bohmert, PT, MS, has provided continuous years of service and effective leadership on behalf of the association and the profession. Bohmert is recognized by her peers as not only a visionary leader but also a tireless worker; not only an enthusiastic innovator but also a practical implementer; not only a leader by also an effective team member and supporter of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota with a bachelor’s and advanced master’s degrees in physical therapy, she began her career as a public school itinerant physical therapist. She continues today as a full-time clinician in Anoka-Hennepin Schools in Anoka, Minnesota. She was instrumental in eliminating the referral requirement in public schools and has set an example for professional autonomy, leading the way for direct access in all practice settings.

At the component level, Bohmert has been an active member of the Health Policy, Neurology, and Pediatrics sections, and served as director of Region II and as chair of the Practice Committee for the Section on Pediatrics. For the Minnesota Chapter Ms. Bohmert served as president 1994-1998, multiple times as delegate, chair of the Government Affairs Committee, and co-chair or the chapter’s successful statute revision process that resulted in direct access in 1988. She has served as content expert and testifier in support of direct access since the 1980s. For her many contributions to the chapter, she was awarded its highest award, the Corinne Ellingham Outstanding Service Award, and for her tireless grassroots advocacy was recipient of APTA’s State Legislative Award.

At the national level, Bohmert continues to share her expertise as a clinician, her skills as an effective collaborator, and her vision, leadership, and passion for physical therapy. Bohmert was instrumental in the development, education, and revision of the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, serving on the Project Advisory Committee (PAG), PAG liaison to the Musculoskeletal Panel, project editor for Parts One and Two of the second edition, core faculty for APTA Regional Training Workshops, and member of the Guide Revision Focus Group. Elected to the APTA Board of Directors for 2000–2005; 2006-2007 she served as vice president March 2005–June 2006. Contributions include chair of RC 40-01 Task Force on the Future Role of the Physical Therapist Assistant; chair of the Task Force on Branding; participant in the curriculum development for the Advanced Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Program and core faculty member for the “Train the Trainer” program.

Bohmert continues her service on the Steering Committee for the “Physical Therapy and Society Summit (PASS 2009),” the Steering Committee and a presenter for “Creating a Culture of Collaboration: Visualizing Practice Through Research and Research Through Practice (2010),” and the Steering Committee for Physical Therapy, APTA’s official journal.

APTA is pleased to present Joannel A. Bohmert with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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It only takes one person to be the light, the hope, the inspiration for another. To see the gifts and potential that reside yet untapped within. To believe, value, mentor. It only takes one person for another to feel valued, worthy, loved.

It only takes one person, and I have been blessed with many. I owe them for their belief in me, for their faith, for their support along my journey.

This award belongs to them for without them I would not be the person or therapist that I am. You have each individually and collectively inspired me to achieve greatness, not for me, but to benefit others.

The Many include: APTA Board of Directors, MN APTA, APTA staff, my professional family, Anoka-Hennepin Schools, my work colleagues and students, my many mentors, “Joan’s Group,” and mostly my family, the “boys,” and my son. Be a light, inspire, believe.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

JENNIFER M. BOTTOMLEY, PT, MS, PHD

Jennifer M. Bottomley, PT, MS, PhD, has for 40 years in the profession embodied the characteristics of leadership, working on committees, task forces, and behind the scenes to advance the goals and vision of the profession of physical therapy.

Bottomley is an independent geriatric rehabilitation program consultant, advisor, and educator. Previously, she held clinical roles at Sunspectrum of Concord’s Outpatient Division of Sundance Rehabilitation, Hillhaven Corporation, and Cushing Hospital. She has been a faculty member at Harvard Medical School’s Division on Aging and MGH Institute of Health Professions, and has been associated with University Hospital of Boston and Henry Ford Hospital. She holds a PhD in Health Sciences from Union Institute of Cincinnati, PhD in Gerontology from the University of Massachusetts, MS from MGH Institute of Health Professions, and BS from the University of Wisconsin.

Bottomley’s colleagues report that she employs the qualities of listening, awareness, persuasion, and foresight when advocating for APTA to develop the governance department; she played a vital role in the conceptualization of the department itself. In addition, she had the foresight to advocate for APTA to recognize the importance of the profession in Medicare law and regulations. Because of her efforts, APTA made lobbying from the geriatric perspective a priority. Bottomley participates in Lobby Day at the State House, has served as a key contact for the Massachusetts Chapter, and is a key contact for APTA’s Department of Government Affairs as well. As a clinician, she has long recognized the importance and value of providing pro bono services and is active in elder homeless initiatives, including incorporating student physical therapists into the provision of pro bono services, a first for the state of Massachusetts.

A member of APTA since 1971, Bottomley has been involved with the Wisconsin, Michigan, and Massachusetts chapters, and has been active in the Section on Geriatrics since 1986, including as president and vice president. Within her community, she volunteers with free screening for the elderly in low-income housing projects. She has been honored with numerous awards, including the Mary MacDonald Distinguished Service Award, the Section on Geriatrics’ Service Award, APTA’s Recognition & Appreciation Award, the Maley Lectureship, and the Rich Kessler Memorial Award from the Massachusetts Chapter.

APTA is pleased to recognize Jennifer M. Bottomley’s many contributions to the field with the Lucy Blair Service Award.
STEPHEN M. LEVINE, PT, DPT, MSHA

Stephen M. Levine, PT, DPT, MSHA, has dedicated much of his professional life to service to APTA at multiple levels.

Levine is a partner with Fearon & Levine Consulting, a firm focusing on practice management and payment policy in the outpatient rehabilitation setting. He is a development partner for OptimisPT, an end-to-end electronic health record platform designed for the outpatient PT industry, and was owner/administrator of Spine and Sports Rehabilitation Center of Timonium, Maryland. Levine received a DPT from Arizona School for Health Sciences, MSHA from Virginia Commonwealth University, and BS from the University of Maryland.

Levine has always advocated for recognition of the value of clinical contributions of physical therapists to the health-care system. His expertise in reimbursement, coding, billing issues, insurance concerns, and fraud and abuse issues has made him internationally renowned. He was the driving force behind the development of the Maryland Peer Review Certification Program in 1991, which was the first peer-reviewed training program in the country sponsored by a professional association and has since been used as a model for other chapters. As Maryland delegate, and later chief delegate, to the House of Delegates, Levine skillfully analyzed proposed motions and worked hard to improve them. His experience led him to move on to becoming vice speaker and then Speaker of the House.

Active in APTA since the start of his career, Levine represents APTA at the American Medical Association’s Relative Value Update Committee’s Health Care Professional Advisory Committee, where he served from 1992 to 1999, and was appointed again from 2008 to the present. During his tenure, he was responsible for representing APTA in the development of relative values, and therefore payment amounts, for the CPT codes used by physical therapists and billed to the Medicare program. He continues to be at the forefront of this area, now assisting APTA with development of an alternative payment system for physical therapy services under Medicare. He served as Speaker of the House of Delegates from 2002 to 2008 and on the Board for several terms. For the Private Practice Section, he has been involved with the Payor Relations Committee and Task Force on Physical Therapy Reimbursement, to name just a few. On the local level, he has worked on behalf of both the Maryland and Florida chapters.

