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AOTA DEIJB Updates

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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, Access, and Belonging (DEIJAB) Newly formed Team



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DEIJAB Updates

- AOTA operationalizing DEIJAB
- Capstone Student Projects!!!
 - New Additions to the Practice Essentials & DEI Toolkit: Transgender & gender-diverse inclusive resources for practice
- **Integrating DEI in Academic Curricula, Parts 1 and 2.**
- AOTA Cultural Observance Calendar
- Now available DEI CE in the AOTA Store
- Policy update from Federal Affairs: **Allied Health Workforce Diversity Program** signed into law!



Momentum Summit III: Diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, access, and belonging sessions

Summit conversations: Men in OT

Occupational therapy in color: Looking back and moving momentum forward over 50 years

Leading by example...words matter

Gender affirming care resources: Client care & practice resources

Spotlight: Consortium of Historically Black Colleges and Universities Interdisciplinary Rehab Programs (CHIRP)

From student to leader: Paving your career journey & diversifying the profession

DC Department of Disabilities- Technology First

The Future...



Momentum Summit III and Meetups



Expansion of educational and advocacy resources (i.e. working with the COE)



Exploration of pathway programs with grant funding support



Continuing the good work!!!...DEI Committee, Diverse Leaders Program and more...