

*Board-Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist, LSVT BIG, ABPTRFE Faculty Development Residency Graduate*

I am a Latina woman and first generation American with a passion for the geriatric and underserved populations. I am a graduate of the University of South Florida and have been practicing PT for 10 years in the outpatient setting. I have been an assistant professor for 5 years and completed an ABPTRFE accredited faculty residency in 2020 which provided me experience at the governance level. I also became board certified in Geriatrics in 2020. I would like to serve as a leader within the APTA Geriatrics board by recognizing and selecting other leaders who can help and advocate for our profession. I aim to use my position to serve as a role model for other minorities with the hope of encouraging their involvement in governance positions within the APTA. Additionally, I wish to inspire former, current, and future students by supporting APTA Geriatrics and enabling student involvement within our profession's governing board.