APTA is pleased to present Stephen M. Levine with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is with gratitude and humility that I accept the Lucy Blair Service Award. Service to one’s chosen profession is both a privilege and a responsibility, and I have experienced these dimensions of service in spades over the past 20 years of Association involvement. The friendships and life-altering experiences that are a direct result of my APTA involvement have taken me down paths that I never could have imagined when I entered the profession. The colleagues and friends who have supported and mentored me have been numerous, and they each know how much they mean to me. But without the love, support, and sacrifice of a dedicated few, my own service would have not been possible. My sincerest gratitude to: Bruce Anderson, Helene Fearon, Jeanine Gunn, Jayne Snyder, Cyndi Zadai, Aimee Klein, Sharon Dunn, Terry Brown, Tom DiAngelis, Connie Hauser, Justin Moore, Gayle Lee, Jim Nugent, Bonnie Polvinale, and Cheryl Robinson.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

MICHAEL ANTHONY PAGLIARULO, PT, MA, EDD, BA, BS

Michael Anthony Pagliarulo, PT, MA, Edd, BA, BS, has shaped the lives of countless physical therapists and PTAs as an educator and advocate for the profession.

Associated since 1980 with the Department of Physical Therapy at Ithaca College, Pagliarulo has held the roles of curriculum coordinator and academic coordinator of clinical education, assistant professor, associate professor, assistant director, and chair, and is currently professor. He was a lecturer at the University of California, San Francisco, and California State University, and a laboratory instructor at Cerritos College of Downey, California. Pagliarulo received an EdD from Syracuse University, MA in physical therapy from the University of Southern California, and BA and biology and BS in physical therapy from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Colleagues consider Pagliarulo’s career to have been dedicated to service. As an instructor, he has tirelessly advanced new concepts, theories, and knowledge for the benefit of not only students, but also faculty, patients, administrators, and policymakers whose decisions affect the path of physical therapist education. Though his active membership in the Section on Education, he has shaped the profession and helped develop high education standards of physical therapy. In his academic roles, he has promoted the importance of being a member of a professional association through words but also by example. His diverse roles in the New York Chapter have ranged from leadership to technology to governance, strategic planning, and member participation.

Pagliarulo has been involved with APTA since 1969, and has served on the Health Policy and Administration and Education sections, as well as a member of the Academic Administrators Special Interest Group of the Education Section. He has been appointed to several committees within APTA and currently serves on the Reference Committee and Steering Committee for the Education Leadership Institute. With the New York Chapter, he is currently on the Task Force on Governance and in the past has served as Speaker of the Assembly, on the Executive Committee, and the Task Force on Strategic Planning, Task Force on Annual Business Meeting, and Technology Task Force, to name just a few. He was involved with the California Chapter as well. Over the course of his career, his accomplishments have been recognized with a host of awards, including the Dorothy E. Baethke-Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Teaching Excellence, the New York Chapter’s Normal Chadwick and Dr Marilyn Moffat Distinguished Service Award, and the Outstanding Service Award.

APTA is proud to recognize Michael Anthony Pagliarulo’s many contributions to his profession and Association with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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My thanks begin with my parents, Anthony and Louise, who taught me the value of a strong work ethic and service to others; my wife, Tricia, for her generosity to others and encouraging me to do my best while maintaining balance in my life; and my 3 children, Michael, David, and Elisa, who taught me to appreciate new and different perspectives. Thanks to visionaries and mentors Helen Hislop and Marilyn Moffat, with whom I had the privilege of working and who showed me the importance of taking bold steps; to my long-standing friendships in California and NY at the district and Chapter levels; my colleagues and students at Ithaca College over three decades; and certainly those who wrote in support of this award: Jim Dunleavy, Marti Ferretti, Meredith Harris, Marilyn Moffat, and Patrick VanBeveren. I have learned and received far more than I have given.
NANCY BERRYMAN REESE, PT, PHD, MSHA

Nancy Berryman Reese, PT, PhD, MSHA, has served APTA in numerous roles at the chapter, section, and national levels.

Presently professor and chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas, Reese also holds an adjunct faculty appointment at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences. She was a physical therapist with Conway Physical Therapy Clinic and Arkansas Rehabilitation Institute. Reese holds a PhD from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, MHSA from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and BS from the University of Central Arkansas.

Reese was a member of the Academic Administrators Special Interest Group Organizing Committee, which came about from a 2007 task force that investigated the feasibility of forming a new organization within APTA to better represent physical therapist education programs. As part of the committee, Reese played a key role in budget and leadership groups; her efforts paid off when the Board of Directors voted to establish the new Academic Council. She currently serves as treasurer of the council and continues to shape the new group, most notably in the development of the budget. As president of the Arkansas Chapter, Reese was instrumental in overturning a law that allowed the Arkansas Chiropractor Board to sue physical therapists for performing “chiropractics,” a huge victory for physical therapists in the State of Arkansas.

A member of APTA since 1980, Reese now serves on the Neurology, Education, and Health Policy & Administration sections. She is also active with the Arkansas Chapter, having served as chapter president and treasurer, president of the Central District, Federal Affairs liaison, chief delegate and Legislative Committee co-chair, and with the Society for Neuroscience. Over the course of her career, Reese has been honored with the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award from the University of Central Arkansas, the Arkansas Chapter’s Distinguished Service Award, and the Joe Finnell Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Central Arkansas.

APTA congratulates Nancy Berryman Reese on her many achievements and is honored to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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What a great experience to receive an award for activities that have enriched my life so much. Nothing is accomplished alone, and there are so many people who have helped me along the way. I’d like to thank those who participated in my nomination: Bill Bandy, Drew Bossen, Susan Appling, Jim Gordon, and Barb Sanders. Your friendship, wisdom, and support mean more than you know. Although I can’t possibly thank each person who has mentored me over the years, I am indebted to all my mentors on the APTA Finance Committee, especially Tim Lyons, Chuck Martin, and Fran Welk; to my colleagues on the Boards of PT PAC, the Education Section, and the Academic Council; and to all who daily challenge me to grow and improve. Finally, I could accomplish nothing without the support of my family, friends, and the amazing faculty and staff at the University of Central Arkansas.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

BOB ROWE, PT, DPT, DMT

Bob Rowe, PT, DPT, DMT, has provided exceptional leadership as chair of the Orthopaedic Section’s Practice Committee and to the Florida Chapter, as well as to the Association as a whole with his involvement on numerous committees and task forces.

Presently director of clinical education, orthopedic residency faculty member, and orthopedic manual physical therapy coordinator and mentor for Brooks Rehabilitation, Rowe also serves as clinical assistant professor at the Department of Athletic Training & Physical Therapy, Brooks College of Health. He is a guest lecturer for the University of Central Florida and University of Florida, and was assistant professor for the Department of Physical Therapy at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. Rowe received his DPT from MGH, doctorate of manual therapy and master of orthopedic manual therapy from the Ola Grimsby Institute, and MHS and BS in physical therapy from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

Rowe has served the profession and Association by providing leadership and direction as well as the highest level of advocacy. In 2001, he was appointed to the Orthopaedic Section's Practice Committee and assumed the vice chair position two years later. In 2004, he was selected as chair, a role he held until 2010. During his tenure as chair, Rowe advised and provided direction on complicated issues affecting the practice of orthopedic physical therapy. His service as the section's delegate to the APTA House of Delegate has resulted in guidance to the board on various motions; Rowe also was involved with the section's Government Affairs and Reimbursement committees due to concerns expressed by the membership regarding third-party payer reimbursement. As a longtime advocate for the development of orthopaedic physical therapy and fellowship programs, Rowe was appointed a member of the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education in 2008. He is currently a member of the Manipulation Task Force and has served as the chair of the Advisory Panel on Practice. With the Florida Chapter, he currently serves as the speaker of the FPTA Assembly as well as a delegate to the APTA House of Delegates. He has also served as the Northern District regional director, and on the Practice and Reimbursement panels for the FPTA. He is president of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists.

