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## Introducing the Alumni Association Advisory Board

The **University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USAHS) Alumni Association Advisory Board** was formed in September 2021 and provides valuable insight into how the University can support and engage with its alumni. The volunteer board members help share alumni engagement initiatives to strengthen the University in pursuit of its mission to develop professional healthcare practitioners.

Representing most degree programs, campuses and the broad range of graduation years of our alumni, the founding USAHS Alumni Association Advisory Board members are:

### President:

**Stephen Elam, PT, DPT, EdD** (MPT '96, DPT '11)—Board Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist; Board Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist; Associate Professor, University of Lynchburg



Dr. Stephen Elam is a graduate of the inaugural MPT Blue Cohort in 1996. Since then, he has practiced in a variety of settings including acute care, outpatient, worker's compensation, home health and skilled nursing, and he has been owner/co-owner of the Vehab Rehab Company. He actively practiced from 1996 through 2011. After earning his transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, he began teaching in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Lynchburg. In 2016 he completed a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership at the University of Lynchburg.

At the University of Lynchburg, Dr. Elam founded the Community Health Clinic, which provides student-led pro bono care for un- and under-insured community members. He currently works with [Wheels on the James](#), providing adaptive Amtrykes to children and adults who cannot ride traditional bicycles.

Dr. Elam is married to Dr. Penny Elam, PT, DPT, and they have three children. He loves to work with non-profit organizations on a local and national level. Dr. Elam is also active in the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), including serving as membership chair, a five-term state delegate and with the Health Policies & Administration Section.

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### **Vice President and Chair, Alumni Engagement Committee:**

**Chris A. Long, PT, DPT (DPT '16)**—Owner, Orthopedic Physical Therapist at Platinum Rehab Specialists, LLC



Dr. Chris Long is a board-certified orthopedic physical therapist whose passion lies in the manual therapy, concussion and vestibular world. He treats all patient populations in his clinic in the Charlotte, NC area and is adjunct faculty with the American Institute of Balance for their vestibular rehab and concussion management certification course.

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### **Vice President and Chair, Advocacy Committee:**

**Rebekah Jarrar, OTD, MA, MOT, OTR/L (MOT '17, OTD '23)**—Assistant Professor, OT programs at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences



Dr. Rebekah Jarrar is a core faculty instructor at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences and is passionate about the field of occupational therapy. She completed her Master of Arts in Communication from Marquette University Graduate School and in April 2023, she earned her Post-Professional Doctorate of Occupational Therapy with a focus on teaching in higher education.

Dr. Jarrar's interests in children and mental health led her to start a pediatric clinical practice focused on empowering children and adolescents in the community, including creating an adolescent girl's group focused on teaching coping skills for dealing with stress.

When not teaching or studying, she enjoys time with her husband and two children, swimming, cooking and playing with their dogs.

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### **Vice President and Chair, Governance Committee:**

**Robert (Bob) Kentner, BSN, MSN, DNP (DNP '21)**—Quality and Infection Prevention Manager at Sidney Regional Medical Center



Dr. Bob Kentner is a 20-year United States Navy veteran, having served on both submarines and surface ships. Dr. Kentner received his Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, St. Augustine, FL, his Master of Science, Nursing from Central Methodist University, Fayette, MO and his Bachelor of Science, Nursing from Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS.

Presently he holds the position of Quality and Infection Prevention Manager at Sidney Regional Medical Center in Sidney, NE. Dr. Kentner serves on the Emergency Nurses Association's Quality and Safety

Advisory Council and Faith Community Nursing International's Board of Directors. He continues to mentor and guide nursing students as well as actively volunteer in his local community as a paramedic and firefighter.

**Immediate Past President:**

**Steve Weyandt, PT, DPT, SCS, MTC** (MPT '00, DPT '04)—Regional Director/Partner, BenchMark Physical Therapy



*Dr. Weyandt sits on the Alumni Engagement Committee.*

Dr. Steve Weyandt has been at BenchMark Physical Therapy since 2003 and served as a partner and in multi-site leadership roles with the company since 2014. He received his Manual Therapy Certification (MTC) in 2004 through USAHS, Board Certified Sports Specialist (SCS) in 2010, and he was recently certified through the Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) for golf rehab and performance in 2020.

Dr. Weyandt continues to do personal study in leadership development and enjoys time as a guest lecturer for leadership topics to USAHS students. Outside of work, he enjoys playing golf, traveling, participating in fitness activities and spending time with family. He is also an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan!

