



Honors & Awards Ceremony

2025

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Welcome!

Welcome to 2025 APTA Michigan Honors and Awards Ceremony

Lauren Buckel PT, DPT,
Director of Membership and
Academic Engagement
Chair, Awards Committee



2025 Awards Committee

- Lauren Buckel PT, MSPT
- Martha Schiller PT, DPT
- Andrew Harrington PT, DPT
- Corey Snyder PT, DPT
- Kristin Dart PT, DPT



Membership Milestones

- ❖ 5 Years: Jessica Christy, Jessica Kowalski, Grace Rosa, Holly Timmreck
- ❖ 10 Years: Katharine Cline, Aubrey Jabour, Gomati Kanphade, Angela Kiekover, Nannette Pfitzenmaier, Katelyn Preston, Erin Spruit, Natasha Taylor, John Zubek
- ❖ 15 Years: Lori Boright, Lindsay Brandt, Nicole Chakur, Jennifer Dickson, Pete Fox, Patty Goldammer, Veli Sipila, Kathleen Walworth,
- ❖ 20 Years: Ed Orloff
- ❖ 25 Years: Niki Diehl, Cindy Munday, Rodney Weir



Membership Milestones

- ❖ 30 Years: Ajay Middha, Michael Shoemaker
- ❖ 35 Years: Barbara Herzog, Nicole Robinson
- ❖ 45 Years: Jake Jakubiak Kovacek, Cathy Larson
- ❖ 50 Years: Christine Stiller
- ❖ 55 Years: Ronald Vance



APTA Michigan Outstanding Clinician Award

Lauren Buckel PT, DPT



APTA Michigan Outstanding Clinician - PT Award

❖ Erica Fernandes PT, MS, DPT, PhD(c)



APTA Michigan Outstanding Educator Award

Lauren Buckel PT, DPT



APTA Michigan Outstanding Educator Award

❖ Ryan Bean PT, DPT



APTA Michigan Outstanding Student Award

Lauren Buckel PT, DPT



APTA Michigan Outstanding Student PTA Award

- ❖ Alexis Holmes, SPTA: Mid Michigan College
- ❖ Josie Kozfkay, SPTA: Delta College
- ❖ Rachel Lambert, SPTA: Macomb Community College
- ❖ Madison Sloan, SPTA: Mott Community College



APTA Michigan Outstanding Student PT Award

- ❖ Ashley Ramos, SPT: Andrews University
- ❖ Briana Vollick, SPT: Oakland University
- ❖ Ella Dougherty, SPT: Grand Valley State University
- ❖ Matthew Corrado, SPT: Western Michigan University
- ❖ Nolan Coon, SPT: Central Michigan University
- ❖ Nolan Lawrence, SPT: University of Michigan-Flint
- ❖ Tyler Groth, SPT: Concordia University-Ann Arbor
- ❖ Zahraa Darwich, SPT: Wayne State University



Cindy Kincaid Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award

David George PT, MSPT



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❖ Marichelle Ehred PT, DPT



Norene Clouten Outstanding Site Coordinator of Clinical Education Award

David George PT, MSPT



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❖ Chelc Bartlebaugh PT, DPT



APTA/APTA Michigan Emerging Leader Award

Sarah Patterson PT, DPT,
2024 Emerging Leader



APTA Michigan Emerging Leader Award

❖ Aubrey Jabour PT, DPT



Deborah Doherty Oncology Rehab Award

Deborah Doherty, PT, PhD



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❖ Emily Compagner PT, DPT





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APTA Michigan Institute for Education and Research Awards

Katharine Cline, PT, DPT, WHSC



Mabel E. Holton Award

❖ Suzanne Trojanowski PT, DPT



Richard E. Darnell Research Award

❖ Sara Arena PT, MS, DScPT



APTA Michigan Annual Conference Research Awards

Nanette Hannum, PT, DPT



APTA Michigan Research – Poster Award

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH REPORT

Hospital Outcomes and Acute Care Rehabilitation by STS Risk Scores in Adults Undergoing Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

Adele Myszenski, Kelsey Seifferlein, Alison Wickenheiser, Ryann Laier,
Karen Childers, Jessica Gibson



APTA Michigan Research – Poster Award

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Diagnostic Accuracy of Physical Examination Tests of Medial Elbow Instability: A Systematic Review

Jon Rose, Barbara Hoogenboom, Emily Metcalf, Zachary Hoekstra, Samuel Schumaker, Connor Wolschleger

Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders: Exploring Patient Experiences, Disability, and Self-Perceived Management Status