APTA is pleased to recognize Bob Rowe’s achievements with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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First and foremost, I would like to thank my family for their unwavering support, their understanding, and most of all their love. Nothing I have accomplished would have been possible without them. Professionally I “grew up” in Louisiana with tremendous role models and mentors like Dave Pariser, David Qualls, Sharon Dunn, Paul Hildreth, and so many others. Steve McDavitt, who has been a colleague, mentor, and friend, taught me how to lead with action rather than words and is responsible for many of the actions I have performed, either by opening the door for me and/or by supporting me at every step.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

WILLIAM D. BANDY, PT, PHD, SCS, ATC

William D. Bandy, PT, PhD, SCS, ATC, has made outstanding contributions to the physical therapy profession in practice, education, and within the association via research, publication, and education, as well as years of service as a dedicated clinician.

Dr Bandy’s record of service to the Arkansas Chapter began when he and his wife Beth assumed the editorship of the newsletter. When he was elected chapter president in 1994, he began an effort that would permanently change the practice of physical therapy in Arkansas. Dr Bandy spearheaded the passage of physical therapy direct access legislation, working tirelessly to personally contact physical therapists and legislators throughout the state and testifying before House and Senate subcommittees. As a member of the Sports Therapy Section, Dr Bandy produced “Athletic Trainer Practice Acts: A Compendium of Practice Related Issues,” a document that formed much of the basis of APTA's “Take Action” packet.

Dr Bandy divides his professional time between clinical and educator roles. A professor at the University of Central Arkansas’ Department of Physical Therapy, he is also a sports physical therapist with Sports Medicine Plus and for Central High School’s men’s and women’s soccer teams, and for the football team at Pulaski Oak Grove High School. He earned his PhD in physical therapy from Texas Women’s University, MA in exercise physiology from Kent State University, and BA in physical therapy from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN.

Over a long and distinguished record of service to APTA, Dr Bandy has held numerous leadership roles at the national level. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 2006, and during his time on the Board served as liaison to the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS), the Product Endorsement Committee, and various local chapters. In his work with PTCAS, Dr Bandy used his experience in physical therapy admissions to assist in the development of a centralized application service for physical therapy.

APTA is pleased to recognize Dr Bandy’s many contributions to the profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to my colleagues that nominated me for this award: Steve Forbush, Chuck Gulas, Tim Lyons, Nancy Reese, and Barb Sanders. Your time and effort in writing letters are greatly appreciated. Your continued friendship is appreciated even more. And I would like to express my gratitude to the great faculty in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Central Arkansas for providing me the generous support I needed to pursue my service activities.
Meryl Roth Gersh, PT, PhD, is recognized for her leadership in standardizing electrotherapy terminology, developing electrotherapy curricular guidelines, conducting evidence-based practice, and her many other contributions to the physical therapy profession at the state, national, and international levels.

Dr. Gersh's service has spanned all levels of the physical therapy profession, from the programs that educate PT students, to practicing physical therapists, to patients served. As a member of APTA's Electrotherapy Curriculum Guidelines Task Force, Dr. Gersh wrote the first set of curriculum guidelines in electrotherapy for the Section in 1994. She worked on subsequent guidelines and served on numerous electrotherapy terminology task forces to develop a comprehensive, consistent set of definitions and explanations for waveforms and clinical applications of electrical currents.

Currently chair-elect of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, Eastern Washington University, Dr. Gersh has been a faculty member in the university's Physical Therapy department since 1985 and was made a full professor in 1996. Previous academic posts have included positions at Emory University and as clinical instructor at Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando, FL. In addition, Dr. Gersh consults with clinicians in the areas of pain management, electrotherapy and electrophysiology, and oncology. Dr. Gersh received her PhD in leadership studies from Gonzaga University, master of medical science from Emory University, and BS in physical therapy from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

An APTA member since 1972, Dr. Gersh has served in the Research, Cardiopulmonary, Education, and Oncology sections, and has made particularly significant contributions to the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management. On the local level, Dr. Gersh has been active in the Washington Chapter since 1980, including being elected as a delegate, at-large representative on the Board of Directors and membership chair for Eastern Washington, as well as coordinator of consumer education tracks at state conferences. Dr. Gersh also volunteers on rehabilitation medicine missions to Chisinau, Moldova with Medical Teams International.

APTA is pleased to recognize Dr. Gersh's outstanding contributions to the physical therapy profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am deeply honored to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award. Service to our patients, our students, our colleagues, and our association is often thought of as “the obligation of being a professional,” but for me, such service has been among the most fulfilling of my life experiences.

Thank you to the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management and the Physical Therapy Association of Washington for providing me with rich opportunities for service and friendship. Sincere gratitude to Susan Chalcraft, Greg Ernst, AJ Robinson, and Byron Russell who wrote eloquent letters of support, and particularly to Dr. Steven Wolf and Dr. Donna El-Din, for lighting the path of service through your inspiring examples. Finally, thank you to my parents, Norma and Keith Roth, who encouraged my entry into a service profession and to my husband, Bob, and children, Andrew and Jill, who have always supported my commitment to my profession and association.
KATHLEEN KLINE MANGIONE, PT, PhD, GCS

Kathleen Kline Mangione, PT, PhD, GCS, has, through her research and academic achievements and dedication to the association, provided ongoing service of exceptional value to APTA and the profession of physical therapy as a whole.

Dr Mangione’s contributions to the profession have included the domains of research, education, and practice. Nationally recognized for her expertise in geriatric physical therapy, her unyielding commitment to providing the science to justify clinical practice has been her hallmark. As a researcher, she has published numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and is a frequent presenter at national meetings.

Dr Mangione is professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at Arcadia University, Glenside, PA. She is an associate fellow at the University of Pennsylvania’s Institute on Aging and has held academic positions in the field at Columbia University, Hunter College, Long Island University, and Tuoro College. Clinical posts have included positions at the Rusk Institute of Rehabilitative Medicine, NYU Medical Center, University of Pennsylvania Health Care Systems, Grandview Hospital, Manor Care Health System, and the Visiting Nurse Service of Manhattan. Dr Mangione earned her PhD in pathokinesiology and MA in gerontology from New York University, and a BS in physical therapy from the University of Delaware.

At the national level, Dr Mangione participated in the development of the first Clinical Research Agenda and was a member of the task force that developed Part IV (Outcomes) of the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice. She was appointed to the Geriatric Specialty Council in 1994, serving as chair in 1997, and to the Advisory Panel on Research. She has been on the editorial board of Physical Therapy since 2002. With unparalleled energy, Dr Mangione has served the Geriatrics Section as interim editor of the Journal of Geriatric Physical Therapy and on the editorial board. Most recently she participated on the planning committees for the Task Force for Exercise, which developed the Certified Exercise Expert for Aging Adult course, and the Physical Activity Conference. She also assisted in creating a request for proposal for the Foundation of Physical Therapy, for “Physical Therapy Exercise Interventions to Promote Mobility in Older Adults With Chronic Conditions.” The Geriatrics Section presented Dr Mangione with the Distinguished Educator Award in 2004.

