**“Teach I Must” Award**

**ELIGIBILITY:**
1. Candidates must be nominated by one of their students or former students with a second by another student or former student.
2. Students must be currently enrolled in, or have completed, an APTA credentialed OMPT Fellowship program.
3. Nominees must be a member of the AAOMPT.
4. Members of the AAOMPT Executive Committee are excluded from eligibility during their term in office.

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**
1. Nominees should have significantly influenced the process of learning and applying orthopaedic manual physical therapy principles and techniques to patient care.
2. The quality of the nomination letters, not the number of letters received will assist in determining the recipient of this award.

**PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION:**
1. Any current or former student of an APTA credentialed OMPT Fellowship program may nominate candidates for the award.
2. All nominations must have a second by another current or former student of an APTA credentialed OMPT Fellowship program.
3. Nominations should be sent via email in one “packet” to Rusty Smith, Chair of the Awards Sub-committee at smith.ar@lynchburg.edu.
4. **Deadline for nominations is July 1.**
5. Materials to be completed and submitted for each nomination shall include the following:
   a. A support statement from the nominator highlighting the reason for the nomination and how the instructor has influenced his or her process of learning and applying orthopaedic manual physical therapy principles and techniques to patient care.
   b. A support statement to second the nomination, which should be similarly detailed while highlighting the above information.
   c. Both submissions should include the following information:
      i. The instructor’s name
      ii. The program the instructor teaches in
      iii. Contact information for both the nominee and the nominator.

**THE AWARD AND ITS PRESENTATION:**
1. The Academy Executive will present the award at the AAOMPT Annual Meeting.
2. The Academy will award the recipient a full conference registration.