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**Additional USAHS Alumni Association Advisory Board members include:**

**Morgan Beard** (MS-SLP '21)—Speech Language Pathologist, North Mississippi Medical Center



*Morgan Beard sits on the Alumni Engagement Committee.*

Morgan Beard is completing her clinical fellowship at North Mississippi Medical Center across a variety of settings as a speech-language pathologist. She works in acute care rehabilitation, as well as intensive inpatient rehab and outpatient rehab from pediatrics to geriatrics.

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**Paige Funderburk, ASDCS (MOT '05, OTD '06)**—Developmental Services Clinical Program Manager at Cortica Pediatric Neurology



*Dr. Funderburk sits on the Advocacy Committee.*

In June 2021, Dr. Paige Funderburk transitioned from her management role in outpatient senior living to Director of Developmental Therapy Services with Cortica—San Diego, CA region. Cortica is a physician-owned company offering comprehensive care programming for children (now expanding into adults) with neurodevelopmental and neurological disorders. Her current role encompasses multiple outpatient clinics, telehealth services, in-home and community multidisciplinary services, including occupational, physical, speech and music therapy. Additionally, she coordinates services with neurologists, physician specialists, medical staff, nutritionists, family counselors, psychologists, board-certified behavioral analysts and behavioral interventionists.

Since graduation in 2006 from the OTD program at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences St. Augustine, FL campus, Dr. Funderburk has obtained post-doctoral certifications as a Neurodevelopmental Therapist, Certified Lymphedema Therapist, Certified Fall Prevention Specialist and most recently as a Certified Autism Spectrum Disorder Clinical Specialist. She has been accepted as a candidate for Certified Hand Therapist certification and plans to sit for the credentialing exam in 2022.

**Jackie Hardison, MOT, OTR/L (MOT '19)**—Occupational Therapist and Site Leader at Carrico Pediatric Therapy



*Jackie Hardison sits on the Alumni Engagement Committee.*

Jackie Hardison earned a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from California State University, Fullerton. During undergrad, she fell in love with occupational therapy during an internship when she saw firsthand how simple adaptations could simplify activities of daily living and impact people's lives to make them more successful.

She pursued a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences in San Marcos, CA. Hardison has a passion for working with children and helping families to thrive in their roles through a holistic approach to therapy. She currently is focusing on children with difficulty feeding and working toward advanced practice in swallowing. In her free time, she enjoys playing board games, exploring new foods and spending time with her family.

**Tiffany Hilton** (MPT '99)—Program Director at Duke University



*Tiffany Hilton sits on the Alumni Engagement Committee.*

Tiffany Hilton is the Program Director and an Associate Professor in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Division at Duke University. She teaches exercise physiology and exercise prescription content in the foundational content in the Physical Therapy program. She also teaches content in the Older Adult Advanced Practice Course. She was the Director of Curriculum for the DPT program for seven years before transitioning to the role of Program Director.

Tiffany has two daughters who are active in field hockey, so she spends most of her weekends traveling to their tournaments. In her free time, she enjoys playing tennis, participating in water sports and traveling with her family.

**Lee Ann Hoffman, OTD, ATP/SMS** (OTD '22)—Assistant Program Director, Assistant Professor, OT Programs at University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences



*Dr. Hoffman sits on the Advocacy Committee.*

Dr. Lee Ann Hoffman has been an occupational therapist for more than 20 years. She obtained her degree in the Republic of South Africa and a Master of Science in Rehabilitation (posture management) in the United Kingdom. She also holds a Doctor of Occupational Therapy from the University of St Augustine for Health Sciences, which she earned in 2022.

Dr. Hoffman has worked internationally in a variety of healthcare systems throughout her career. She is a Rehabilitation Engineer and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA)-certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) and Seating and Mobility Specialist (SMS). She also serves as a co-vice-chair for the RESNA 24-7 Posture Care Management (PCM) special interest group.

As part of her service to the industry, Dr. Hoffman serves as an executive board member on the education team for the Clinician Task Force. She is constantly seeking ways to create synergies between the individual, equipment and the environment. She is a registered Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS) and a member of the International Society of Wheelchair Professionals (ISWP). She is passionate about 24-hour PCM for individuals with complex rehab needs and enjoys publishing, training and presenting on 24-hour PCM at national and international annual conferences.



**Katie Hohman (DPT '10)**—Chief Executive Officer at Hohman Rehab and Sports Therapy



*Dr. Hohman sits on the Advocacy Committee.*

Dr. Katie Hohman received her Master's in Physical Therapy from the University of Central Florida in 2006. In 2010, she received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences. She has owned and operated a private practice since 2009 in Central Florida and currently has two clinic locations, with a third on the way this year.