Congratulations to Dr Mangione for her record of distinguished service. APTA is pleased to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to thank my husband, Carl, who shares my passion for physical therapy and who has supported me in my activities to help improve our profession. I have been fortunate to have many professional mentors through the years, and I would like to most especially thank my mentor and friend Becky Craik for modeling excellence in every aspect of our profession, most notably professional service. Thanks to my colleagues at Arcadia, in the sections on Geriatrics and Research, and in Pennsylvania who will always take time to listen to new ideas and share their thoughts with me. It has my pleasure to serve the profession over the past 25 years.
PEGGY DECELLE NEWMAN, PT, MHR

Peggy DeCelle Newman, PT, MHR, is regarded as a leader, mentor, volunteer, and exceptional therapist by her peers in the physical therapy profession.

As a strong proponent of the physical therapist/physical therapist assistant team, Ms Newman's consistent voice in support of the PT/PTA team has strengthened how the partnership is viewed. As a PTA educator and program director for 11 years, she modeled the quality teamwork needed to serve patients in her home state of Oklahoma, and co-authored “PTA Handbook: Keys to Success in School & Career,” which covers ethical, legal, and education and practice. She helped to establish in the Oklahoma Practice Act Rules and Regulations that every licensed PT and PTA have 3 contact hours of ethics continuing education every 2 years, and she has been involved in teaching this content in entry-level PT and PTA programs and to colleagues locally and nationally.

Ms Newman is director of clinical education and assistant professor at University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. She has also held teaching positions at Oklahoma City Community College. She currently sees patients 2 afternoons a week at Select Physical Therapy in Oklahoma City. She has recently worked as a staff physical therapist at the OU Medical Center and contract physical therapist at Complete Rehab, and has been a clinician for Rehabsource, Moore Medical Center, and Health South Outpatient. Ms Newman earned her BS in physical therapy and MHR in human relations from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

At the chapter level, Ms Newman has held appointed and elected positions, including Oklahoma Chapter president. She encouraged continued membership and worked to meet member needs during challenging times, leading the chapter through several legislative encroachment attempts by chiropractors in the state trying to limit the PT’s ability to perform manipulation, and served as chairperson of the Student Liaison Committee and Founders Award Committee. As vice president, she coordinated the chapter’s 50th anniversary celebration; as a delegate and now chief delegate, she has represented the chapter at APTA House of Delegates meetings. On the national level, Ms Newman has been involved in Section and Association leadership, including election as the PTA Educators Special Interest Group chairperson, and a three-year appointment to the Advisory Panel on Public Relations.

APTA is pleased to recognize Ms Newman’s efforts on behalf of PT/PTA teamwork and the profession as a whole with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WOW!! I am so thrilled to be receiving this prestigious honor! As those who know me realize, I love this profession. The various projects and offices I’ve been involved with over the years have stemmed from issues I cared deeply about—became passionate about—and/or jobs that needed to be done to help make PT “better” in the long run. There’s a quote I love from an anonymous author that says: “Find a job you love—you’ll never have to work a day in your life.

It is so cool to receive an honor for doing what I love! I am so blessed to live and work in Oklahoma (and be in the MW Caucus and the Central ACCE Consortium) among such great friends! Many thanks to Lynn Jeffries, Jeff Jankowski, Marti Farrett, Janie Taylor, Nancy Davis, and Becky McKnight for making this happen for me. Additionally, I thank my extended family Ken Randall and Cyndy Robinson and Luiise Lynch, Bill Elam, and Mark Anderson for being role model faculty to start my career on the right track!

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Thank you all for your support. God Bless.
WILLIAM H. O’GRADY, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, DAAPM

William H. O’Grady, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, DAAPM, has made continuous efforts to provide evidence-based orthopedic education programs to physical therapists nationally and internationally, and to further and enhance the process used for the Orthopaedic Specialty Examination.

For the past decade, Dr O’Grady has served the Orthopaedic Section with distinction. He has lent his talents to develop and enhance the process used for Orthopaedic Specialty Certification, in addition to the promotion and development of orthopedic residency and fellowship programs. He was one of the original item writers and a subject matter expert during the initial development of the OCS examination. Once the examination was implemented, Dr O’Grady was again asked to help, this time developing the portfolio template for the re-certification process while serving as chair of the Orthopedic Specialty Council. In addition, Dr O’Grady was a member of the committee that developed the new Description of Advanced Clinical Practice for Orthopaedics. In 2005, he was elected to the Board of Directors, wherein he used his military administrative experience to help the section develop long-range strategic plans. Dr O’Grady has provided the section with valuable assistance regarding the oversight and operation of the section’s building and land holdings.

A veteran of the Army Medical Specialist Corps who retired as a full colonel, Dr O’Grady was president and CEO, as well as a consultant and clinician, for Olympic Sports and Spine Rehabilitation. He served as consultant to the Veteran’s Administration Back Clinic and to the Office of the Surgeon General, US Army, where he treated patients at the 50th General Hospital (USAR) in Fort Lawton, WA; Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA; and Cutler Army Hospital in Ayer, MA. He has been actively teaching as a clinical instructor since 1974 at 9 universities and the US Army, and authored 12 peer-reviewed publications with emphasis on the examination and treatment of lumbar instabilities. Dr O’Grady received his DPT from the University of St Augustine School of Health Sciences, MA in adaptive physical education from the University of Southern California, and BS in physical therapy from California State University. He recently was honored as being the first Life Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists.

APTA is pleased to recognize Dr O’Grady’s distinguished professional and volunteer service with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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I am truly humbled and honored to receive such a prestigious award. To be honored by your peers is such an exceptional thing. I have long had a great zeal and desire to promote our profession and to be part of APTA as I have for the last 40 years. I wish to thank people like A. J. Nielson, an old professor of mine who served as my inspiration and got me excited about the field of physical therapy. I also would like to thank Bob Rowe, Tom McPoil, Joe Farrell, Alexa Dobbs, Ann Porter Hoke, and the many others whose encouragement and help got me this award. Finally, I would like to thank my wife, Patty, for standing by me and supporting me through most of my career and being my number one fan. I more than once considered going back to med school. I am glad I stuck with this profession as it has brought me untold joy and gratification, and it has allowed me to enjoy a lifetime of friends in the field.
Guy G. Simoneau, PT, PhD, has demonstrated professional commitment to the physical therapy profession through his work as an instructor, researcher, and editor-in-chief of the Journal of Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy (JOSPT).

Possessing a strong research record in orthopedics and ergonomics, Dr Simoneau in 2001 accepted the challenge of leading JOSPT into the new century. Observing the changes in technology that were taking place at the time, Dr Simoneau saw potential in JOSPT to have a tremendous impact on and be a greater resource to the physical therapy profession than ever before. Under his leadership, the number of articles published each year has increased steadily, as has the circulation of JOSPT. Additionally, Dr Simoneau has worked to develop an interactive Web site that includes state-of-the-art, easy-to-access features, such as online clinical practice videos.

