

Boardroom to Classroom: A game changing opportunity!

What is it?

“Boardroom to Classroom is a program through the American Occupational Therapy Association that connects AOTA’s Board of Directors to student groups to increase their knowledge about professional issues and opportunities. These one hour-long question and answer teleconference or videoconference discussions focus on one of six topics:

1. Advocacy in Occupational Therapy
2. Importance of AOTA Membership
3. Getting More Involved in AOTA
4. Current Factors Affecting Occupational Therapy
5. Importance of Research and Evidence in the Profession
6. Recent Successes of AOTA for Occupational Therapy.”-

Jaclyn Tarloff, MS, OTR/L program creator.

Become an active member in AOTA

- Help achieve the *Centennial Vision* by interacting with AOTA’s Board of Directors to further your student membership to the Association that does so much for you!
- Develop interpersonal relationships between the Association and students while becoming educated on AOTA and what their impact is on your future profession.
- Engage in advocating for your future profession and learn about leadership opportunities, Special Interest Groups, Volunteer opportunities and much more.

Student testimonials

- “I felt much more connected to AOTA. The discussion made AOTA seem real, not just an organization.”
- “I learned a lot more about what AOTA and the Web site AOTA.org has to offer to students and beyond.”
- “I really enjoyed the lecture... It was inspiring and it makes me want to be more actively involved in AOTA.”

So how does it work?

An Assembly of Student Delegates (ASD) Steering Committee Member will contact you after you have submitted your request and ask Board members about availability. Once the teleconference or videoconference (e.g., Skype) is scheduled, the school can correspond directly with the board member about logistics. After session, the BOD member and students are encouraged to leave feedback and comment of the effectiveness of the session to further empower others to get involved!

How to set up a Boardroom to Classroom session

Send the following information to ASD@aota.org :

- 3 preferred days/times (usually one hour duration)
- Topic(s) of interest (see above)
- Your school name and time zone
- Your contact information

It would be helpful to have at least 3-4 weeks’ advance notice

Share this information with your Student Occupational Therapy Association Advisor, or Program director to take full advantage of this game changing opportunity!