



## 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 Master of Physical Therapy blue cohort in 1996. Since then, he has practiced in various settings including acute care, outpatient, worker's compensation, home health and skilled nursing, and he has been owner/co-owner of the Rehab 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 nonprofit organizations on a local and national level. He 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, 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 USAHS and is passionate about the field of occupational therapy. She completed her Master of Arts in Communication from Marquette University Graduate School.

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 spending 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 Master of Science, Nursing from Central Methodist University and his Bachelor of Science, Nursing from Fort Hays State University.

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.

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

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



Prior to joining USAHS, Dr. Kellan Quigley was 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.

### **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 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:**

**Brittany C. Andrade, OTD, OTR/L (OTD '22)**—Hand Therapist at Concentra in Los Angeles, CA



*Dr. Andrade sits on the Governance Committee.*

With a passion for rehabilitation and functional independence, Dr. Brittany C. Andrade specializes in orthopedic hand therapy, helping individuals recover from hand and upper extremity injuries, surgeries and work-related injuries.

She has a professional goal to receive her CHT. In her free time, she enjoys going to the beach, hiking, traveling and spending time with her dog and partner.

**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 various 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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**Jonathan Bray, PT, DPT, EdD, MS (EdD '22)**—Assistant Program Director, Assistant Professor at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences



*Dr. Bray sits on the Governance Committee.*

Dr. Jonathan Bray teaches orthopaedic courses for the University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program on the Miami, FL campus. He also serves as both teaching and mentoring faculty for the Manual Therapy Institute's Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy fellowship program. Prior to his faculty appointment, he served as an area director for more than 12 occupational medicine clinics in New England. In addition, Dr. Bray served as an officer in the United States Army Reserve for eight years as a member of the Army Medical Specialist Corps, where he held multiple leadership roles and lectured nationally and internationally.

He continues to treat and brings 15+ years of experience to the clinic. He specializes in working with patients of all ages presenting with orthopedics disorders and has worked with athletes at beginner, recreational, high school, college, Olympic and professional levels. In addition, he has worked with the performing arts population including multiple off-Broadway and ballet productions.

Active in the Florida Physical Therapy Association, Dr. Bray serves on the board as the director of practice. He was also selected to serve on the Accreditation Council on Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy Education, which is responsible for setting accreditation standards, policies and procedures, and making accreditation decisions for Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy programs in the United States following the standards developed by the International Federation of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy.

He completed a fellowship in Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy through the Manual Therapy Institute and is a Fellow in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists.

**Arkena L. Dailey, PT, DPT, CMT, FMT, FDN, MSK (DPT '03)**—Team Coordinator, Physical Therapist at Sentara Health

*Dr. Dailey sits on the Advocacy Committee.*



Dr. Arkena L. Dailey is an accomplished physical therapist with more than 20 years of clinical and leadership experience. She has served in various roles, including chief executive officer of Dailey Enterprise, LLC, adjunct professor at Old Dominion University, and site manager and clinical rehab specialist with Sentara Health.

A dedicated community leader, Dr. Dailey has held multiple leadership positions, including president and vice president of the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Physical Therapy and has contributed to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

Dr. Dailey is also an active member of several organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and The Links. Outside of her professional endeavors, she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling internationally and attending sporting events.

**Katherine (Katie) Daniels, PT, DPT (DPT '06)**—Director of Rehabilitation at California Park Rehabilitation Hospital, Chico, CA



*Dr. Daniels sits on the Advocacy Committee.*

Dr. Katie Daniels has been a physical therapist for almost 20 years. She has worked in various settings including outpatient and homecare but has found her passion in geriatric care. She became a board-certified geriatric specialist with the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) in 2002. Her other certifications and interests include fall prevention, dementia care, registered yoga instructor and clinical instructor.

Dr. Daniels has taken almost 20 students in her career to date, and in the summer of 2024, she became an APTA-certified clinical instructor trainer. As part of her service to her association, she is a delegate for the California Physical Therapy Association Assembly of Representatives and is active with the Northeast District Education Committee. She writes continuing education programs and teaches throughout her community and has recently expanded to teaching with Summit Education and Community Care Options.

She is passionate about continuing to learn and educating others. Her next educational bucket list item is to pursue a university teaching job and her master's in education.

**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 her USAHS graduation, 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.

**Kristin Haas, OTD, OTR/L, EdD** (OTD '05)—Professor and Founding Program Director at Quincy University



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

With more than two decades of experience in higher education and clinical practice, Dr. Kristin Haas brings a wealth of expertise to her leadership role. A graduate of Northwestern University's master's program and USAHS' doctoral program in occupational therapy, she has served as a faculty member, program director and academic fieldwork coordinator.

She is an active member of the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education's Roster of Evaluators and a graduate of the American Occupational Therapy Association's Academic Leadership Institute. Dr. Haas has received numerous accolades, including the Inspiring Excellence Award, Outstanding Faculty Member Award and recognition from the Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association.

