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### Welcome New APTA and AzPTA Members!

We welcome the new and transfer members below who joined the AzPTA in April and May of 2010:



**Brandi Stewart**, Physical Therapist Assistant Student; **Kolten Tea**, Physical Therapist Student; **Monica Joyner**, Physical Therapist Assistant Student; **Michelle Evers**, Physical Therapist Student; **William Trujillo**, Physical Therapist Student; **Andy Albrecht**, Physical Therapist Student; **Kristin Kooman**, Physical Therapist Student; **Dareece Gibson**, Physical Therapist Student; **William Wallstrom**, Physical Therapist Student; **Candice Frank**, Physical Therapist Student; **Douglas Helgeson**, Physical Therapist Assistant Student; **Caleb Collier**, Physical Therapist Student; **Shelly Pagel**, Physical Therapist Student; **Douglas Walker**, Physical Therapist Student; **Donovan Dewey**, Physical Therapist Student; **Nathan Hill**, Physical Therapist Student; **Ann Bolton**, Physical Therapist Student; **Ryan Madden**, Physical Therapist Student; **Krystle Ogle**, PT; **Brian Hood**, Physical Therapist Student; **Emily Meduvsky**, Physical Therapist Student; **Shane Snyder**, Physical Therapist Student; **Catherine Odorfer**, Physical Therapist Student; **Holly Miskho**, Physical Therapist Student; **Yesenia Ineck-Hernandez**, Physical Therapist Student; **Jennifer Glasgow**, Physical Therapist



**AzPTA Members at APTA National Conference 2010 - Boston, MA**

*The mission of the AzPTA is to represent and promote the profession's role in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of movement dysfunctions to enhance the health and functional abilities of the public.*

### Quick Links

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Student; **Trudi Kulp**, Physical Therapist Student; **Brooke Smith**, Physical Therapist Student; **Jillian Moody**, Physical Therapist Assistant Student; **Ashley Payne, PT**; **Andrew Gibson**, Physical Therapist Student; **Corey Sipos**, Physical Therapist Student; **Pamela Scholtes**, Physical Therapist Student; **Leah Toth**, Physical Therapist Student; **Janell Keller**, Physical Therapist Student; **Frances Richardson**, Physical Therapist Student; **Annette Cordero**, PTA; **Carlos Soto**, Physical Therapist Student; **Regina Manion**, Physical Therapist Assistant Student; **Kiera Arthur**, Physical Therapist Assistant Student; **Karen Ferguson**, PT; **Elizabeth Finan**, PT; **Merrilee Good**, PT; **Martin Hager**, PT; **Mark Kevern**, PT; **Thomas O'Donnell**, PT; **Linda Roberts**; PT and **Jonathan Setz**, Physical Therapist Student.

[Email us for details!](#)

We welcome you to **YOUR** membership association!

## AHCCCS Proposes Arbitrary 15-Visit Cap for Physical Therapy

On June 22, 2010, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) held a public hearing addressing, among other potential benefit cuts, a proposed 15-visit cap for outpatient physical therapy services for AHCCCS patients effective October 1st. Both **Cynthia Driskell, PT, GCS**, State Government Affairs Committee Chair, and **Kay Wing, PT, DPT, GCS, NCS** testified in opposition to this proposed administrative rule change on behalf of AzPTA. In addition to their testimony, written comments were submitted to the agency on behalf of the Association. Kay and Cynthia's comments were heard by AHCCCS officials in Phoenix, Tucson and Flagstaff. AHCCCS representatives did not respond directly to the statements made, but members may continue to submit comments on their own behalf through the [AHCCCS website](#). In addition to physical therapy, AHCCCS is also cutting other services such as orthotics and certain transplant services. Many others affected by these cuts also testified in opposition. We will keep the membership informed relative to the final outcome of these proposed benefits cuts.

## Marketing Your Physical Therapy Business for Pennies Per Day

Members -- you can have your business advertised on 2 web sites for \$ .69/day for 1 year. For a \$500 investment you will become a sponsor for KAET's, Ask A Physical Therapist Expert and have your business advertised on the AzPTA website home page for one year. The AzPTA website will be linked to the KAET website which receives an average of over 54,000 hits every day. This one time offer is a 50% discount to regular advertising costs for the AzPTA web page alone. What a deal! [Email Heidi Herbst Paakkonen](#) today as this is a limited opportunity! For more details on this groundbreaking opportunity, [click here](#).

