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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we look ahead, the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy stays focused on its mission to protect the public while providing strong support to applicants and licensees.

Over the past year, we have continued investing in tools and processes that strengthen our oversight and improve the help we provide to physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

With a new website, updated regulatory software, a growing social media presence, and expanded outreach to education programs, we are working to make information easier to find and to stay connected with current and future licensees.

Our staff is dedicated to offering clear and timely help while guiding our applicants and licensees through each step of the regulatory process. By pairing strong public protection with attentive service, we aim to support the profession and ensure that people across Alabama receive safe, skilled, and ethical care.

Thank you for your steady commitment and the work you do each day.

Kathy Miller, Executive Director

It is summer, so you know what that means...RENEWALS! Our annual renewal cycle began on July 1 and closes on September 30 at midnight.

Beat the rush and renew early!

As previously announced, we have new regulatory software, and you must log in to your new Licensee Portal ASAP to avoid any last-minute technical delays. See page 4 for more information, tips, and tricks.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DANA DANIEL BLAKE

For the past five years, Dana Daniel Blake, PT, DPT, OCS, MTC, has brought her experience, leadership, and commitment to the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy. Appointed by Governor Kay Ivey, Dana has served as the Board's 6th Congressional District representative and Treasurer.

An Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Education in Samford University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program, Dana is also a Board-Certified Orthopaedic Clinical Practice with a passion for educating and mentoring future physical therapists.

Dana joined the Board with two key goals: advancing broader direct access and bringing PT Compact privileges to Alabama. As she completes her service, she is proud to have seen both become realities. She encourages licensees to stay engaged, pursue lifelong learning, and advocate for the profession while remembering that meaningful patient care depends not only on clinical expertise, but also on connection and trust.

Outside of her professional life, Dana enjoys family time, horseback riding, gardening, fly fishing, and driving her Lightning Blue Mustang GT. A lifelong car enthusiast, she even celebrated her 40th birthday by driving her own car around Talladega Superspeedway.

Dana plans to remain involved in the profession through Alabama APTA. The Alabama Board of Physical Therapy extends its sincere appreciation for her five years of dedicated service to the Board, Alabama's physical therapy professionals, and the public.



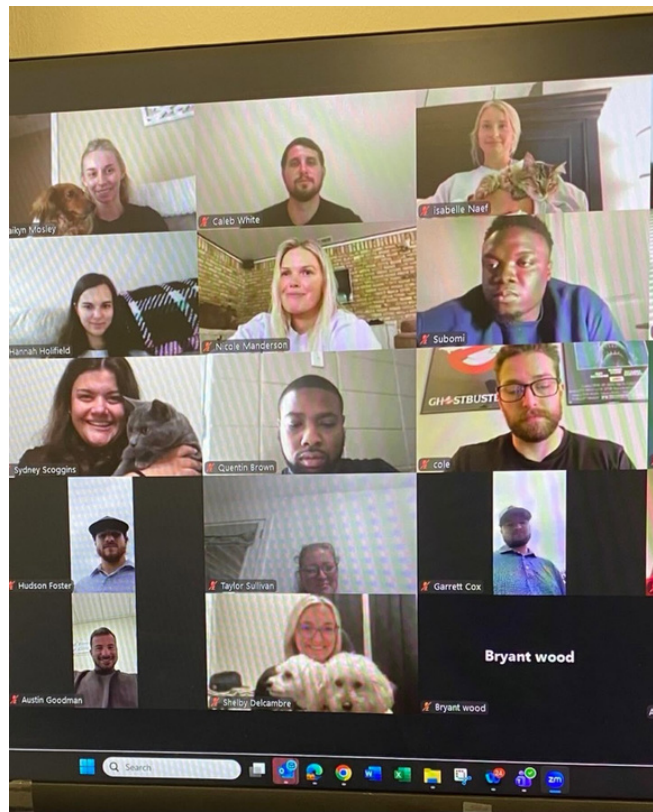


LICENSE RENEWALS



- We have new regulatory software - Thentia.
- Please go to our website - www.pt.alabama.gov - look for “Available Services” to locate the Licensee Portal or see <https://alpt.portalus.thentiacloud.net/webs/portal/#/>.
- If you are logging in for the first time, please select “Forgot Password” and enter your email address.
- **NOTE** - Your Licensee Portal is linked to the email address we have on file for you.
- If you need to update your email address, please email us at info@pt.alabama.gov and wait until we have confirmed your email address has been updated.
- **HANDY TIP** - After logging in to complete your renewal, look on the left-hand side of the window for Continuing Education and upload your CE certificates before beginning your renewal application.
- You will be asked to update your education, degree, etc. This is a one-time requirement, as next year it will already be filled in.
- **IMPORTANT!** Do not wait until the last minute to renew. This is a new system for the Board and you, and we expect some hiccups. Renew early so that if any issues arise, we can address them promptly.
- FYI - There are detailed renewal instructions on our website under “Available Services,” which were also emailed to you on or about June 25, 2026.

