

# **Dana Edwards, PT, DPT, OCS**

## **Candidate for Delegate**



Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to describe why I feel that I am a great candidate for the position of APTA NJ Delegate!

This upcoming House will be my 8<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates and this upcoming May will be my 8<sup>th</sup> year as a PT. I am passionate about my involvement in the APTA NJ and have been from the very beginning. I have been fortunate to have excellent mentors that have guided me to this position. As a result, I strive to bring others along with me as I recognize that my voice alone is not big enough. I share my passion with many current and future PT's and I listen to their concerns, frustrations, and questions in the hopes that these small conversations will help me further understand our evolving profession. As a delegate, I help to represent the membership from NJ and feel very strongly that more of these conversations need to happen. I choose to remain involved on the national level to hopefully impact the profession from the "top down" as national decisions trickle down and impact the state level. This involvement helps me feel like I can have a pulse on the direction of our profession and allows me to share your concerns with a large number of innovative professionals from across the country that make up the House.

In the time that I have been a Delegate I have been able to practice skills such as problem solving, planning for the future, exploring big ideas, and interacting with those whom think differently than myself. Like many of us, I wear many hats that include clinical work in an outpatient orthopedic clinic at West Milford Physical Therapy Center, niche practice specializing in the treatment of scoliosis at the Scoliosis Specialty Center, and recently as an entrepreneur focused on prevention in the community as well as in the workplace as an associate of Pro-Activity. I see the issues that we face as a profession on a daily basis.

I feel blessed with the opportunity to continue to serve our profession and continue with my own professional growth in this position. I appreciate your consideration in the upcoming election and request your vote for the position of New Jersey Delegate.