## AzPTA Members Promote Benefits of PT to Nurse Practitioners

Thank you to the following volunteers for working the APTA booth at the annual conference of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners which was held in Phoenix from June 23-27: **Pamela Bosch, PT, PhD**; **Sara E. Strawn, PT, MSPT, OCS**; **John D. Heick, PT, DPT**; **Lacey Frankland, PT, DPT, ATC**; **Karen Donahue, PT, DPT**; **Paul Gagne PT, DPT**; **Liz Sinish PT, DPT**; **Lora Davis, PT, DPT**; and **Cecelia Glittenberg, PT, MS, NCS**. The APTA put out a call for volunteers in Arizona to promote the physical therapy brand at the APTA booth and these hard working and faithful AzPTA members responded. Thank you for representing us well!

## Renew Your License or Certificate with the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy

## for the 2010-2012 Compliance Period

Earlier this month the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy mailed and emailed of all Arizona licensed PTs and certified PTAs notice of the upcoming renewal deadline and instructions for how to file a renewal application. As of June 21, 2010 you may renew your license or certificate [online at the Board's website](#).

Are you short on continuing competence contact hours? If you are a physical therapist please ensure that you have completed all continuing competence activities for the September 1, 2008 thru August 31, 2010 compliance period. Physical therapists are required to have 20 contact hours of continuing competence activities of which 10 must be from Category A. All hours must be completed in the 2008-2010 compliance period. Physical Therapist Assistants do not currently have any continuing competence requirements. If you believe you need to complete additional hours, [email](#) or contact the AzPTA office at 602.569.9101 for assistance. To obtain more information about licensure renewal, contact the staff of the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy at 602.274.0236.

## Start Thinking About Your Donation for the Scholarship Fund Silent Auction

What would YOU like to bid on at this year's Silent Auction at Fall Meeting? This year we are shooting for the stars....please let me know if there is some item you would LOVE to bid on and the Scholarship Committee will see if they can make it happen.

R U Crafty? RU a quilter, knitter, painter, photographer, jewelry designer, paper card make, winemaker, baker, gardener, potter, ceramicist, wood worker, metal crafter, or know someone who is? If so, we would love to auction your item(s) at the 2010 Silent Auction benefiting Student Scholarship. Last year you helped raise \$3200 for Arizona PT and PTA students. The question is, can we do it again? Of course we can, with your help! This year the auction will be Friday October 1st through Saturday October 2nd at the Fall State Meeting. We are currently procuring items for the auction. Please [email Yvonne Harrison](#) if you would like to donate.

## AT Still University PT Students volunteer at St. Vincent De Paul

In May, AT Still University PT students **Lindsay Marrs** (second year), **Michelle Rasmussen** (second year), **Rani Sutliff** (second year), **Steph Amborn** (first year), **Ali Benson** (first year), **Catie Rohrich** (second year), **Noah Abrahams** (second year), **Mike Colby** (second year), **Lisa Phillips** (second year), **Mark Holley** (second year), **Cynthia Coats** (second year), **Stephanie Arseneau** (first year), and **Whitney Chaffe** (first year) volunteered at St. Vincent De Paul in the dining rooms. Thank you for representing your school and our organization with your service!

## Upcoming 2010 & 2011 AzPTA Events and Other Announcements

August 7, 2010 - **PTA Update** - Mesa - [online registration now open!](#) October 1 & 2 - **Fall State Meeting** - Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix  
November 6 - **Student Conclave** - ATSU in Mesa  
December 7 - **Practice Management Update** (location TBA)  
January 29, 2011 - Ortho/Neuro Update - ATSU in Mesa

Check the [AzPTA website](#) frequently for details on all of our 2010 and 2011 programs and events!

Effective June 1, 2010 at the AzPTA has moved to a new office. We are in the Superstition Office Plaza at 3933 S. McClintock Drive in Tempe (85282). All other contact information is the same.

## Support the Scholarship Fund with Dinner and Continuing Education

Don't miss the Phoenix Physical Therapy Directors Annual Dinner & Lecture Series. All proceeds benefit the AzPTA Scholarship Fund.

**Thursday October 21, 2010** from 5:00-10:00 PM at Gateway Community College Connie Weglarz presents: Vestibular Rehabilitation Across the Settings: Pathology, Assessment & Interventions for BPPV.

**Thursday November 18, 2010** from 5:00-8:00 PM at Gateway Community College Kay Wing presents: Gait Speed: the 6th Vital Sign. For more information [email Yvonne Harrison](#).

Thank you for supporting YOUR professional membership association!

**Sincerely,**

Kay Wing, President  
Arizona Physical Therapy Association

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