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APTA Emerging Leader Award  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

We are pleased to nominate Vincent Nguyenpham, PTA, for the 2020 APTA Emerging Leader Award.

Vince is an active and integral member of our chapter here in Washington state as well as a contributing member of our board of directors for the Physical Therapy Association of Washington (PTWA), serving his second elected two-year term as the PTA Director.

Early in his professional career, Vince demonstrated initiative and leadership capacity as he stepped forward into the role of the PTA Student Liaison to the PTWA Board of Directors from 2012-2013. He served as an alternate PTA Caucus Representative for Washington the following year. At the time he was elected to be the PTA Director on our board of directors in 2016, our PTA SIG had been dormant for a couple of years. Vince reached out to PTAs and PTA students he knew he'd be seeing and recruited them to help shape the revitalized PTA SIG. After several years of coalition building, the revitalized PTA SIG held its first meeting in May 2019 and Vince turned over the leadership reins to new leaders. His consistent leadership paved the way for his nomination and election to the role of the PTWA PTA Caucus Representative to the APTA House of Delegates in 2017, a leadership role he currently holds in addition to serving as an alternate PTA Caucus delegate. He also continues in his role with our chapter board of directors.

For all of this and more, Vince received the PTWA PTA of the year award in 2015.

Beyond his leadership activities, Vince has demonstrated excellence in clinical practice in his chosen setting of orthopedics and has committed to staying at the cutting edge of research and best practice with his continuing education course studies. He currently holds the position of clinic co-director at Peoples Injury Network Northwest, a well-respected local company that specializes in treatment of injured workers and that earned high rankings and accolades from Seattle Business Magazine as one of Washington's Best 100 Companies to Work For in 2017.

Vince's former co-worker, Pete Rigby, has this to say about Vince: "Vince is one of those rare colleagues who will go the extra mile and far exceed expectations. Vince consistently assumes full responsibility for individual patient's wellbeing and then engages in broader conversations to ensure care excellence for all of our patients. He is kind, friendly and always willing to lend a hand. Although incredibly accomplished, Vince remains humble. We are honored to have a gentleman of Vince's integrity and character as a member of our profession."

Vince also volunteers with a group called the Seattle Slam Wheelchair Rugby, as a vice president and equipment manager. We're pretty sure these titles don't fully describe Vince's contributions to the Seattle Slam.

Personally, I have the unique privilege of working with Vince on the PTWA Board of Directors and I can say with confidence that he is a standout professional. I see his unique qualities that are not only fostering a successful career as a PTA, but also those that provide his insight and motivation to mentor future leaders within our profession. Vince demonstrates compassion, active listening and forward-thinking qualities that have become not only an invaluable asset to our state chapter and board, but also to the broader physical therapy community. It is truly an honor to nominate him. Please give Vince Nguyenpham your utmost consideration for this prestigious award, as he so richly deserves it

Yours truly,

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