Dr Simoneau is a professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at Marquette University where he teaches the orthopedic content of the curriculum. He has been a visiting faculty at Griffith University Gold Coast in Australia and the University of Western Australia, and has consulted for a number of clinics, including the Work Injury Care Center in Glendale, WI, and Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee, WI. Dr Simoneau received a PhD in exercise and sport science from the Pennsylvania State University Center for Locomotion Studies, an MS in physical education from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, and a BS in physical therapy from the University of Montreal in Canada.

A member of the Orthopaedic Section’s task force for the development of a new Research Agenda, Dr Simoneau has also served the association on the Sports Physical Therapy Section Nominating Committee. He was awarded excellence in teaching awards from the Orthopaedic Section in 2000 and Sports Physical Therapy Section in 1998.

In recognition for outstanding dedication and service to JOSPT and the profession as whole, APTA is pleased to present Dr Simoneau with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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I am greatly honored to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award. I extend my gratitude to my colleagues at Marquette University for their support, especially Dr Pan, director of the Department of Physical Therapy, who has encouraged the pursuit of my many professional interests over the years. In particular, this honor is reflective of the efforts of countless dedicated individuals who have worked with me on JOSPT over the last 8 years. I would like to specifically acknowledge the contributions of the associate editors, the staff in the JOSPT office, and the members of the JOSPT Board of Directors, who have supported new ideas and initiatives for the journal. A special thanks to Tab Blackburn, David Greathouse, Jay Irrgang, Barbara Norton, and Kevin Wilk, who contributed letters to my nomination. And, finally, none of this is possible without the unending support of my wife, Susan.
MARILYN M. SWYGERT, PT, MHS

Marilyn M. Swygert, PT, MHS, was actively involved in landmark legislation for the PT profession, and instrumental in a successful reorganization of the PT-PAC and PPS board.

Ms Swygert's service to the profession directly resulted in the elimination of physician-owned physical therapy services (POPTS) in South Carolina, which put an end to financial gain in return for referrals. During her tenure as member and chair of the Legislative Committee, Ms Swygert helped achieve passage of the South Carolina Physical Therapy Practice Act. Once the act passed, Ms Swygert continued to lobby the chapter to move forward in enforcement efforts, including service on the South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, the group that defended the POPTS prohibition through the courts.

Currently president of Charleston Physical Therapy, Ms Swygert's experience includes posts at Roper Hospital in Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina Hospital. She held teaching positions with Trident Technical College and the Medical University of South Carolina Physical Therapy School. Ms Swygert earned her MHS from the Medical University of South Carolina and BS in physical therapy from the Medical College of Georgia.

Since 1982, Ms Swygert has been active in APTA on the national and local levels. She has served on the Health Policy, Legislation, and Regulation Section, Women's Health Section, Geriatrics Section, Orthopaedic Section, and the Section for Pediatrics. Other roles within APTA have included PT-PAC chair and trustee, federal liaison for the Private Practice Section, and participation on the advisory panels on Reimbursement Policy and Planning. With the South Carolina Chapter, Ms Swygert was president, vice president, chief delegate, federal government affairs liaison, and chairperson of the Legislative Committee, and presently serves as co-chair of the Reimbursement Committee and on the Legislative Committee.

In recognition of her work in changing legislation for the betterment of the profession, APTA is pleased to honor Ms Swygert with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am humbled and honored to be selected for the Lucy Blair Service Award. I would like to thank my family and my colleagues at Charleston Physical Therapy for their encouragement and their allowance of time away to serve my profession. It has been the inspiration of each and every one of my mentors, too many to name individually, that has gifted me with so many valuable lessons about dedication, service, and integrity. Their encouragement has always challenged me to strive for higher goals.

It has been my honor to serve in this organization. The accomplishments that we have made in the area of direct access and referral for profit have certainly been the efforts of a team of outstanding members. I have gained knowledge from each and every one of you in the importance of perseverance and determination. The lifelong relationships I have made through serving this organization has been a reward in itself.
PAMELA G. UNGER, PT, CWS

Pamela G. Unger, PT, CWS, has been steadfast in educating physical therapists and entry-level students in the area of wound management. As a guest lecturer in 13 education programs, a member of the Integumentary Panel in the development of the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, and a faculty trainer, her work has made an impact on thousands of students.

Considered a pioneer in the practice of using physical agents in the management of wounds, Ms. Unger began her efforts to recognize physical therapists as providers of wound management services in 1989, when she worked with APTA on denials related to electrical stimulation for wound care. This 13-year project included visits to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, hearings, and testimony that eventually resulted in physical therapists being reimbursed for wound management. She worked closely with a small group in developing the Wound Management Special Interest Group, eventually taking on the group's presidency. Continuing that direction with the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology, Ms. Unger and her group identified and proved the need to add wound care management into the section, established financial benefit, then demonstrated how the three arms of the section could work together for a common good. Ms. Unger also served for 12 years as APTA's liaison to The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel, educating the medical field of the role PTs play in pressure ulcers.

Owner of Unger Physical Therapy in Kutztown, PA, Ms. Unger also serves as vice president of clinical research and reimbursement for Celleration Inc. Past posts include a partnership in the Center for Advanced Wound Care, consultant for Topton Home Health Services of Topton PA, consultant for Reading-Berks Physical Therapy, and director of utilization review for Allegheny & Chesapeake Physical Therapists Inc of Ebensburg, PA. Ms. Unger received her BS in physical therapy from the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to her work with the Wound Management Special Interest Group, Ms Unger serves APTA through longtime involvement in the Pennsylvania Chapter, including acting as the chair of the Continuing Education Committee, president, and vice president, and she represented the chapter 11 times in the APTA House of Delegates. The Pennsylvania Chapter has recognized her with the PPTA Service Award and Carlin-Michels Achievement Award, and she has presented APTA's John H. Maley Lectureship.

APTA is pleased to recognize Ms. Unger's many accomplishments and contributions to the profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to all of my colleagues in the Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management Section, the Pennsylvania Chapter members, the original integumentary panel members, and my wound care colleagues across the country. Every one of you has truly contributed to this honor whether through mentorship, team work, or association activities. To my employers, Allegheny & Chesapeake, Reading-Berks PT, and St Joseph Medical Center, for encouraging and supporting my involvement in APTA. And to my physician colleagues who challenge, educate, and consult me.

Thank you to APTA staff, particularly those in reimbursement and government affairs. Your support, encouragement, and confidence have largely contributed to my award. The significance is the change in payment and policy to further the practice of wound management for physical therapists.

Last, the BIGGEST THANK YOU to my family—Mom and Dad for teaching me to reach higher, and Jeff, Stephanie, and Jeremy for sharing me with this great profession.
MELANIE A GILLAR, PT, DPT, MA

Melanie A Gillar, PT, DPT, MA, has made unselfish and sustained contributions to the New York Chapter, which have resulted in process and product that have become part of the chapter’s history and daily workings.

President of Gillar Physical Therapy since 2003, Dr Gillar worked previously at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center as rehabilitation coordinator/senior physical therapist for the hospital’s home health agency, physical therapy manager, and assistant chief physical therapist/clinical coordinator. In addition, she was a staff physical therapist at the John F Kennedy Medical Center’s Robert Wood Johnson Jr Rehabilitation Institute in Edison, NJ. Dr Gillar earned a BS in physical therapy from The University of Connecticut, an MA in applied physiology from Columbia University, and a DPT from MGH Institute of Health Professions.

