SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

• PTA students win Student Bowl at TPTA Student Conclave
• PTA students win Banner Contest at TPTA Student Conclave
• Josh Ortiz is elected PTA student delegate during the Texas Physical Therapy Association Student Assembly
• 2009 Calendars enclosed
• Dee Ellis, PTA, Clinical Instructor, wins Joy Davenport Award at TPTA Annual Conference
• CEU course at Del Mar College on March 7, 2009
• Spring Practicum

PTA STUDENTS WIN STUDENT BOWL

The Del Mar College Physical Therapist Assistant students recently attended the Texas Physical Therapy Association and Student Conclave in Lubbock, Texas, on October 23-26, 2008. Conference attendees and students participated in various activities including evidence-based courses, an Exhibit Hall, abundant networking opportunities, Texas and Student Assembly meetings, and the Recognition Dinner on Saturday evening.

The Student Conclave also included an Academic Student Bowl designed to show case students’ brainpower. Students from Texas community colleges competed in teams of four in a Jeopardy type format, answering questions about physical therapy. Del Mar College PTA students Allison Crow, Marib Iley, Sunny Kelly, and Josh Ortiz competed in this event, and won the Student Bowl! The students were awarded a plaque and $100 for the PTA club.

The PTA students also competed in a Banner Contest providing a chance for the students to show case their school spirit. Students designed a banner displaying spirit for their school and enthusiasm for the physical therapy profession. Del Mar College placed first in the Banner Contest for the banner they designed!!

In addition, Josh Ortiz, 2nd year PTA student, was elected the PTA student delegate to represent Texas PTA students at the APTA House of Delegates meeting next year. His responsibility will be to represent Texas PTA students and voice concerns on various issues facing the physical therapy profession. Josh will serve in this position until October 2009.

Congratulations to the 2nd year Del Mar College PTA students on representing the Del Mar College PTA Program so well at this year’s conference and student conclave!!

2009 CALENDARS

Enclosed with this Newsletter is an American Physical Therapy Association 2009 calendar. The calendar is a small token of our appreciation for the service and support you provide in the clinical education of the Del Mar College Physical Therapist Assistant students. Serving as a Clinical Instructor for the Del Mar College Physical Therapist Assistant Program is considered to be an extremely valuable role. Without the support of Clinical Instructors, there would be no academic program for PTAs at Del Mar College.

THANK YOU CLINICAL INSTRUCTORS!!
ASSOCIATION NEWS

Virginia “Dee” Ellis, Physical Therapist Assistant with the CHRISTUS Spohn Rehabilitation Services at Kingsville, and Clinical Instructor for the Del Mar College PTA Program, was awarded the Joy Davenport Award during the TPTA Annual Conference Recognition Dinner on October 25, 2008. This award was established in 1994 by an anonymous donor to recognize an outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant in Texas whose primary responsibility is in the area of patient services and who contributes to the growth of their profession, the community, and the association. Dee is very active in the association and is a conscientious clinician and clinical instructor. Congratulations Dee!!

New TPTA officers, committee members and delegates were elected at the Texas Assembly, held in Lubbock, Texas, on October 25, 2008. Brant Capps of Amarillo was elected as Vice-President. Deb Kendall of Houston will join the Nominating Committee. The four members elected to serve as Delegates at Large were Tim Lyons of Winnboro, Barbara Melzer of San Antonio, Carol Oddo of Humble, and Tom Waugh of El Paso. The Texas Student Assembly held elections also on October 25, 2008, at Lubbock. New student officers elected include Amanda Hebert of UTMB at Galveston as President, Brent Borders of Texas Tech as Vice-President, Melanie Edwards of UTMB at Galveston as Secretary, Jeffrey Caraway of Texas Tech as Treasurer, Lesley Kargbo of UTMB at Galveston as PT Student Delegate, and Joshua Ortiz of Del Mar College as PTA Student Delegate. Congratulations to all and thank you for being willing to serve!

The Coastal Bend District of the TPTA will be presenting a CEU course on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at the Del Mar College PTA Program. The course is entitled “Understanding the Levels of Evidence in Evidence-Based Therapy Practice: Must-Know Concepts and Application.” A brochure with information on the course is enclosed with this newsletter. The district will hold a business meeting over lunch on March 7th.