

Ellen Hillegass Lecture Leadership Development and Innovation in Mentorship Award
APTA Academy of Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Physical Therapy

As in the example of the career and accomplishments of Ellen Hillegass, PT, EdD. CCS, FAPTA, this award recognizes a physical therapist who has demonstrated visionary leadership and a passion for innovation, advocacy and mentorship within the APTA Academy of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy and beyond. The recipient is distinguished by their commitment to driving change through innovation, engagement and advocacy while cultivating and inspiring the next generation of clinicians.

Through forward-thinking mentorship and a dedication to advancing the Academy's mission, the awardee has inspired emerging or seasoned professionals to take active roles in the Academy, fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, and lifelong leadership. Their efforts have created meaningful pathways for others to grow, lead, and contribute to the future of cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy.

PURPOSE:

To acknowledge an individual who has made outstanding and enduring contributions to the practice of CVP physical therapy through advocacy to equip the next generation as exemplified in the professional career of Ellen Hillegass.

ELEGIBILITY:

Nominees for the award must:

1. be a current member of the APTA
2. be a member of the Academy of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy
3. have demonstrated excellence/expertise in either clinical practice or academic practice
4. have demonstrated contributions to the Academy through State, National and/or International involvement; with proof of advocacy of our profession
5. NOT be a member of the Awards Committee. Members of the Awards Committee are responsible for reviewing nominations, recommending recipients, or awarding an award are not eligible for nomination or consideration for this award.