A founding member of the New York Physical Therapy Academic Coordinators of Clinical Education Special Interest Group, Dr Gillar has contributed as a clinical educator, mentor, and facilitator, making an impact on students who in turn become her colleagues. In recognition of persevering service and inspirational passion for the profession, Dr Gillar has been recognized by her New York Chapter colleagues 10 times with various awards, including the Outstanding Service Award, Certificate of Appreciation, Outstanding Service to the Greater New York District Award, and the District’s Certificate of Appreciation. As a clinical educator, she has served as a mentor and facilitator to countless PT students.

For 18 years she served as a delegate to the House of Delegates, including as chief delegate. At the national level, she was elected to the APTA Nominating Committee and was a member of the Advisory Panel on Practice. When illness prevented Dr Gillar from attending the House meeting in 2001, she still worked tirelessly to prepare members of her delegation to fulfill her responsibilities in her absence.

For handling challenging situations with aplomb and grace, and always seeking the best resolution for the betterment of the profession, APTA is proud to present Dr Gillar with the Lucy Blair Service Award.
KATHERINE S (BIGGS) HARRIS, PT, MS

Katherine S (Biggs) Harris, PT, MS, has had a significant impact on physical therapy practice via her extensive involvement with the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice as an integumentary practice expert panel member, and subsequent educational outreach efforts to promote adoption of the guide in clinical practice.

Ms Harris is assistant professor in physical therapy at Quinnipiac University, where she teaches applied pharmacology, pathophysiology, differential diagnosis, and professional issues. Concurrently she is a per diem physical therapist at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Previously, she was adjunct professor in the Program of Physical Therapy at the University of Hartford and Shenandoah University. Past clinical roles have included posts at Yale-New Haven as supervisor of rehabilitation services, clinical level III therapist, and senior staff therapist. She earned a BS in physical therapy from Russell Sage College, MS in research, measurement, and quantitative analysis from Southern Connecticut State University, and is currently pursuing a PhD in physical therapy with a focus on education and research at Nova Southeastern University.

Along with other APTA representatives, Ms Harris made six Guide to Physical Therapist Practice presentations to member audiences nationwide between 1998 and 2000. In addition to her crucial role with the Guide, Ms Harris has served the profession in leadership roles at both the national and component level. For APTA, Ms Harris participated on the Education Leadership Institute, the Panel on Practice and the Committee on Chapters and Sections. The Connecticut Chapter has benefited from her roles as federal affairs liaison, director, delegate, and president. Ms Harris is currently chief delegate for the Connecticut Chapter. A colleague notes that her heavy involvement in national matters never diminished her work and commitment to her local chapter. Ms Harris has also served the American Burn Association and served as a volunteer medical director and staff at the Connecticut Burns Care Foundation Summer Camp.

APTA is pleased to present Ms Harris with the Lucy Blair Service Award in recognition of her dedication to national and local issues, in particular the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice.
Peter V Loubert, PT, PhD, has been a primary force in efforts over several years to craft and pass new legislation that will provide direct access to physical therapist services in Michigan and licensing of PTAs.

Dr Loubert is a Central Michigan University professor of physical therapy and physical therapy research director for the School of Rehabilitation and Medical Sciences. In addition, he serves as a clinical supervisor at the university’s Hands for Health pro bono clinic. Prior to his posts at Central Michigan, he held a number of roles at the University of Michigan, including interim director of physical therapy, assistant professor of physical therapy, associate director for research, and Department of Kinesiology instructor. For the Institute of Physical Therapy, he spent 10 years as a consultant and continuing education instructor. Other clinical experience includes the University of Michigan Department of Athletics and Student Health Service, and Braintree (MA) Hospital Sports Medicine Clinic. Dr Loubert holds a BS in physical therapy, MS in anatomy, and PhD in anatomy and cell biology, all from the University of Michigan.

Despite a challenging legislative environment in Michigan, Dr Loubert has been steadfast in working with numerous constituencies to develop, negotiate, and attempt to enact legislation. Thanks to the efforts of Dr Loubert and his colleagues, the Michigan State Senate recently gave its unanimous support for the Michigan Chapter’s PTA licensing bill. He has energized members, patients, and students to rally around these efforts and become active in the political and legislative process in the service of the profession and its patients. Dr Loubert has spent 25 years in service to the Michigan Chapter, including 4 years as chapter president. He has also served as trustee, treasurer, vice president, and president of the MPTA Institute for Education and Research.

A longtime member of APTA’s Orthopaedic Section, Sports Physical Therapy Section, Education Section, and the Section on Research, Dr Loubert’s research acumen and scholarly work in the area of biomechanics and clinical orthopedics led to invitations to serve as a manuscript reviewer for several journals, including Physical Therapy. He was named to the Board of Directors of the Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy (JOSPT) and served 3 years as its president. Further testament to his contributions are the President’s Award from the Sports Physical Therapy Section and a Recognition Award from JOSPT in 2005.

APTA congratulates Dr Loubert on his many achievements leading to the Lucy Blair Service Award.
Timothy J Lyons, PT, is honored for his vast knowledge of fiscal management, his dedication to his profession, and his leadership in managing the finances as treasurer of APTA.

President of ABC Consulting LLC, Mr Lyons consults in accreditation preparation to meet quality standards for JCAHO, CARF, and Medicare, plus provides billing services and regulatory compliance services. In addition, he serves as adjunct faculty for both the University of Central Arkansas’ and Texas State University’s Physical Therapy programs. For Medical City Dallas Hospital, he was responsible for overall operations and growth of the Orthopaedic Neurological Rehabilitation Product line, including ethical/regulatory and billing compliance. Prior to that, he was director of rehabilitation services for Columbia Medical Center in Lewisville, TX. He holds a BS in physical therapy from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Mr Lyons performed the role of APTA treasurer with dedication, skill, and generosity. During his tenure, he took on the complex problem of the Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) contract; by listening to concerns of section leaders and educating them regarding the financial processes associated with CSM, he was instrumental in resolving a long-term problem between the sections and the national association. He has made himself available to colleagues in need of his expertise and willingly mentors them on fiscal matters. For example, when another local chapter experienced problems with the finances of one of its districts, Mr Lyons met in person with the chapter president, arriving prepared with both chapter bylaws and state tax laws. He then worked with the president to map out a plan to solve the dilemma and keep the district within the chapter.

In addition to his distinguished service as APTA treasurer, Mr Lyons has served on the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, Finance Committee, and Reimbursement Committee, as well as treasurer of the Foundation for Physical Therapy. He has taken on similar roles at the local level, including the Texas Chapter and the Texas Physical Therapy Education and Research Foundation.

In recognition of his outstanding financial service to both the Association and the profession, APTA proudly presents the Lucy Blair Service Award to Timothy Lyons.
David M Morris, PT, PhD has played a significant role in the origin and evolution of the Aquatics Section, as well as enhancing the visibility of physical therapy in Alabama via his work with the Alabama Chapter.

Dr Morris has been associate professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham’s Department of Physical Therapy since 1991. His clinical experience includes posts at Birmingham’s Pain Rehabilitation Center as senior physical therapist, supervisor of education, and staff physical therapist. Dr Morris holds a BS in physical therapy from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; a MS in physical therapy education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and a PhD in health education/promotion, also from the University of Alabama.

