



Happy May to all my friends and colleagues from APTA Arizona! Please allow me to be the first to wish all our members a Happy Mother's Day. None of us would be where we are today without the love and support of our mothers. While we in Northern Arizona welcome the warmer weather, sunny skies, and a glimmer of summer weather, my condolences go out to the rest of the state approaching triple digits!

APTA Arizona is preparing for a busy summer and would like to remind you of several important upcoming events. The Arizona Delegation will be holding a virtual town hall on May 24<sup>th</sup> to teach you more about the role of the House in governance. Our Chief Delegate, Lori Pearlmuter, would love to get your feedback so please check out the link on our website to register and take the survey to let us know what is important to you! APTA Leadership Congress, which includes the House of Delegates, will be held July 21 – 25<sup>th</sup> in Washington, D.C., and Alexandria, Virginia. Representatives from APTA Arizona will be attending Component Leadership Meetings and participating in Federal Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill. Also, save the date for our Annual Golf Tournament which will be held August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Payson Golf Club. This has quickly become one of my favorite events and I would encourage you to check out the registration link on the APTA Arizona website.

I would also like to publicly ask for member nominations for the Arizona Chapter's 2023 Emerging Leader Award. This is a National Award given to individuals within their first 10 years of clinical practice who have excelled during their early professional careers. I would like to congratulate Seth Peterson, Jefferson Holm, and Kayla Black as our most recent award winners and encourage you to contact APTA Arizona with the names of individuals you feel should be nominated.

Most important, we have numerous Board positions up for Election this Fall. If you are interested in running for a position on the APTA Arizona Executive Board, please contact Christa to discuss your interest and learn more about the structure and function of the Board. In addition, we are still looking for a State Governmental Affairs and Payor Relations chair. Our future success as a Chapter and a Profession is dependent on you and we would love you to engage on behalf of your Profession.

I wish you all the best on behalf of the Arizona Chapter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything the Chapter can do for YOU.

With Gratitude,

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