

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD

Purpose:

To recognize a Section on Geriatrics member for excellence in teaching.

Rationale:

Teaching geriatric physical therapy in an academic program can be very challenging as this patient population presents with multiple problems and complications; it may be difficult to get students engaged in the content. As a result any attempt to make content relative to geriatrics engaging, dynamic, and interesting benefits the Section, the profession, and our society, as our society is an aging society. By offering this award the Section on Geriatrics places value on those individuals who excel in presenting content on geriatrics in an engaging and dynamic manner.

Criteria:

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must:

1. Be a current member of the Section on Geriatrics;
2. Have distinguished himself or herself through excellence in academic education in physical therapy;
3. Have distinguished himself or herself in a subject matter as evidenced by publications or other appropriate demonstrations;
4. Have extended physical therapy education by the development of innovative teaching methodologies or materials.

Nomination Process:

Any current member of the Section on Geriatrics may nominate a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who meets the award criteria.

Nomination packets should be submitted electronically as one complete document (Word or pdf), and include:

1. One letter of nomination, addressed to the Awards Committee, describing how the nominee meets the criteria;
2. Up to four (4) letters of support which provide a personal account of the teaching activities that distinguish the nominee;
3. A copy of the nominee's current resume or CV.

Complete nomination packets must be received by the Awards Committee by November 1 of each year.

Selection Process:

Nominations will be reviewed by at least three members of the Awards Committee. The Chair of the Awards Committee will notify the Section Board of Directors of the committee's selection.

Presentation:

The award will be presented following the Business Meeting during APTA Combined Sections Meeting, usually held in February of each year. The award will consist of an engraved plaque.

Mail nominations to:

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