

## Never Pass on Dessert

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Most of us would never pass up a free cookie. Opportunities to become involved in the APTA are like dessert- they aren't a requirement for the meal, but they sure make the whole experience sweeter. I first became involved in the APTA as treasurer of the SSIG. After a year on the SSIG board, I decided that I wanted to take it to the next level and ran for President of the SSIG. I currently serve as SSIG president and am involved in the Pediatric SSIG and Pediatric section of the APTA. After graduation, I plan to continue my involvement in the Pediatric section. I also plan to become more involved in the mentorship committee- I feel that this is an important aspect of the APTA that has not been pushed to it's full potential and would like to work to connect students with professionals and understand the true value of involvement. In the future, I hope to run for another position on the Board of Directors and continue to serve not only my state, but also perhaps the national organization. After all, the world is run by those who participate.

Participation begins locally and at events such as the Spring Symposium. It is at these events that we can come together as a Colorado Chapter to learn as a team and build a support network for each other. It is at these symposiums that we can catch up on the events of the chapter, and plan for the future. We have a strong Chapter in Colorado and have proven to be national leaders. One might say we have quite the sweet spot. The Spring Symposium offers all members a chance to learn together, challenge each other and enjoy some of APTA's sweetest desserts.