Preliminary School List: Physical Therapy

1. **Geography:** Where in the US have you spend significant time in the past (growing up, vacations, internships, etc.)? In what areas do you have personal ties? Are there other location factors that you’re considering in your application (urban/rural, access to certain patient populations, cultural diversity, other opportunities)?

2. **Mission:** Which mission statement is most appealing to you and why?
   
   a. *Our focus is to improve our understanding of the human movement system. We aim to develop methods for accurately diagnosing and effectively treating movement system disorders to promote*

   b. *The mission of the X School of Health Professions is to: Prepare health professionals of the highest quality to meet the needs of the health care system in X. Advance knowledge of the health professions through the development and maintenance of research programs related to health care. Consult, provide services, and collaborate with other institutions and agencies to meet the health care delivery and health education needs of the citizens of X through interdisciplinary education and promotion of comprehensive health care. Contribute to the continued growth and development of the health professions and the reduction of barriers to vertical and horizontal career mobility through the development of continuing education, retraining programs, and other appropriate means.*

   c. *The mission of X PT Program is to educate students, using the highest standards of academic excellence, to become physical therapists who practice across the healthcare continuum, making meaningful contributions to their patients, community and profession.*
3. **Focus:** If you were to pursue a specialty area post PT school, which of these would be of the greatest interest. This is not an exhaustive list.
   
a. Pediatrics  
b. Geriatrics  
c. Sports  
d. Cardiovascular/Pulmonary  
e. Women’s Health

4. Are there student organizations/activities that you seek in PT school (religious, cultural, music/arts, service, athletic, social)?

5. Are there factors guiding your school selection (location, mission, cost, experience, etc.)?

6. List 5 schools that you plan to apply to

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