

APTA Wisconsin Vision Statement

Improving the human experience by optimizing movement through prevention, rehabilitation, and wellness throughout the lifespan.

APTA Wisconsin Mission Statement

To recognize and address the physical therapy needs of people in Wisconsin, to inspire and support members, and to promote the highest standards for physical therapy practice, education and research.



Awards Dinner

April 7, 2022



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AWARDS PROGRAM

2022 Team Rehab Scholarship

2021 APTA Wisconsin Peer Awards

2021 PTA of the Year Award

2021 PT of the Year Award

WPT Fund Basket Raffle

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APTA Wisconsin PT/PTA of the Year

1996	Lee Pauli <i>Honorable Mention—Cheryl Timmer and Teri Bielefeld</i>
1997	Mark Reinhardt <i>Honorable Mention—Don Carlson and Sue Kinoshian</i>
1998	Julie Swedarsky <i>Honorable Mention—Lesli Carlson and Mary Cesarz</i>
1999	Jane Zeamer <i>Honorable Mention—Rob Worth and Leslie Waltke</i>
2000	Terry Shea <i>Honorable Mention—Philip Swain and Jack Halbach</i>
2001	Jaime Deeslie <i>Honorable Mention—Kris Jensen and Michelle Lanouette</i>
2002	Margaret Schueller <i>Honorable Mention—Sara Ehlert and Russ Bartholomew</i>
2003	Daniel Enz <i>Honorable Mention—John Brenegan and Marshall Nettesheim</i>
2004	Julie Prasher
2005	Greg Eck <i>Honorable Mention—Kim Coplien and Dolly Thornton</i>
2006	JoEllen Pfeilstifter <i>Honorable Mention—David Graziano and Rebecca Thomas</i>
2007	John Hojnacki <i>Honorable Mention—Greg Eck and Suzanne Kletch</i>
2008	Deanna Sevcik <i>Honorable Mention—Phil Bergold and Chris Melkvitz</i>
2009	Tracy Rasor (Posthumously) <i>Honorable Mention—Daryl Schmidt</i>
2010	Sabrina Eder <i>Honorable Mention—Lori Webster Dahl</i>
2011	Sarah Lampman
2012	Jill Murphy
2013	Jacquelyn Ross
2014	Andrew Kerk
2015	Anthony Gries
2016	Aaryn Feile
2017	Greg Eck
2018	Jessica Beyer-Trinkner
2019	Rebecca Van Heuklon <i>Honorable Mention—Jake Hegge</i>
2020	Trista Larson

2021 APTA Wisconsin Peer Awards

Clinical Instructor of the Year Award

Stephanie Semerda, PT, DPT, NCS

Clinical Excellence Award

Todd Winney, PT, OCS

PTA Award of Excellence

Jeff Komay, PTA

Mentor of the Year Award

C. Nathan Vannatta, PT, DPT, SCS

Rookie of the Year Award

Allison von Brevern, PT, DPT

Student Emerging Leader

Christine Eble, SPT

Rookie of the Year Award

1996	Jason Buckmeier
1996	Karin Buckholdt
1997	Gregg Fuhrman
1998	Connie Kittleson
1999	Kate Wolske
2001	Michelle Anthony
2003	Sarah Bartelt
2004	Elizabeth Waerzeggers
2005	Hanni Cowley
2006	Mary Ederer
2008	April Hill
2009	Evan Nelson
2011	Mary Rose Luciano
2012	Elizabeth Scott
2014	David Lippi-Guerron
2015	Stephanie Smith
2016	Sarah Stineman
2017	Matthew Paluchniak
2017	Christa Wille
2018	Ashley Alagna
2019	Brad Johnson
2020	Billy Bruggink

PTA Award of Excellence

2010	Erik Jacobs
2013	Jane Stroede
2015	Tamara Rondone
2019	Karen Anderson

Otto A. Cordero Award for Lifetime Achievement

2000	Otto Cordero
2003	Luther Kloth
2010	Patricia Wilder
2011	Gwyn Straker
2012	Mike Edwards
2013	Teresa Steffen
2014	Reenie Kavalar
2016	Michele Thorman