Passionate about community engagement, she has led international service trips and worked locally to address issues such as homelessness, youth in crisis and access to healthcare. Residing in Omaha, NE, she continues to serve Quincy University's hybrid OTD program remotely, leveraging her expertise in curriculum and instructional design to inspire the next generation of occupational therapists.

**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.

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.

**Nicolas Harrington, OTD, MOT, OTR/L, BCPR (OTD '22)**—Instructor at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences



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

Dr. Nicolas Harrington graduated from the University of Florida with his undergraduate degree in Health Sciences, followed by getting his master's in occupational therapy. After graduating, he worked in both the skilled nursing setting and inpatient rehabilitation locally for several years. During that time, he completed the Brooks Neurologic Occupational Therapy Fellowship, where he worked with various neurologic conditions.

Dr. Harrington returned to school at USAHS to complete his Doctor of Occupational Therapy, where his capstone was focused on functional improvement in COVID-19 patients. Since then, he became a core faculty member at the St. Augustine, FL campus, where he specializes in Clinical Neuroscience Applied to Occupation and Anatomy Applied to Occupation. His current research centers around the effectiveness of a virtual learning model.

**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 (DPT) 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 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 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.

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. 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.

Dr. Hohman is married and has two boys. She loves to travel and experience the world with her family.

**Katey Howland, EdD, MS, OTR/L (EdD '21)**—Assistant Professor and Doctoral Capstone Coordinator at Husson University in Bangor, ME



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

Dr. Katey Howland has been in higher education for 10 years, starting as an academic fieldwork coordinator. Upon completion of her doctorate, she transitioned into a faculty role.

Dr. Howland graduated from the University of New England in 2001 with her master's degree in occupational therapy and worked in Maine and New Hampshire as an occupational therapist (OT) for various rehabilitation settings. Her current work consists of teaching adult rehabilitation courses, occupational therapy research courses and other foundational OT courses that embed community-engaged learning experiences. Her research involves interprofessional education simulated experiences. A current project is examining test preparation for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy using an online platform.

Dr. Howland lives in Maine with her husband (DPT '10) and their two children, who keep them busy with hockey, dance and baseball activities. In her free time, she enjoys reading, exercising and traveling with her family.

**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 Advocacy 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.

After meeting Nick at USAHS, they 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.

Dr. Lambert 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 to be an advocate for her patients and allow them 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



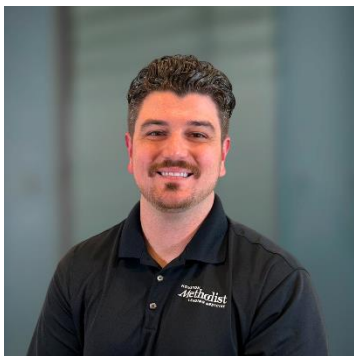
*Dr. Lowe-Lopez sits on the Alumni Engagement Committee.*

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.

She currently works for Piedmont Healthcare in acute care and in an inpatient rehab hospital setting.

**Shaun Reghabi, PT, DPT, ATC/L, MS (DPT '23)**—Physical Therapist at Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital

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



Dr. Shaun Reghabi is a dual-credentialed physical therapist and athletic trainer specializing in sports and orthopedic rehabilitation at Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital (HMTW). He is residency-trained in both orthopedic physical therapy and athletic training through separate programs at Houston Methodist Hospital.

Dr. Reghabi serves as co-chair of the Performing Arts Committee at Houston Methodist, collaborating with Houston Ballet and Houston Grand Opera to support performing artists' health and performance. Alongside clinical practice, he is actively involved in developing HMTW's new sports residency program.

As a leader in various professional organizations, Dr. Reghabi represents the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Southeastern District as a delegate to the American Physical Therapy Association House of Delegates. He also serves nationally as secretary for the Early

Professional Special Interest Group (SIG) of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT).

Currently completing the TPTA Tom Waugh Leadership Development Program, he is passionate about mentorship and professional growth. His mission is to integrate innovative approaches that enhance patient care while empowering the next generation of clinicians to thrive in an evolving healthcare landscape. To connect with Shaun, please visit his Linktree [here](#).

**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.

**Linda Wise, PT, DPT, OTR/L, MOT** (DPT '06, MOT '08)—Occupational and Physical Therapist at Fauquier Health



*Dr. Wise sits on the Advocacy Committee.*

Dr. Linda Wise has worked for Fauquier Health as an occupational therapist (OT) and physical therapist (PT) for 17 years. She grew up in central Virginia and currently works in the same area.

She received a bachelor's degree in 2003 from Radford University.

In addition to her work as a full-time OT and PT clinician, Dr. Wise is a content reviewer for continuing education courses for relevance and credit for other clinicians. She enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, crafting and creating different projects.