



2026 Student Conference

Today's Speakers

Angela Morgan, PT, DPT, GCS, has been an amputee since the age of 19 and has been a peer visitor and presenter for the Amputee Coalition national conferences, instructor for prosthetics courses at three universities, and is the current practice chair of the federal section of the APTA for the amputation SIG. She became a board-certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist in 2019 and has 13 years of experience in both the acute and outpatient settings working with those with limb loss and trauma. Angela has been a national conference speaker at CSM on topics of limb loss and diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.

Emily Gee, PT, DPT, OCS is an assistant professor and the Director of the Musicians' Wellness Program at the University of Colorado Boulder College of Music. She is a board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist, yoga instructor, and former cellist who experienced significant playing-related injuries during her musical studies. She now specializes in helping musicians prevent and recover from injury through holistic wellness education and a mind-body approach to care. She earned her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from University of California San Francisco and completed her orthopedic residency at Regis University. Over the years she has worked with student and professional musicians across the country including members of the of the Colorado Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra and New York Philharmonic. Her research interests center on the knowledge translation of performing arts health research into music education, health promotion and injury prevention initiatives for musicians, and mind-body interventions in physical therapy practice. <https://www.colorado.edu/music/emily-gee>

Jimmy McKay, PT, DPT is what happens when a rock radio DJ becomes a physical therapist and refuses to give up either career. He created PT Pintcast to bring real conversations back to healthcare — the kind that make you think, make you laugh, and make you want to try something bold on Monday morning. In addition to his podcast Jimmy currently serves as the Clinical Innovation Manager for Prompt EMR and has been a consultant for numerous healthcare brands & organizations including AAOMPT, Mt Sinai, Fox Rehab, APTA Colorado,

and APTA Orthopedics. Across all platforms, his passion is taking complex ideas & turning them into stories that people understand, remember, and take action on.

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Joni Miller, DPT, CLT-LANA graduated with her DPT from Regis University. She has been working in Oncology Rehabilitation since 2011 and has a passion for assisting this specialized population with their healing. Joni has advanced lymphedema and cancer exercise certifications as well as specialized training in pelvic floor rehabilitation. She works exclusively with oncology patients at The Cancer Center in Fort Collins. She is a native of Colorado who enjoys running and spending time outdoors with her husband, three children, and chocolate labrador.

Megan Mitchel, PT, DPT, MPH is a 2010 graduate of CU PT and received her Master's in Public Health in 2024 with a specialization in global disaster management, homeland security and humanitarian aid. Since 2017 he has worked on the development of ED PT practice in multiple facilities throughout the Denver area, and is currently the only active PT within the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response working directly with the National Disaster Medical System. She is also rostered with a World Health Organization verified Rehabilitation Specialty Emergency Medical Team to respond to conflict settings and natural disasters. She teaches at the University of Colorado PT program about the role of PT in disasters, including a disaster medicine elective.

Rachel Carter, PT, DPT, CFMT, OCS started her PT career in 2006 at Craig Rehabilitation Hospital, followed by certification in Functional Manual Therapy and completing the highest level of Dry Needling certification with Kinetacore. She now maintains a cash-based private practice while also serving as a full-time ranked faculty member in the Regis University School of Physical Therapy. A mother of two, a former nationally-ranked water skier, and an Ironman triathlon finisher, she loves the Colorado active lifestyle & the work-life balance she achieves through running a private practice that allows her to treat patients using the full breadth of her skill set.

Rebekah Griffith, DPT, NCS, FAAOMPT is a passionate emergency department PT, and has been an invited lecturer, a regular presenter, a podcast guest, and a book author on this topic. In previous years she was instrumental in passing two motions in the APTA House of Delegates in support of emergency PT practice, and was a founding member of the Emergency PT Steering Committee within the Academy of Acute Care. She has served numerous roles within the APTA over the course of her career and is our current state chapter President.

Sheri O'Brien, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, CCRT has over 30 years of experience in physical therapy, specifically outpatient ortho and manual therapy emphasis. She studied to achieve her Certified Canine Rehab Therapist cert which she completed in 2011. She loves taking what she knows from treating humans and applying her knowledge and skills to canines, including adapted manual techniques and dry needling. Sheri is active in the dog training community, having competed with her Cardigan Welsh Corgis in Obedience, Agility, and Tracking since 2000. Her clinical knowledge is paired with the animal handling skills she has developed through training and showing her own Cardigan Welsh Corgis as well as teaching classes in competition obedience. She is an instructor for CaninelQ and Affiliate Faculty at Regis University. She owns her own PT clinic in Englewood.

Carrie Adrian, PT, PhD, tCPT™ is the founder of CaninelQ and a Fellow of the International Association of Veterinary Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy (IAVRPT). A physical therapist with more than 25 years of experience in canine practice, she was named the 2021 Veterinary Rehabilitation Therapist of the Year by IAVRPT. Dr. Adrian earned her Biology degree from Allegheny College, her MSPT from North Georgia College, and her PhD in Canine Biomechanics from Colorado State University. She was a founding faculty member of the University of Tennessee's canine rehabilitation certification program, has authored textbook chapters, lectured internationally, served as Vice President of the APTA Animal Physical Therapy SIG, and held national leadership roles with VCA Animal Hospitals. She continues to advance the profession through education, research, and mentorship while leading CaninelQ's PT-exclusive credentialing programs.

James Leahy, CAE is the Managing Director of the Liberty Square Group and the Executive Director of APTA CO. A seasoned lecturer with a focus on leadership, grassroots advocacy, and communicating with public officials, Jim has addressed professionals at national, regional, and state organizations. Jim heads up LSG's Association Management division, overseeing a team that provides services to both national and state-based organizations. His coaching expertise is the perfect launching pad for him to focus on volunteer leadership development while also providing strategic organizational counsel. He is a Certified Association Executive, the highest level of professional achievement available from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). In 2025, the American Physical Therapy Association recognized Jim's contributions with Honorary Membership in the Association for his impact on the field of physical therapy.