While serving as secretary of the Charter Executive Committee of the Aquatic Section, Dr Morris was instrumental in creating bylaws and developing the original Policy and Procedures Manual. He willingly accepted the responsibility of serving as the first editor of the Aquatic Section’s newsletter, “Waterlines.” His responsibilities grew as he took on the task of serving as the first editor of the Journal of Aquatic Physical Therapy from 1992 to 1996, and at present is a member of the Editorial Board. Dr Morris’s groundwork on these publications has given the section membership and other aquatic practitioners access to reputable and up-to-date information on a regular basis. Early in the history of the Aquatic Section, its members recognized the necessity of an education program for PTs and PTAs about water safety. Once the decision was made to develop such a program, Dr Morris served on the committee to develop Water Safety Plus for Therapy Professionals a water safety- and risk-management certification program. In addition to his continued involvement in the Aquatic Section, Dr Morris has chaired several task forces and committees and served 3 terms as vice president of the Alabama Chapter. He currently is serving his second term as president of the Alabama Chapter.

For his contributions to both the Aquatic Section and Alabama Chapter, APTA is pleased to present Dr Morris with the Lucy Blair Service Award.
JANET MAINES PETERSON, PT, DPT

Janet Maines Peterson, PT, DPT, is a strong advocate for the components of Vision 2020, the Core Values of the Profession, and for the rights of consumers. She is dedicated to improving the future of physical therapy, with a particular passion for developing both individuals and the profession itself.

Dr Peterson has had her own business, JP Ergonomics, since 1998. She holds a DPT from Temple University, a master’s degree in physical therapy from Stanford, and a BA in human biology, also from Stanford.

Communication and change have been the hallmarks of Dr Peterson’s leadership style, at both the local and national levels. An active APTA member since 1976, she has served as chief delegate and on the Physical Therapy Association of Washington (PTWA) Board of Directors, including the chapter presidency. As president, she mandated annual performance appraisals for the executive director and office staff in order to improve staff performance and help achieve the organization’s mission. She was part of the restructure planning of PTWA and led the battle to update the group’s practice act, participating in negotiations with the many stakeholder groups that came out of the woodwork to oppose the legislation. Dr Peterson is known as a change agent in her work for APTA and PTWA, taking physical therapists and students to Olympia to educate legislators about issues of importance to the profession, as well as mentoring and encouraging future physical therapists with regard to service and education. In 1995 she was recognized with the WPTA Distinguished Service Award and in 2003 as Physical Therapist of the Year.

During Dr Peterson’s tenure on APTA’s Board of Directors from 2003 to 2008, she was instrumental in strengthening the communication and support from board members to chapter and section leadership. She also was part of the Branding Task Force.

APTA congratulates Dr Peterson on her service to the profession at the local and national levels, and is pleased to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.
R. M. BARNEY POOLE, PT, DPT, MED

R. M. Barney Poole, PT, DPT, MEd, has made himself available as an educator, clinician, and volunteer to his colleagues, patients, and community throughout his career. This accessibility has been a hallmark of his role in the physical therapy profession.

Dr. Poole is president and owner of Performance Physical Therapy PC of Stockbridge, GA, an outpatient orthopedic physical therapy private practice. Prior to that, he was physical therapist/corporate director of the Atlanta Division of the Human Performance and Rehabilitation Center, associate professor of anatomy-physiology at Columbus State University, and a teacher, athletic trainer, and coach at Glenwood High School in Phenix City, AL. He earned a BS in physical therapy from Georgia State University, BS in biology from Columbus State, MEd in secondary education in biology, also from Columbus State, and most recently earned his DPT from Alabama State University.

A Georgia Chapter member for 26 years, he has served the chapter as president, vice president, parliamentarian, chief delegate, and delegate. In 2001, he was elected vice speaker of the APTA House of Delegates and served two terms, during which time he was instrumental in designing and implementing the Local Area Network (LAN) system used to track and expedite House business during floor discussion of motions; this has improved the flow of business during House sessions. As chair of the APTA Task Force on Public Awareness and Public Relations, Dr. Poole provided active mentoring to his constituency, keeping them informed of APTA services available to chapters and components. As a clinical teacher and faculty member, Dr. Poole serves on the advisory committees of Georgia State University and Chattahoochee Technical College and participates actively in the support and education of PT and PTA students. In addition, he is known as an educator for physicians, helping them assess musculoskeletal injuries and appropriately refer patients to physical therapy. His reputation with physicians, especially orthopedic surgeons, was a major factor in the Georgia Chapter’s success in 2006 with HB 801 that led to the first legislative inclusion of direct access in the physical therapy practice act in Georgia.

APTA congratulates Dr. Poole on his years of distinguished service—to those both inside and outside of the profession—and is pleased to present him with the Lucy Blair Service Award.
Sheree Kay Chapman York, PT, MS, PCS, was instrumental in developing the International Organization of Physical Therapists in Pediatrics, an organization fostering cohesive, in-depth exchange of education and practice perspectives to influence the care of children and families worldwide.

Currently director of the Physical and Occupational Therapy Department and Early Intervention Program at Children’s Health System (Birmingham, AL), Ms York has worked in pediatric physical therapy for virtually all of her career. Past positions include pediatric physical therapist for Science Applications International Corp, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham’s Division of Physical Therapy, where she served as coordinator of the pediatric faculty practice. Ms York is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (BS and MS, physical therapy) and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (MCH pediatric post-graduate fellowship), and is now a DPT candidate at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professionals.

Ms York was extremely effective in providing supportive leadership for the highly diverse international pediatrics organization within the World Confederation for Physical Therapy. On the national level, Ms York has a long history of service to the Section on Pediatrics, including cohesive strategic planning, increased membership, expanded special interest groups, enhanced educational opportunities, and financial security, and is currently in her second term as president. In 2008, APTA recognized the Section on Pediatrics with the Outstanding Component Award and Outstanding Component Financial Award, thanks largely to Ms York’s influence. For the Alabama Chapter, Ms York has served as president, legislative chair, Direct Access Task Force chair, Practice Committee co-chair, chief delegate, and Payment and Policy Committee member. Outside of APTA, Ms York volunteers teaching pediatric physical therapy topics in the School of Nursing and School of Physical Therapy at the University of Alabama. The university has recognized her contributions with the Distinguished Alumni Award, Alumni Leadership Award, and as 2007 keynote speaker at the hooding ceremony of DPT graduates.

APTA salutes Ms York’s influence in international, national, and local PT initiatives with the Lucy Blair Service Award.
KATHERINE J. SULLIVAN, PT, PhD, FAHA

Katherine J. Sullivan, PT, PhD, FAHA, is recognized for her leadership, mentorship, and enthusiasm related to academic physical therapy education. She is passionate about guiding students to become active learners. Together, her academic, research, and professional accomplishments serve as a model for both current and future physical therapists.

As an academician in the neuromuscular curriculum of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the University of Southern California, Dr Sullivan is driven by two critical goals. She hopes to inspire students to appreciate that the knowledge gained in her classroom will have relevance to patients seen in the clinic, and she hopes to link difficult concepts in neuroscience to the care her students will provide as physical therapists. This month she was selected by USC’s office of the provost as a Faculty Fellow of the Center for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr Sullivan joined USC’s faculty as a full-time assistant professor in 2001 and was named associate professor in 2007. She was the first director of the USC–Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center Residency in Neurological Physical Therapy, serving from 2001 to 2005. Past residents comment on her dedication to the profession and her willingness to share her vast clinical experience and enthusiasm. She is known to challenge the residents to integrate what they know with what their patients seek. Residents consistently comment on her ability to help them build a strong clinical foundation on which to continue to develop their clinical reasoning skills.

