

Katelyn Beam PT, DPT

Candidate Bio:

Katelyn graduated from Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in 2019 with her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. She recently graduated from the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy Residency at Michigan Medicine (University of Michigan). Following completion of her residency she started a position in the acute care setting at Spectrum Health-Butterworth Hospital. Katelyn has been an APTA and APTA Michigan member since starting physical therapy school in 2016. As a student, she began her involvement as the MPTA student representative for GVSU. She also was later elected and served as the Co-Vice President and Co-President of the Student Relations Committee (SRC). As SRC Co-President Katelyn lead the formation of the Student Special Interest Group to provide additional opportunities for student involvement in APTA Michigan. Additionally, Katelyn was selected to serve as a House Usher with 19 other SPTs and SPTAs from around the country at the 2018 APTA House of Delegates. As a professional member, Katelyn was appointed in January 2020 by the APTA Michigan Board of Directors to serve as Student Special Interest Group Conclave Liaison. She continues to serve on the membership committee on the outreach and student membership sub teams. Katelyn also served as a Delegate at the 2020 APTA House of Delegates in June.

Candidate Statement:

I am humbled to be nominated for the position of delegate. I have wanted to be a delegate for Michigan since attending the 2018 APTA House of Delegates as a student. At the House, I was inspired by all the delegates who passionately served to progress our profession. I had the opportunity to serve as a Delegate this summer at the 2020 APTA House of Delegates which amplified my desire to apply for this position. Working with the delegates across the nation has allowed me to see the importance of this role and that I have a different perspective to offer as a new professional. We are a part of a great profession. However, only through our advocacy can we share all our skills with society. As a Michigan delegate I plan to work with our delegation to continue the important work in the APTA and to represent your aspirations for our future in the physical therapy profession. I hope that you will consider electing me to be your voice at the APTA House of Delegates to guide the future of our profession and transform society.