Want to make an investment in the future of your profession?  
Want to be an advocate for your patients and your colleagues?  
This Challenge is for you!!

**Mission:** To inspire PT and PTA students to get involved in advocacy on the state and federal levels. Participating in the Challenge will help students to learn more about the legislative process and to become more aware of the issues facing physical therapy in the legislature. By engaging students in the advocacy process, APTA will also increase the strength of its Grassroots Advocacy and have an opportunity to improve its relationships with Federal legislative leaders across the country.

**What is the Advocacy Challenge:** Students from academic programs across the country can compete by participating in advocacy activities, documenting their experience, and submitting the records to APTA’s Congressional Affairs department. Scores will be tallied based on the point values listed below. The winner is announced each year at National Student Conclave. The winning academic program will be honored with the opportunity to select an individual from APTA staff or the APTA BOD to speak about advocacy issues at their school. APTA’s Senior Specialist of Congressional Affairs and Grassroots will work with the school to assist in choosing the individual and will manage the travel arrangements necessary for the visit.

**Who can participate in the Challenge:** PT and PTA Students

**Challenge Rules:**
- Advocacy reports must be submitted by each individual using the [online form](http://www.apta.org/studentadvocacychallenge) located on the Advocacy Challenge homepage.
- Each year, at National Student Conclave, the winners of the Advocacy Challenge will be introduced and the Challenge for the following year will be kicked off.
- In order for participation to be recorded and tallied and the winner to be chosen, all advocacy reports must be submitted by September 30 prior to Student Conclave (reports received after October 1 each year will be counted toward the following years Challenge).
- Only the listed advocacy activities will be scored.

**Advocacy Activity Scoring:**
- Writing an email via [APTA’s Legislative Action Center](http://www.apta.org/studentadvocacychallenge): 3 points (maximum points per program for letters = 150)
- Participating in campaign activity (ex. Phone bank, fundraiser, volunteering): 10 points
- [Becoming a Student Star](http://www.apta.org/studentadvocacychallenge) (contribute $20 to PT-PAC): 10 points
- Attending Town Hall meeting for a legislator: 10 points
- Attending a National Student Advocacy Dinner: 10 points
- Attending the annual [APTA Federal Affairs Forum](http://www.apta.org/studentadvocacychallenge): 10 points
- Meet with Federal Legislator (outside of organized lobby day): 30 points
- Legislator Visiting Physical Therapy Program (only one individual should submit): 50 points

For more information please visit [www.apta.org/studentadvocacychallenge](http://www.apta.org/studentadvocacychallenge).

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