

Celebrating the Next Generation of Physical Therapist Assistants *Quincy College Graduates from across the South Shore Recognized at a May 9th Pinning event*

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Figure 1 Suggested Caption: 2018 Quincy College Graduate, Nicole Kelleher at a Physical Therapist Assistant Alumna is all smiles at the Program Pinning Ceremony. Ms. Kelleher was recognized for Clinical Excellence.

Plymouth, MA (5/6/2019): On May 9th, Quincy College will celebrate the Class of 2019 Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program Graduates at a Pinning Ceremony.

The Class of 2019 Physical Therapist Assistant Graduates include:

Elyse Bergamini of Quincy
Roberto Cadet of Randolph
Helsom Dias of Plymouth
Amanda Lucey of Hanover
Jessica Lynn of Plymouth
Brittany Reid of Hingham
Laurie Vernazzaro of Kingston
Taylor Zigouras of Wareham

Gerald Koocher, Ph.D, ABPP, Quincy College Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Program Director Christine Rodday, DPT will deliver greetings and present awards. Pins will be presented to the graduating students by program faculty. Elyse Bergamini will provide student reflections to fellow classmates to conclude the ceremony.

During the Pinning Ceremony, Quincy College will recognize two students for academic excellence and clinical excellence as well as recognize a clinical partners awarding the Outstanding Clinical Teaching Award.

PTA graduates work under the direction and supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist. The PTA program is a combination of foundation education courses, technical education courses, and clinical experiences. Students complete three clinical affiliations during the program, and this allows them a



chance to network and frequently creates job leads post-graduation. PTAs are employed by hospitals, outpatient facilities, and rehabilitation facilities to name a few and can work in areas specializing in a wide range of topics including geriatrics, pediatrics, neurology, and orthopedics.

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program is a 2 year, 5 semester Associate Degree program. The 900 square foot PTA lab located at Quincy College at Plymouth is fully equipped with modern equipment and full of technology that is at the forefront of PTA training. This includes, but is not limited to, providing the students technology for completing electronic documentation and SMART Board outfitted classrooms for instruction.

PTA Program Graduates are invited to walk in the Quincy College Commencement Exercises to be held at the South Shore Music Circus on May 24th.

The application for the Fall 2019 Physical Therapist Assistant Program deadline is May 17, 2019. To learn more about the program or to apply visit: <https://quincycollege.edu/program/physical-therapist-assistant/>

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