Discussion	Take back to your class
See below.	,
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		Who will win this year???	
		 Katie needs more help with writing 	Contact Katie
		questions; contact her by Nov. 2 at	if you have
		katherinelong@walsh.edu to get	interest in
		involved	writing
		 Goal is still to have questions written by 	student
		the end of December	challenge
		 Multiple teams from the same school 	questions.
		may be allowed to compete	
		 Prizes usually for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place 	
		teams	
5. Other conference news	*	House of Delegates	
		 Student ushers needed 	
		 Essay contest information will be 	
		available soon	
	*	National Student Conclave	
	,	October 21-23 in Minneapolis, MN	
6. Facebook	*	Membership	Please invite
or accessor.	ľ	 429 members, up 11 since September! 	incoming 1 st
		 Target new 1st-year students to join 	year classes
		OPTA Facebook page	to join!
7. Updates about SSIG Leaders	*	Activities Coordinator:	to join:
7. Opdates about 3310 Leaders	••		
		Kristen Fogle, SPT from the University of Talada will be stanning in as our new.	
		Toledo will be stepping in as our new	
		OPTA SSIG Activities Coordinator –	
		Congratulations Kristen and thank you	
		for your service to the SSIG!	
	*	Role of Core Ambassadors:	
		JJ and John serve as liasons from OPTA SCIC to APTA SCIC at the base of the form of the science of the	
		SSIG to APTA SSIG, with the goal of	
		helping to disseminate information	
		 For example, fixed date testing 	
		now affects PTAs and PTs	
8. Upcoming activities	*	Advocacy for the profession:	Contact JJ to
		 JJ has started a letter-writing campaign 	get involved
		to state legislators	in the letter-
		Re: loan repayment	writing
		 Invite congressman to campus 	campaign.
		 It's easy to participate; letter templates 	
		are available online	
		 To get involved, contact JJ through the 	
		OPTA Student Facebook page or at	
		johnkuczynski@walsh.edu	
	*	Advocating for student input in OPTA elections:	
		 Needs to be discussed by OPTA board 	
		(which includes Alysha and Kelly who	
		can represent our voice)	
	*	Run Like Hell 5K (Oct. 28, 2011)	

	 Benefits Cystic Fibrosis 	
	 There will be an OPTA booth at this 	
	event and the SW District will have a	
	team running the race	
	 Contact Kelly at 	
	kelly.j.moore@gmail.com if you would	
	like to get involved in this activity.	
9. Journal Club	Link to Journal Club and selected articles	Would you
	available on OPTA website	like to
	 "Students" link at top of main page, 	present an
	then Journal Club link in left-side column	article??
	To express interest in being a future presenter,	
	please email Carolyn at carolynfein@walsh.edu.	
	Brief presentation guidelines are available.	
	Upcoming topics:	
	 Balance 	
	 Psychologically informed practice 	
10. Other business	OPTA SSIG goals to be updated (with specific	
	changes discussed recorded by Kelly):	
	 Majority agreement with current goals 	
	with a few wording changes	
	 New goal of SSIG to support student 	
	loan repayment solutions	
	 New goal of SSIG to increase awareness 	
	about current challenges of clinical	
	education	
	Encourage CI credentialing?	
	Workplace in-service	
	presentations to inspire	
	clinicians to take students?	
	Possible Spring Symposium	
	forum, "If not you, then who?"	
	 New goal to create a student-run PAC 	
	event at the state level (possibly	
	modeled after recent successful casino	
	night themed fundraiser)?	
	Meeting minutes	
	 Please contact Carolyn at 	
	carolynfein@walsh.edu if you have any	
	corrections or additions to make to	
	these notes.	
Next Call	Wednesday, Nov. 2nd @ 9:00pm	

OPTA Student Liaisons

- Alysha Walter (in attendance 10/15/11)
- Kelly Moore (in attendance 10/15/11)

Officers

- Andrea Johnson (OU) PT Co-chair
- John Rebic (CCC) PTA co-chair
- Nick Bobinger (OU) Vice Chair/Treasurer
- Carolyn Fein (Walsh) Secretary
- Bethany Stidd (OU) Website Coordinator
- Kristen Fogle (UT) Activities Coordinator
- Katie Long (Walsh) Student Challenge Coordinator
- J.J. Kuczynski (Walsh) OPTA SSIG Core Ambassador to APTA

PT School Reps in attendance:

- 1. CSU Trent Best, Erin Tigne, Becky Vano, Jamie Smith, Mike Russo, Therese Schindler, Dale Luchetti, Diana Bauer, Tonya Apke (PT, DPT, OCS, Director of Clinical Education)
- 2. MSJ
- 3. OSU Lynn Krimmer, Kara Armstrong
- 4. OU Andrea Johnson, Kristin Ragacki, Rachel Smith
- 5. UC
- 6. UF
- 7. UT Quani Burnet, Elizabeth Locke, Kara Will
- 8. Walsh Katie Long, Carolyn Fein, JJ Kuczynski, Verelle Wyatt, Jenna Bartsokas
- 9. YSU Ashley Neal
- 10. UD Christina Garrity (Haley), Andrea Cornell

PTA School Reps in attendance:

- 1. Clark State Kathryn Etling
- 2. CCC John Rebic
- 3. Hocking
- 4. James Rhodes
- 5. Kent State E.
- 6. Kent State Ashtabula
- 7. Lorain County Pam Eck
- 8. Marion Tech
- 9. Zane State
- 10. N. Central
- 11. Owens
- 12. Professional Skills Institute
- 13. Shawnee State
- 14. Sinclair
- 15. Stark State
- 16. Washington State
- 17. Eddison CC
- 18. UC