Dr. Hohman is a member of the Private Practice Section of the APTA and has served on the board for the Government Affairs Committee since 2022. She and her husband, Jeff, also own and operate a physical therapy EMR and practice management software called HENO.

On a personal note, Dr. Hohman has been married for 14 years and has two boys. She loves to travel and experience the world with her family.

**C. Scott Hollander DPT '10**—Therapy Recruiter at Ensign Services



*Dr. Hollander sits on the Advocacy Committee.*

Dr. C. Scott Hollander has spent his entire career in skilled nursing and has found a passion in dementia care. Most of this time has been with Ensign-affiliated facilities in Washington and Utah. He spent eight years as the Director of Rehabilitation in three of these facilities.

In 2013, Dr. Hollander became a clinical instructor and shortly after became an APTA-credentialed Clinical Instructor (CI). Since then he has been a CI for 14 students from various schools. In 2019, he completed the Certified Exercise Expert for Aging Adults (CEEAA) with APTA. He now serves as a recruiter for Ensign affiliated facilities to help physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech-language pathologists around the country recognize the challenge, honor and joy that can be found in practicing in the Skilled Nursing / Post-Acute setting.

**Cody Honeycutt, PT, DPT (DPT '21)**—Director of District Operations at PT Solutions



*Dr. Honeycutt sits on the Alumni Engagement Committee.*

Dr. Cody Honeycutt has spent his entire professional career with PT Solutions Physical Therapy. He currently serves as the Director of District Operations in Indiana and is a graduate of their Post-Doctorate Orthopedic Residency Program.

Dr. Honeycutt enjoys the opportunity to serve, lead and invest in others in order to push for clinical and professional excellence. He currently serves as a mentor for both PT Solutions Orthopedic Residency

Program and the Orthopedic Mentorship program for clinicians in constant pursuit to improve their skillset. He has a professional goal to one day return to school in pursuit of his master's in Business Administration.

**Cristine Juul Johnson, PT, DPT, MTC, certified DN (DPT '09)**—Supervisor Outpatient Rehab Services, Ochsner Therapy and Wellness



*Dr. Johnson sits on the Governance Committee.*

Dr. Cristine Johnson is an outpatient orthopedic physical therapist, specializing in headaches and the rehabilitation of the back and spine, and serves as the supervisor of rehab services for Ochsner Therapy and Wellness in her hometown of Covington, LA. She is active in the APTA-LA chapter as a district representative on the Government Affairs Committee. When away from the clinic, Dr. Johnson enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and two children.

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**Kayla Lambert, PT, DPT (DPT '16)**—Co-owner at REV Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine



*Dr. Lambert sits on the Alumni Engagement Committee.*

Dr. Kayla Lambert is the co-owner of REV Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine, along with her husband, Nicholas Lambert. Dr. Lambert was raised in Rome, GA and from there went on to receive her bachelor's in Kinesiology/Exercise and Sport Science from the University of Georgia.

Following her time at UGA, she received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences in St. Augustine, FL. After meeting Nick during physical therapy school, they both moved back to Georgia to begin their careers. She began her experience in outpatient orthopedics and has remained within that same scope of practice during the years.

She and her husband experienced travel physical therapy while living in an RV before purchasing the clinics and settling back to Florida with their twin boys, Bennett and Henry. She pursued her career as a physical therapist in order to be an advocate for her patients and give them the opportunity to reach a goal they thought was unattainable. She feels as if the medical community has slowly developed a negative stigma and would like to change that mindset for both patients and therapists alike.

Dr. Lambert is certified in Dry Needling and Vestibular Rehabilitation and loves to treat active older adults, high school and college athletes, and vestibular conditions.

**Tomika Lowe-Lopez, PT, DPT, OTR/L (DPT '15)**—Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist and Lead Therapist (weekends) at Piedmont Healthcare



*Dr. Lowe-Lopez sits on the Alumni Engagement Committee.*

Dr. Tomika Lowe-Lopez lives in Georgia with her husband and daughter. She received a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from the Medical College of Georgia in 2003 and her Physical Therapy doctorate from the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences in 2015. She currently works for Piedmont Healthcare in acute care and in an inpatient rehab hospital setting.