School Trainings



USA DPT Students



UAB DPT Students



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MGM PTA
Students
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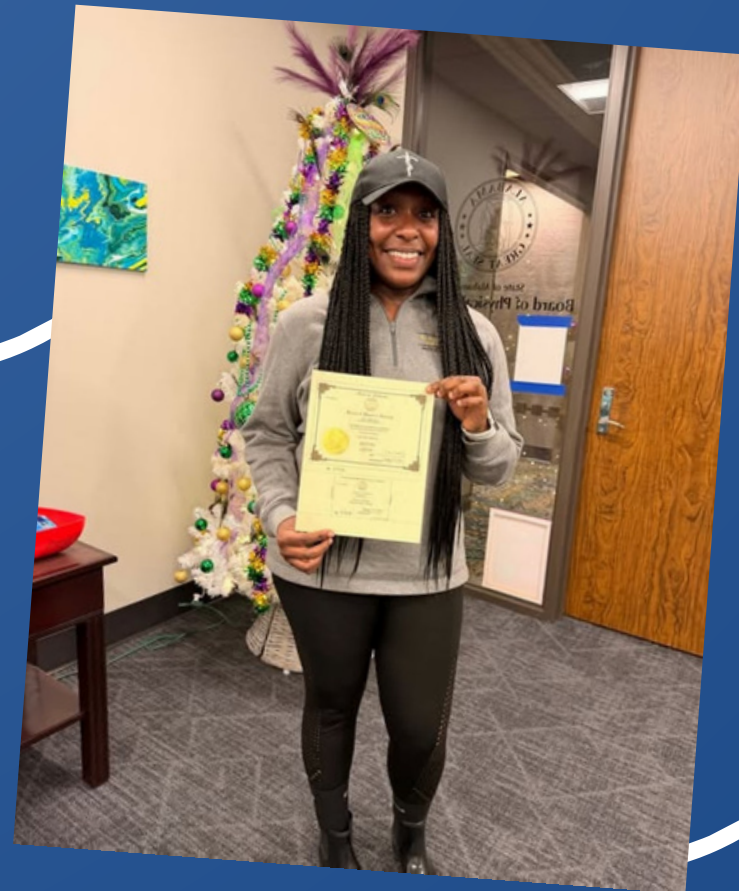
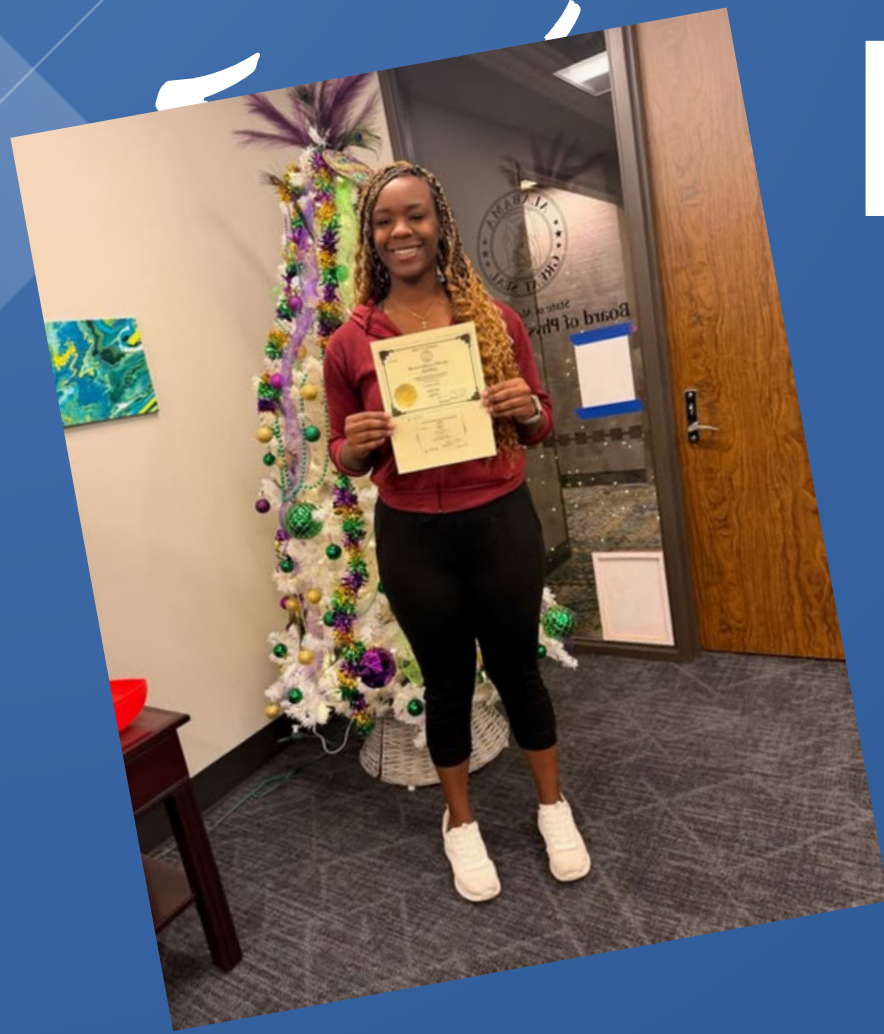
Jeff State
PTA
Students
Right



Faulkner DPT Students



New Licensees!



Alabama APTA Annual Conference



Disciplinary Actions: None

Around
the
Office



Mike James,
Board Investigator, speaking
at the AARB Investigators'
Conference



Office Fun
for Easter



ED Kathy Miller presenting to PTA South MGM Students

We are on Social Media!



Please like and follow our Facebook page @Alabamaboardphysicaltherapy



We are on LinkedIn – Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

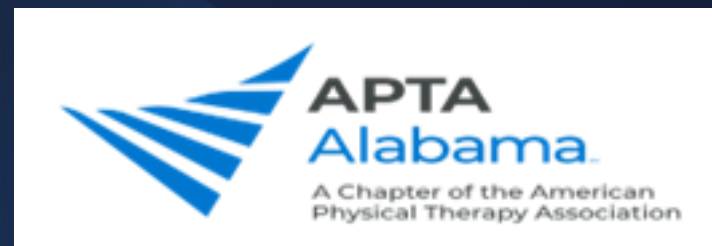
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