Lindsay Brandt, Melodie Kondratek, Kiley Schneck, Abigail Wozny



APTA Michigan Research – Poster Award

STUDENT RESEARCH REPORT

Impact of GVSU DPT Curriculum on Ability to Address Social Determinants of Health: A Pilot Study

Carissa Mitchell, Alan Hill, Thaddeus Shymanski, Todd Sander



APTA Michigan Research – Poster Award

CASE REPORT

From Weakness to Function: Rehabilitation After SETS Nerve Transfer in a Geriatric Patient with Post-TSA Axillary Nerve Injury

Mihirkumar Trivedi



APTA Michigan Research – Platform Award

2025 Best Platform

The Relationship Between Psychosocial Factors and Patient Reported Functional Impairments in Individuals with Hip Dysplasia: Survey Research

Brian Venglar, Melodie Kondratek, Lindsay Brandt, Maria Beam





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APTA Michigan Institute for Education and Research Grants

Katharine Cline, PT, DPT, WHSC



Research Grant Awards

Large Grants (\$1000)

❖ Jasmine Golden PT

**“Implementation and Evaluation of Foundational Oncology
Rehabilitation Modular Curriculum Implementation in Underserved
Regions of the United States.”**



Research Grant Awards

Large Grants (\$1000)

❖ Shweta Kapur, PT, MS, PhD

“Using nationally representative data to create a population-based framework for continuum of care for balance problems.”



Research Grant Awards

Large Grants (\$1000)

❖ Karnik Shah PT, MS, MPH

“Effect of pain neuroscience education on high-impact chronic pain patients: A Pilot Study”



Research Grant Awards

Bonnie Kinne Clinical Education Research Grant (\$760)

❖ Martha M. Schiller, PT, DPT, MSA

“Use of an Evidence-Based Practice Assignment Augmented with Artificial Intelligence (EBP-AI) During Clinical Education Experiences of OT & PT Students: A Pilot Project”



Physical Therapy
& Rehab **Specialists**



Physical Therapy & Rehab Specialists Scholarship

Ajay Middha PT, DPT



Physical Therapy & Rehab Specialists Scholarship

❖ Nia Ahart, SPT: University of Michigan-Flint



Lookabaugh Memorial Scholarship

Christopher Wilson, Jr.
PT, DPT, DScPT



Lookabaugh Memorial Scholarship

❖ Jordan Carney, SPT: Central Michigan University





Physical Therapy | Athletic Training | Performance Coaching

Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists Scholarship

Aaron Holly MSPT, MTC
Co-Owner and Chief Clinical Officer



Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists Scholarship

- ❖ Jason Verhelle, SPT: University of Michigan-Flint
- ❖ Ella Dougherty, SPT: Grand Valley State University





Team Rehab Scholarship Awards

Sabrina Badalamenti, MPT
Team Rehabilitation



Team Rehab Scholarship Award

- ❖ Valerie Caylor, SPT: Grand Valley State University
- ❖ Nolan Coon, SPT: Central Michigan University
- ❖ Matthew Corrado, SPT: Western Michigan University
- ❖ Layne Periso, SPTA: Delta College
- ❖ Jason Verhelle, SPT: University of Michigan-Flint



Alan S. Jeffrey

Outstanding Service Award

Abigail Skallerud PT, DPT



Alan S. Jeffrey

Outstanding Service Award

❖ Sen. Sylvia Santana



Alan S. Jeffrey

Outstanding Service Award

❖ Rep. Matthew Bierlein



Marjorie N. Stamm Outstanding Service Award

Brian Gilbert PT, MSPT
President



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❖ Christopher Wilson, Jr.

PT, DPT, DScPT



APTA Michigan President's Award

Brian Gilbert PT, MSPT
President



President's Award

❖ Anneka Boomsma PT, DPT



President's Award

❖ Jill Norander PT



Recognition of APTA Michigan Leaders End of Term

Brian Gilbert, PT, MSPT
President



Outgoing Chapter Leaders

- ❖ Kristen Robertson PT, DPT
Secretary
- ❖ Abigail Skallerud PT, DPT
Director of Legislative Affairs
- ❖ Caroline Gwaltney PT, DPT
Chief Delegate
- ❖ Melissa McCourt PT, DPT
Eastern District Chair
- ❖ Melanie Wells PT, CEEAA, CBIS, CDP
Director of Conferences



Chapter Leaders Returning

- ❖ Ajay Middha PT, MSPT
Treasurer
- ❖ Lauren Buckel PT, DPT
Director of Membership & Academic Engagement
- ❖ Michael Smithson PT, DPT
Upper Peninsula District Chair

Thanks also to everyone to ran for office this year!



The Case of the Missing Manual: A PT Clue Game Challenge

Who Did It?...