**Erin McCambridge, PT, DPT (DPT '07)**—Physical Therapist at Martin Army Community Hospital



*Dr. McCambridge sits on the Alumni Engagement Committee.*

Dr. Erin McCambridge graduated from the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, St. Augustine campus in 2007. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science from the University of South Alabama. Since graduating, she has practiced in a variety of settings including acute care, skilled nursing and outpatient working with patients across the lifespan. For the past 10 years, she has been working for the government and is currently practicing at Martin Army Community Hospital at Ft. Benning.

Dr. McCambridge is a board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist (OCS) and will complete the EIM Pelvic Health Specialist Certification later this year.

**Craig McGhee, MPT, MHA, FACHE (MPT '96)**—Midwest Market Administrator, Shriners Children's



*Craig McGhee sits on the Alumni Engagement Committee.*

Craig McGhee is Shriners Children's Midwest Market Administrator. His role is Chicago-based with the Chicago, St. Louis, Twin Cities and Ohio (burn) facilities in the market. As the Market Administrator, he aligns strategic goals of the market with the overall mission of Shriners Children's. He started his career as a physical therapist at Shriners Children in Tampa, FL (1997-2005) and at Shriners Children's Erie, PA location as a Director in rehabilitation (2006-2009).

Prior to rejoining Shriners Children's, he was at Akron Children's hospital from 2009-2022 in varying roles including Director, Vice President and Chief Ambulatory Officer. His responsibilities included overseeing the operations of all Akron Children's medical and surgical subspecialty practices, Centers of Excellence, Appointment Center and rehabilitation on its two hospital campuses in downtown Akron and Boardman, its regional health centers and other



specialty care clinics throughout its service area, as well as the Akron Children's Hospital Pediatrics (ACHP) primary care network.

He is board certified in Healthcare Management and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives since 2007. He was the elected Ohio Regent for the American College of Healthcare Executives from 2020-2023.

**Molly Patel-Desai, DPT, MHS-CL, CMTPT (DPT '02)**—Owner, Reform Physical Therapy



*Dr. Patel-Desai sits on the Alumni Engagement Committee.*

Dr. Molly Patel-Desai is a physical therapist who treats patients with chronic pain caused by degenerative processes, autoimmune diseases, temporomandibular dysfunction and sports injuries. She believes that by keeping people involved in their active lifestyle, they are able to maintain a healthier emotional state. This, in turn, gives way to work together to improve their physical state.

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**Kellan Quigley, OTD, MS, OTR/L (OTD '22)**—Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and Assistant Professor, OT Programs, University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences



*Dr. Quigley sits on the Advocacy Committee.*

Dr. Kellan Quigley is an Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and Assistant Professor at USAHS on the St. Augustine, FL campus. He was previously the Lead Occupational Therapist and Clinical Coordinator for multidisciplinary rehabilitation services at Strive! Rehabilitation/Ocala Health in Ocala, FL.

Upon graduating in 2012 from Western Michigan University with his Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, he relocated to Gainesville, FL and initiated his career in acute inpatient rehabilitation. Within a year, Dr. Quigley transitioned to a newly developing trauma therapy team at Ocala Regional Medical Center as a contracted employee with Strive! Rehabilitation. This particular clinical environment allowed him to advance and accelerate in acute traumatology, geriatrics, bariatrics, orthopedic and stroke rehabilitation. Within the acute setting, he served as Lead OT with responsibilities including new graduate training, protocol development, clinical instruction/clinical coordination, and collaboration with interdisciplinary medical services to maximize patient outcomes.

His clinical time was focused on specialized treatment of the upper extremity under the mentorship of well-established Certified Hand Therapists. In conjunction with his outpatient practices, Dr. Quigley had the opportunity to become certified in Functional Capacity Evaluation completing his training through Ergoscience.

**Sara Story, EdD, OTD, OTR/L, BCG, CAPS (OTD '11)**—Director and Associate Professor, Valparaiso University



*Dr. Story sits on the Governance Committee.*

Dr. Sara Story is the Director and Associate Professor at Valparaiso University. Her clinical experiences and scholarship interests, surrounding productive aging and mental health populations, are influential in the courses she teaches.

**Asiah Wilborn (MS-SLP '22)**—Speech-Language Pathologist at Gwinnett County Public Schools System



*Asiah Wilborn sits on the Advocacy Committee.*

Asiah Wilborn earned her Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, Dallas campus in 2022. She holds a Bachelor of Education Science in Speech Pathology from the University of West Georgia.

She has more than seven years of experience in the field as a speech-language pathologist assistant and is currently working as a contract school-based speech-language pathologist. Outside of her career, she enjoys traveling, outdoor activities and spending time with family and friends.