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**Pi Theta Epsilon**

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Dear Pi Theta Epsilon Members,

Happy New Year! As we stand at the threshold of 2024, it is with immense joy and anticipation that I extend a warm welcome to each and every member of our esteemed Pi Theta Epsilon community. As we usher in the new year, let us collectively embark on a journey of growth, learning, and companionship. Our shared commitment to excellence in occupational therapy continues to be the driving force behind our collective success. It is through your dedication, passion, and hard work that we elevate the standards of our profession. Let us renew our commitment to advancing

occupational therapy and fostering a community that thrives on collaboration and innovation.

In the coming months, we look forward to fostering an environment that encourages collaboration, innovation, and personal development. Pi Theta Epsilon is more than just an organization; it is a body of committed faculty, students, and practitioners that supports, uplifts, and inspires its members to reach new heights. May this new year bring you success, fulfillment, and an abundance of opportunities for growth.

We look forward to seeing you at the AOTA conference in Orlando this March. It's an excellent opportunity to connect, learn, and get inspired. Whether you're a seasoned clinician or a current student, there's something for everyone. Keep an eye out for more details on the interchapter collaboration workshop, the annual business meeting, and be sure to visit the Pi Theta Epsilon booth in the expo hall (PTE ribbons can be found there)!

Thank you for being an integral part of Pi Theta Epsilon. Here's to a year filled with shared achievements, lasting friendships, and the continued pursuit of excellence.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

## PTE Continues With Course #2 Of OT.com to Offer CEU Credit Courses for Lifetime Members

**Dates:** January 22- February 4, 2024

**Course # 5170:** Moving Forward: Occupational Therapy's Unique Contribution in Treating and Promoting Pelvic Health

**Length:** 2 hours

**Course description:** Pelvic health issues impact the lives of millions of men, women, and children, often limiting their ability to engage in meaningful occupations. This program will clarify functions of the pelvic floor, as well as causes and types of disorders, while illuminating occupational therapy's vital and unique contribution to working with this population.

**Presented by:**  
**Richard Sabel**  
**MA, MPH, OTR, GCFP**

**Presenter bio:**  
Richard Sabel, is a Clinical Assistant Professor at SUNY Downstate's Occupational Therapy Program and the Educational Director of the East West Rehabilitation Institute. For over 20 years, he has integrated Eastern and Western therapeutic practices into a distinctive approach to help clients reengage in meaningful occupations. Richard maintains a clinical practice and frequently offers programs on a variety of topics such as mindfulness, pelvic health, pain management, Yoga, Tai Chi, Feldenkrais, breath therapy, and fall prevention at community centers in New York City.

**RSVP To:**

[David Robertson](#)

**GET !  
INVOLVED!**

**One Big Thing, VOTE for the Open  
PTE National Secretary Position**

[Ballot for Secretary](#)

The PTE National Executive Team is looking to fill the Secretary position that's been excellently handled by Allison McGauvren and her term is up Saturday, March 23, 2024. This position is to help be a part of the Executive Team from the AOTA Conference 2024 - AOTA Conference 2026. So fill out the ballot (One Ballot per PTE Chapter) and VOTE for the next PTE Executive Team Secretary Today. Please return the form(s) to:

[David A. Robertson](#)  
Manager, Student Affairs  
PTE National Office  
Rockville, MD 20852



## **Annual PTE Awards & Grants 2023/24**

### **Action Alert - All Applications are DUE by the end of January**

#### **The Martha J. Kirkland Endowed Scholarship**

The Martha J. Kirkland Endowed Scholarship is one of over 50 scholarships available from the AOTF and state occupational therapy associations. PTE membership is a requirement to be considered for the Martha J. Kirkland Endowed Scholarship.

#### **President's Award**

The President's Award has been established to honor and recognize Pi Theta Epsilon chapters who organize and implement outstanding scholarly activities developed to increase knowledge, develop professional skills, and contribute to the advancement of occupational therapy.

#### **Inter-Chapter Collaboration**

The Excellence in Inter-Chapter Collaboration Award has been established to honor and recognize Pi Theta Epsilon chapters who have excelled in creating inter-chapter collaborations which support the PTE mission. Inter-chapter collaborations must have been organized and implemented by two or more chapters with the aim to increase knowledge, develop professional skills and contribute to the advancement of the occupational therapy profession. Examples of inter-chapter collaborations include, but are not limited to, events, workshops, educational/scholarly papers, etc.



