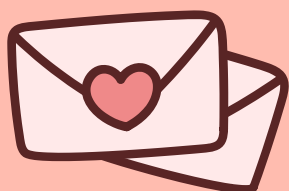
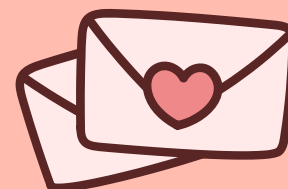


LOUISIANA CORE AMBASSADOR UPDATE

February 2023



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★ HELLO EVERYONE ★

Happy Black History Month!

I hope everyone has had a great start of the new year, new semester, and new month so far! We have a lot of exciting things to look forward to this spring semester that will be listed in this month's newsletter.

As Louisiana's Core Ambassador, I will continue to send out monthly updates on all things APTA/APTA Louisiana related for DPT/PTA students in the state. You will find August/September's update attached. I urge you to continuously promote events and volunteer opportunities for students as this helps build professional development skills for our future careers in the PT profession.



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. For more information on Black History Month, you can click the underlined 'Black History Month' above for an article or watch a video [here!](#)

★ APTA CSM 2023 ★

APTA's Combined Sections Meeting will be hosted on **Feb 23-25, 2023 in San Diego, CA**. Registration closes on February 25, 2023. Student member pricing is now \$320 to attend the conference. Click [HERE](#) to register. Hope to see you there!

★ APTA LA SPRING MEETING ★

APTA Louisiana's Spring 2023 meeting will be held on **March 17-19, 2023** at the **DoubleTree by Hilton hotel in Lafayette, LA**. The SSIG will be hosting their annual **Student Conclave on Friday, March 17**. Stay tuned for more information regarding the conclave. Click [HERE](#) to view all conference information and to register today!

★ STUDENT RESEARCH ★

APTA Louisiana will host a **Research Presentation on the Friday, March 17, 2023**.

All PT & PTA students are encouraged to apply. Submissions will be reviewed and accepted by the Research Committee. All submissions must be student-led projects.

All abstracts must be submitted via e-mail to Daniel Flowers, APTA Louisiana Research Chair: daniel.flowers@lsuhs.edu by Friday, February 17, 2023 @11:59PM.

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★ SSIG WITH FEBRUARY VIRTUAL SPEAKER ★

APTALouisiana's SSIG presents...


VIRTUAL GUEST SPEAKER

"Advocacy in the PT Profession"

Mercedes Aguirre Valenzuela PT, DPT



REGISTER NOW!



<https://bit.ly/33zmqFN>

Monday, February 27th
7:00 PM via Zoom

QUESTIONS?
Contact SSIG Chairman, Brittany LaGrange, SPT (bml005@lsuhs.edu)

APTALouisiana's SSIG is hosting virtual guest speaker, **Mercedes Aguirre Valenzuela PT, DPT** in her talk about **Advocacy in the PT Profession** on **Friday, February 27 @7p**. To register for this event, click [HERE!](#)

★ CAJUN CLASSIC VOLUNTEERS ★

On **March 14-19, 2023**, the Baton Rouge Wheelchair Tennis Association is hosting the **32nd annual Cajun Classic Wheelchair Tennis Tournament** and we are in need of volunteers. This professional and amateur tennis tournament brings in the top wheelchair tennis players from around the world, including paralympians and grand slam winners. **This year's event, which promises to be our largest ever, will be held at the Paula G. Manship YMCA and BREC's Highland Road Park.**

Volunteers can help serve a variety of needs including: serving as ball boys and girls, assisting with food distribution, driving players to and from the tennis courts, and doing general work at the tournament.

Here is the [link](#) for volunteers to commit to serve at the 2023 Cajun Classic Wheelchair Tennis Tournament. We offer a variety of volunteer shifts to allow for flexibility and for volunteers to sign up for as much time as possible. Any and all help would be appreciated, from 1 shift, to the full week.

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KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

\$150 PER STUDENT TEAM **\$300 PER TEAM OF 9-12**

HOSTED BY:
LSUHSC-NO PT STUDENTS
BENEFITTING FOUNDATION FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY RESEARCH

10:00 AM SATURDAY, MARCH 25
CITY PARK QUADRAPLEX 35 DIAGONAL DR.,
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70124

SCAN CODE AND SIGN UP BY WED MARCH 1!

CONTACT:
RACHEL WELLONS:
RTROMM@LSUHSC.EDU

*REGISTRATION INCLUDES T-SHIRT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

★ MENTAL HEALTH ★

Are you interested in the intersection of mental health and physical therapy? Are you interested in physical therapy in mental health (where physical therapists are working in the mental health field)? Are you interested in being part of a group of people who hope to advance this work?

If any of these are yes, I encourage you to fill out this short form to express your interest in the Physical Therapy in Mental Health Catalyst Group that has formed under the APTA's Academy of Innovation and Leadership. Click [HERE!](#)

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★ CAREERS IN PT ★

APTA JOB CENTER

Are you looking for a job? If so, the APTA has many resources to help you land your dream job by giving you career advice on resumes, networking, interviewing, and so much more! APTA also provides you with access to available jobs. Click [here](#) to look through the Career Planning tool, and [here](#) to begin applying for jobs!

Merritt Hawkins OP Physical Therapist

Full-time Permanent Opportunity- Physical Therapist- 100% Outpatient Orthopedic

Practice- Arizona – New grads and experienced candidates welcome to apply.

- Student Loan Reimbursement Offered
- 100% outpatient orthopedic surgery practice with established PT team
- 7,200 square foot state-of-the-art facility
- No weekends or late nights – enjoy a great quality of life
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- Great support staff in place
- Comprehensive benefits offered
- Sign on bonus & Relocation Assistance
- Competitive Pay
- Leadership opportunities available + mentorship offered for new grads
- New grads and experienced candidates welcome to apply

To schedule a call with Danielle Kriegl about this job opportunity, click [HERE](#)!



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★ GET IN TOUCH ★

As always, if any students (or you) have concerns I can address, ideas to bring forward, or topics I can further discuss, please direct them to me. I'd love to talk student-to-student, to contact appropriate legislators for them, or provide them with resources they need to allow their voice to be heard. No concern is too big or too little; I am here to help not only represent the DPT/PTA students but provide them with opportunities for professional growth.



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