Private Practitioner of the Year

2014	Frank Fantazzi
2015	Julie Lombardo
2016	Erik Bork
2019	Kate Brewer

District Volunteer Service Award

2015	Phil Bergold
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Past Presidents

1928-1931	Mildred Elson	1969-1971	Douglas Inman
1932-1934	Martha Lewis	1971	Sue Campbell
1935-1937	Lois Mitchell	1972-1974	Mary Ann Morrison
1938-1940	Elizabeth Jones	1975-1977	Otto Cordero
1940-1941	Mary Ellen Reedy	1977-1979	Carole James
1941-1942	Fae Henry	1979-1982	Barbara Smith
1943-1944	Leila Aanrud	1982-1984	Bill Born
1945-1946	Emma Zitzer	1984-1986	Richard Jensen
1947-1948	Charles Safford	1986-1987	Mary Jensen Cavicchi
1949-1952	Norma Gundermann	1987-1989	Mike Edwards
1953-1955	Alice Butler Berg	1989-1993	Barb Flaherty
1955-1957	Ada Harris Follett	1993-1997	Reenie Kavalar
1957-1959	Lenore Krusell	1997-2001	John Hendrickson
1959-1961	Margaret Prior	2001-2007	Michele Thorman
1962-1964	Joseph Vareka	2007-2010	Robert Worth
1965-1967	Susan Collopy	2010-2016	Kip Schick
1967-1968	Art Grisa	2016-2019	Connie Kittleson
		2019-2022	Dennis Kaster

2021 Patient Awards

The **PTA of the Year Award** recognizes a physical therapist assistant who has represented the profession of physical therapy in an exemplary manner through the demonstration of skilled care, compassion and professionalism.

Michael Stimac, PTA, ATC

The **PT of the Year Award** recognizes a therapist who has represented the profession of physical therapy in an exemplary manner through the demonstration of skilled care, compassion and professionalism.

Maria Chilbert, DPT, FAAOMPT

PT of the Year Award Honorable Mention

Dan Garbacz, DPT

2022 Scholarship Winners

Chris Crivello Community Service Award

Rachel Beilfuss

Tracy Razor Sports Medicine Scholarship

Bridget Graff

DEI Advocacy Award

Moe Lucré

Team Rehab Scholarships

Annie Sugrue

Joseph Sibley

WPT Fund Scholars Awards

Chippewa Valley Technical College

Anna Marie German

Marquette University

Jeileen Belen

Jessica Strup

UW-La Crosse

Nicole Bednarz

UW-Madison

Joe Chapman

APTA Wisconsin List of Awardees

Outstanding Service Award

1980 Margaret Kohli
1982 Dan Strelnick
1985 Barbara Smith
1985 Otto Cordero
1988 Bill Born
1992 Reenie Kavalar
1995 Mike Edwards
1995 Lynn Phillippi
1995 Richard Jensen
1996 Luther Kloth
1997 Warren May
1998 Kathy Tomczyk Born
2000 Gwen Jensen Westlund
2004 Sue Griffin
2005 Laurie Kontney
2008 Michele Thorman
2009 Anne Coffman
2010 Lori Dominiczak
2013 Rob Worth
2015 Dennis Sobush
2018 Lynn Steffes

Clinical Excellence Award

1996 Sandra Baatz
1996 Dan Stein
1997 Ann Moore
1997 Andy Kerk
1997 Bill Boissonnault
1998 Mary Kerrigan
1998 Reenie Euhardy
1999 Lori Thein Brody
2000 Melissa Aul
2003 Barb Cupps (Posthumously)
2006 Marc Sherry
2007 Kristine Erickson
2009 Matt Wilson
2010 Sonia Dumit-Minkel
2013 James Popp
2015 Mary Beth Geiser
2017 Molly Agnew
2020 Mike Karegeannes

Hall of Fame Award

1996 Janet Lemke
1997 Cecile Freese
1997 Mary Jane Meng
1997 Margaret Kohli
1997 Emma Zitzer
1998 Jean Bailey
1999 Susan Collopy

2004 Larry Nosse
2007 Ann Brophy
2011 Judy Haerberle
2016 Lawrence Pan
2019 Donald Neumann

Clinical Instructor of the Year

2001 Lori Webster-Dahl
2002 Sandra Baatz
2002 Scott Straker
2003 Annette Christopherson
2004 Lois Harrison
2006 Kathryn Sutton-Anderson
2008 Beth Schmelling
2009 Patricia Antoine-Norton
2010 Lori Ann Keisic
2010 Joe Willis
2011 Phil Schaible
2012 David Anderson
2013 Jeff Salkowski
2017 Kevin Wait

Mentor Award

1996 Kathy Tomczyk Born
1996 Ilene Larson
1996 Warren May
1996 Barbara Morgan
1996 Maxine Schuldt
1997 Marta Hake
1997 Adrienne Nelsen
1997 Gwyn Straker
1999 Reenie Kavalar
2000 Lawrence Pan
2001 Laurie Kontney
2001 Kathryn Lyons
2003 Ann Moore
2004 Kristi Hallisy
2005 Jill Boissonnault
2008 Bryan Heiderscheit
2009 Mark Erickson
2009 Victoria Moerchen
2010 Louise Mollinger
2011 Lisa Steinkamp
2012 Joe Tupta
2013 Alexia Miles
2014 Matthew Haberl
2015 Dale Gerke
2017 Carrie Schwoerer
2019 Tina Stoeckmann
2020 Joe Kucksdorf