### **Attend PTE Events and Visit The PTE Section Of The AOTF Booth In The Expo Hall March 21 - March 23, 2024 Orlando, FL**

Time and location TBD

Thursday, March 21

- PTE Session 1, Open to all PTE Members, including Alumni - "PTE Unites: Inspiring Occupational Therapy Excellence Through Inter Chapter Collaboration"
- PTE Session 2, Annual Business Meeting (ABM)
- PTE Session 3, Open to all PTE Members & Alumni, PTE Reception



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What would you like to see from PTE throughout the year  
and at the AOTA Conference

# TELL US!

## alumni news

One of the goals of PTE is to promote communication and collaboration amongst student and alumni members. To facilitate this, the national board has created an alumni database to maintain updated contact and practice area information. We hope to use this to help improve engagement and further area-specific content. Please fill out the Alumni Database form listed below! We want to hear from you and to learn what you all have been up to. Could we possibly have an Alumni Newsletter? Your help is needed to get this done!

### ALUMNI UPDATES

## AQIF 2024 ST. CATHERINE CHALLENGE

### The 2024 St. Catherine Challenge Is Wrapping up & Thank You To All Of The PTE Chapters That Participated

- Bank Day January 31, 2024,
- Most ever schools that had 100% faculty participation
- Need more information, please contact [David](#)

Top 10 Chapter's with the most raised funds:

1. University of Southern California
2. Marquette University
3. University of Pittsburgh
4. St. Catherine University
5. New York University
6. Washington University in St. Louis
7. Northern Arizona University
8. Boston University
9. Misericordia University
10. University of Illinois-Chicago

### 2023 IRG Grant Winners


### Chapter Spotlight:






PTE Delta Mu – Salus University

PTE members of the Class of 2024 Delta Mu chapter at Salus University in Elkins Park, PA focused their scholarly efforts on exploring some of AOTA's areas of national advocacy. During the Fall 2023 semester, chapter members worked in small groups to research and synthesize legislative efforts, including orthotic and prosthetic reimbursement, telehealth expansion, the licensure compact act, and new CPT coding for caregiver training. Members discussed opportunities and challenges associated with these legislative activities and how proposed changes and updates will impact their future practice.



Omaha, NE

PTE INTERCHAPTER COLLABORATION: BRAIN ON FIRE BOOK CLUB



The mission of Pi Theta Epsilon is to:  
"Support the practice of occupational sciences and the practice of authentic occupational therapy by promoting research and other scholarly activities by its members."

Book Club Objectives


- Collaborate with neighboring Pi Theta Chapters (Nebraska Methodist College, Creighton, and College of Saint Mary's) to share knowledge and engage in a discussion regarding 'The Brain on Fire'
- Continue to develop communication and team building
- Critical analysis of a book, and its relation to evidence-based research articles
- Critically reflect on the book read and its relation to OT practice

Statistics and Quotes

- 3 PTE Chapters- 11 attendees on Zoom, 22 attendees In person
- "OTs are specially qualified to help with transitional services after discharge"
- "OTs should continue to focus on new evidence-based care"
- "Collaborating with other PTE members expanded my understanding of holistic client-centered care"
- "Interdisciplinary teamwork and communication are crucial for the best patient outcomes"

Evidence-Based Articles Utilized and Reviewed

- Bach, L.J. (2014). Long term rehabilitation management and outcome of anti-NMDA receptor encephalitis: Case Reports. *NeuroRehabilitation*, 35(4), 863-875. <https://doi.org/10.3233/nre-141176>
- Moss, N., Petranovich, C. L., Parks, L., & Sherwood, A. (2018). Two Case Reports of Neuropsychological Outcomes following Pediatric anti-N-methyl D-aspartate Receptor Autoimmune Encephalitis. *Developmental Neuropsychology*, 43(7), 656-668. <https://doi-org.methodistlibrary.idm.oclc.org/10.1080/87565641.2018.1506456>
- Son, S., Lim, K.-B., Yoo, J., Song, P., & Kim, J. (2023). Cognitive Impairment in a Child With Anti-N-Methyl-D-Aspartate Receptor Encephalitis: A Case Report. *Brain & NeuroRehabilitation*, 16(2), e12. <https://doi-org.methodistlibrary.idm.oclc.org/10.12786/bn.2023.16.e12>



PTE Chapter Presidents:  
Sheridan Thorp (Creighton),  
Madison Hurd (NMC), and  
Alycin Braun (CSM)

PTE Epsilon Eta- Nebraska Methodist College

My name is Madison Hurd, I'm a second year Occupational Therapy student at Nebraska Methodist College and our Chapters PTE President, Epsilon Eta. This year in November, my Chapter partnered with Creighton University and St. Mary's for a book club.



PTE Beta Omega Chapter - New York Institute of Technology

New York Institute of Technology OT Department re-activated the Beta Omega Chapter of PTE on November 16th with a beautiful Induction Ceremony. Nine new members were inducted. Friends, Family, Faculty and Administrators were in attendance.

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