After 14 years of practice in neurorehabilitation, Dr Sullivan returned to graduate school with the hope of conducting clinical research that would advance physical therapy practice. She is most pleased by the several rehabilitation research writing awards she has received that have been co-authored by graduate students she has mentored. As an investigator with PTClinResNet, funded by the Foundation for Physical Therapy, and one of the co-principle investigators on the NIH-funded RCT Locomotor Experience Applied Post Stroke (LEAPS), she has provided clinical research experience to over 30 physical therapists and physical therapy students.

Currently president of the Neurology Section, Dr Sullivan has led the section in its mission to advance neurorehabilitation through education, research, and advocacy. She is a recipient of the Lucy Blair Service Award, Distinguished Physical Therapy Alumna of Marquette University, and Fellow of the American Heart Association and Stroke Council for her efforts in improving the care of patients with stroke.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

BABETTE SANDERS, PT, DPT, MS, FAPTA

Babette Sanders, PT, DPT, MS, FAPTA, for the past 42 years has made broad-reaching contributions to physical therapy through being a change agent for advancing physical therapist education.

Presently Associate Professor and Assistant Chair, Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Dr Sanders also served as Visiting Assistant Professor for the Program in Physical Therapy at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Hospital staff appointments dating back to 1972 include clinical and managerial roles at Evanston Hospital, Evanston, IL; Physical Therapy, Ltd., Chicago; Rehabilitation Systems of Illinois, Ltd.; and Cook County Hospital, Chicago. Dr Sanders holds a DPT in Physical Therapy from Simmons College, Boston; MS in Physical Therapy from Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY; and BS in Physical Therapy from the State University of New York-Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY.

Throughout her career, Dr Sanders has demonstrated a consistent commitment to the PT profession via being a positive change agent for advancing PT education. A Northwestern University faculty member for 23 years, she has served in educational leadership roles and facilitated curricular changes that resulted in a terminal Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in 2003 and refinement of the DPT program in 2009.

In addition to holding visionary and leadership roles in the entry-level professional doctorate program, Dr Sanders has served as past chair of the Feinberg School of Medicine Faculty Council and presently as chair of the university-wide Faculty Senate. She was the first physical therapist appointed to the Illinois State Board of Health. Dr Sanders has also played an instrumental role in developing the Normative Model and the Clinical Performance Instrument, and she has served as a CAPTE On-Site evaluator, as a commissioner, and as chair of the commission. Her commitment to research has entailed exploring the development of professionalism, investigating issues affecting the education of PT students, and health-policy issues.

Widely known for her 12 years of APTA service on the Board of Directors, including seven years on the Executive Committee, as well as currently serving on the APTA Nominating Committee, Dr Sanders has been awarded the Lucy Blair Service Award, Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award, and the Outstanding Physical Therapist Award from the Illinois Chapter. As a symbol of her legacy in the state of Illinois, the Babette Sanders Leadership and Service Award was established in 2010.
RITA WONG, PT, EDD

Rita Wong, PT, EdD, demonstrates excellence in the domain of education, which carries over to the realms of advocacy, practice and research.

Wong currently serves as professor of physical therapy and department chair for Marymount University’s Department of Physical Therapy in Arlington, VA. Previously, she held a number of academic posts at the University of Connecticut, School of Allied Health Professions Program in Physical Therapy in Storrs, CT. Wong earned her EdD from Clark University, Worcester, MA; MS in physical therapy from Boston University, Sargent College of Allied Health Professions, Boston; and BS in physical therapy from Northeastern University, Boston.

Wong began her academic career as a clinical instructor. During that time, she was a founding member of the Boston-area clinical education consortium, an early precursor to the New England Clinical Education Consortium. From these early experiences with education to her current role as chair of the physical therapy program at Marymount University, Wong has stood for innovation, excellence and evidence in her educational opportunities. As founding chair of Marymount’s PT program, Wong developed a new curriculum and implemented an innovative instructional method: a hybrid model that provided both traditional classroom teaching and PBL tutorials, as well as exposure to frequent “real life” clinical experiences. Wong was one of three ‘founding members’ of the first Geriatric Specialty Council of the APTA, bringing to reality the concept of board certified specialty practice in geriatrics. She also served on several residency taskforces and committees that brought the process of post-professional residency training in physical therapy into reality. Most recently, Wong serves as one of nine mentors for the APTA’s inaugural Educational Leadership Institute (ELI). In addition, Wong was an early adopter of the concepts of evidence-based practice, and has spent much of the last dozen years developing the evidence-based practice component at Marymount. She also teaches “Critical Assessment and Application of Best Evidence” to physical therapists transitioning to the DPT.

Wong has served APTA in leadership positions at the local, section, component, and national levels. An APTA member since 1971, she has been a member of the Research, Education, Geriatrics, Orthopaedic and Clinical Electrophysiology sections. In addition, she has been active in the Virginia, Massachusetts, and New York chapters, as well as the Gerontological Society of America.
LUCY BLAIR SERVICE AWARD

BARBARA MELZER, PT, DPT, PHD, FAPTA

Barbara Melzer, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA, (deceased 2013) was a clinician and educator for 38 years who held numerous national and state positions within APTA. Melzer served on APTA's Board of Directors as director (1987-1992) and secretary (1992-1995), and on the Executive Committee (1991-1995). She also was a member of the Nominating Committee (2003-2006), serving as chair for 1 year (2005-2006). Most recently, she was member of APTA's House of Delegates (2007-2013).

A member of the Education Section since 1976, Melzer served in numerous roles, including vice president (2000-2004). She was a coeditor of A Normative Model of Physical Therapist Professional Education, Version 2000. In 2003, Melzer was named a Catherine Worthingham Fellow, APTA's highest honor.

She also held many positions at the state level. She served as president of the Texas Chapter (1983-1984) and as chief delegate (2000-2003). She was a member of a variety of chapter committees, including conference planning, bylaws, and educational affairs.

Melzer was professor at Texas State University and director of clinical education. She represented the School of Health Professions on the Faculty Senate and was a multiple winner of the Texas State University Presidential Award for Service.
Helen J Hislop, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Helen J Hislop, PT, PhD, FAPTA, retired in June 1998 after serving thirty years as the Professor and Chair of the Department of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy at the University of Southern California. Dr Hislop received her undergraduate education at Central College and her certificate in physical therapy and master’s degree, and doctoral degrees in Physiology from The University of Iowa. Dr Hislop is widely recognized for her superb thinking and writing skills; her exceptional contributions to many professional journals and monographs in the health and science areas; and her skills in communication which provide a model for other physical therapists in their professional writing endeavors. Dr Hislop has made sustained and outstanding contributions to APTA, serving as Editor of Physical Therapy from 1961 to 1968, on the Board of Directors from 1976 to 1982, and playing a leading role in the development of the post-professional education program. Dr Hislop has consistently worked to uphold the standards and quality of education and is well known as a mentor of both faculty and students.
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.