

Candidate Information –

Delegate

Crystal J. Gluch (Lamb), PT, DPT, Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy

Crystal is a physical therapist at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Ann Arbor Healthcare System. She earned her Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree and her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Grand Valley State University, graduated from the VA Cardiovascular and Pulmonary (CVP) PT Residency in 2019 and earned her Board-Certified Clinical Specialization in 2020. She practices at the VA as a cardiopulmonary specialist in acute care, subacute rehabilitation, outpatient cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, and as a faculty member for the CVP residency. She became involved in the APTA and APTA Michigan early in her student career and has passionately continued her work. As a new professional she created an MPTA Student Liaison position and served in this role for 2 years. She currently serves as a Michigan Chapter Delegate (2018-2021) to the APTA House of Delegates, on the APTA Michigan Board of Directors as Communications Director, and previously a dedicated member of the Membership Committee (2014-2019). In addition to her leadership positions, Crystal has attended multiple legislative and advocacy events, and served as a Global PT Day of Service (PTDOS) Ambassador for 4 years to promote service to the community. She has been recognized for her contributions to the profession and its associations as the 2021 APTA Outstanding Resident Award recipient, 2018 MPTA President's Award recipient, 2016 APTA Outstanding Core Ambassador, 2016 APTA Minority Scholarship Award recipient and 2016 MPTA Outstanding Student.

Candidate Statement:

I would be honored to continue to represent you as a member of the Michigan Delegation. I am continually inspired by you (yes, you!); physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are doing amazing things and are impacting the population more than ever before. We are helping those who had no idea we can help them, and we are expanding our reach through new avenues. I want to support you and your patients! The representation the APTA provides is crucial to the impact we can make as an individual. I would love to help represent you, to be your passionate voice, so we can be a strong influential force destined to *transform society!*

I believe that I bring a unique and valued perspective to the delegation as a new professional and through my work with the membership and communications. I am not here to be close-minded and opinionated. I am here to listen and to grow from all member viewpoints, and to represent you and our profession the best way I can, with a strong and passionate voice. During my time as a delegate, I have been able to contribute insight regarding students, new professionals, residencies/specializations, and served on the task force to create and mentor our new MPTA-HOD Student Liaison position. I know that with my drive, unique perspective, and the support from all of you, I can meaningfully contribute to the future of our profession and to society.