

The Student Relations Committee would like to congratulate Anna Yoon, SPT on her receipt of the 2021 APTA Virginia Student Minority Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1000. Anna, a third year PT student at the University of Lynchburg, embodies every aspect of a promising young professional. The purpose of the Student Minority Scholarship Award is to acknowledge and reward demonstrated participation in minority affairs activities & services, the potential for superior achievements in the profession of physical therapy, appropriate display of professionalism as a future physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, and academic excellence. Applications to the award are reviewed by the Student Relations Committee and the recipient is confirmed by the Chapter Board of Directors.

Anna submitted a robust application with strong references that detailed her extensive volunteer contributions to minority affairs and high scholastic achievement during PT school. For instance, she acted as co-leader of the Cultivating Unified Lives Through Understanding, Reflecting, and Education (CULTURE) program, working alongside her University's Vice President for Inclusive Excellence. She presented this work at a Valley District meeting as well as within the APTA Section on Health Policy and Administration (HPA). She serves on the APTA VA Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee Cultural Humility team, attends Valley District meetings and events, and has participated in the APTA Moves Me Ambassador Program, among others.

Currently undergoing her final clinical experience at Sheltering Arms Institute, she has maintained focus on her didactic and clinical studies as she prepares to graduate this May. Her Clinical Instructor, Kate Hogue, PT, DPT and Central District Co-Director, describes Anna as accountable, insightful, and hard-working. Furthermore, Anna has shown strong initiative in a complex patient environment and demonstrates great emotional intelligence during challenging conversations in the inpatient rehabilitation setting.

The Student Relations Committee looks forward to what Anna will bring to our profession and has no doubts that she will continue to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. Congratulations, Anna!