

Registration & Breakfast

8:00 – 8:30

Keynote

8:30 – 9:30 am

South Auditorium

Alyson Stover, MOT, JD, OTR/L, BCP* **

Looking back → Moving Forward

Breakout Sessions

9:40 – 10:40 am

South Auditorium

Naomia Rivera, COTA* **

JEDI and occupational therapy: Can one exist without the other?

Classroom 4

Barbara Williams, DrOT, MS, OTR; Shaun Conway, OTR

NBCOT® National Certification Exam: Information You Need to Know. Connect with NBCOT and hear about the best approaches to achieve your goal for Occupational Therapy Certification.

Classroom 5

Philip Lamoreaux, OTR/L, CLCP, LCP-C, Steve Wallenfels, OTR/L

High Intensity Training, does it have a place in Occupational Therapy?

Classroom 6

Michael Takatsuno & Nick Sidwell, OTR/L

Understand the RootFx (root effects) of movement in all occupations- How to bend over, how to get off the floor, stand up from a chair, pick things up, how to sit, stand, walk, and how to move effectively in all we do to prevent dysfunction in, rehabilitate from injury, and strengthen joints and muscles WHILE you do occupations.

10:50 – 11:50 am

South Auditorium

Beth Cardell, PhD, OTR/L* **

Assessment and Treatment of Decreased Self-Awareness. Increase your understanding of the role decreased self-awareness (insight) has on functional cognition and how OT practitioners can improve these skills in their patients.

Classroom 4

Barbara Williams, DrOT, MS, OTR; Shaun Conway, OTR

Your National OTR or COTA Credential: What It Means for You. For those interested, connect with NBCOT and hear about maintaining national occupational therapy certification as well as methods that can be used to contribute to professional competency.

Classroom 5

Ronald Honey

Gain insight on the challenges and difficulties of providing humanitarian wheelchair training and services that were provided during the pandemic.

Classroom 6

Brian L. Thompson, OTD, OTR/L

Learn an effective approach to chronic pain treatment and management that can be easily incorporated in OT practice.

Classroom 7

Anifa Williams, COTA/L

The joy of sensory/ emotionally balanced people through meditation/guided imagery.

Lunch

12:00 pm

South Auditorium

Business Meeting* at 12:15 pm

Student Projects

12:45 – 1:15 pm

Classroom 8

Salt Lake Community College OTA Students

Adaptive Equipment Projects

SIS Group Sessions

1:20 – 2:20 pm

South Auditorium

Nick Sidwell, OTR/L

Pediatric Practice Areas

Classroom 4

Sydnee Hancock, COTA/L

Entrepreneurs Practice Areas

Classroom 5

Bonnie Eckman, OTR/L

Mental Health Practice Areas

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Classroom 6

MaryAnn Gunnuscio

Rehabilitation Practice Areas

Classroom 7

Andrea Thompson

Geriatric Practice Areas

Breakout Sessions

2:30 – 3:30 pm

South Auditorium

**Travis Chamberlain OTD,
OTR/L * ****

Learn about implementing a workload-based, 3:1 service model approach to describe and articulate the comprehensive actions taken by practitioners to meet students' needs. This approach encourages practitioners to collaboratively address contextual and performance barriers that may otherwise go unaddressed in the medical model-based caseload service approach.

Classroom 4

Meena Iyer, PhD, OTR/L

This interactive presentation will discuss the journey of the 'dementia friendly' community engagement project from being actively engaged in an in-person experience to an online elder forum in a span of about 2 years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Thinking back and looking forward it has created a new level of engagement wherein, particularly in digital format, people want to be seen and understood.

Classroom 5

Royce Porter

Learn more about the specialty of being a "Generalist". Identify new areas you could implement your practice. Find other professionals in different areas of practice. Remember why you got into occupational therapy.

Classroom 6

Bonnie Larsen

Body image affects men and women equally, yet goes unnoticed in many recipients of OT care. We will discuss how to recognize red flags of negative body image, how to utilize cognitive behavioral therapy in order to promote resilience, and combat negative distortions. We will also address how to more confidently approach the forgotten ADL of sexuality in any adult practice setting.

Classroom 7

Ryan Rivers **

Preventing burnout - Understanding the psychology of suffering in order to reduce the functional impact of burnout, stress, pain, and other unpleasant emotions:

3:40 – 4:40 pm

Classroom 4

**Kiera Petersen, OTS,
Alejandra Gonzalez, OTS,
Samantha Tse, OTR/L, and
Alissa Atisme, OTR/L**

Paving the Way to Diversity in Occupational Therapy. An introduction to Coalition Of Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity (COTAD) at a university and national level to educated on diversity in OT, its

importance, and concrete tips on how to apply it in your own practice.

Classroom 5

Chantel Wilson, & Megan Hogdson

The View Ahead for Partial-Hand Prosthetic Devices + Multidisciplinary Q & A with Manufacturer, Prosthetist, and Therapists. Shed light on prevalence of partial-hand amputations, review current prosthetic options that allows this previously underserved population to return to work and the activities they enjoy, and ultimately focus on the pathway to positive outcomes with collaborative contributions from the manufacturer, prosthetist and therapist.

Classroom 6

Rhonda Roth OTR/L, & Sarah Grey, OTD, OTR/L

Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Tics (CBIT).

Classroom 7

Ryan Rivers **

This course will give an introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) and its relation to you and your OT practice. Learn techniques designed to reduce emotional barriers to function by promoting psychological flexibility.

**Wrap Up &
Certificates**

4:40 – 5:00 pm

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**Additional
Online Only
Content**

**Bryan Gee, PhD, OTD,
OTR/L, BCP, CLA**

Addressing
Occupational
Performance Deficits in
a Religious Setting: A
Pediatric Case Report

Lawrence Liff, MA

Advancing the
Science of OT, Building
Evidence for Practice.
The mission of AOTF
and role in building OT
evidence and
resources.

**Chrissy Daigle, Erin
Helms, Hannah
Hubbard, Katie Lane,
Melanie Mariani,
Erica Stewart
Mariana D'Amico**

Promoting Safe
Comfortable Sex for
Older Adults. Discuss
Efficacy of a Sex
Education Program for
Older Adults.

**Vanessa Rapier, OTD,
OTR/L**

Assistive technology for
the child, teen, or adult
student struggling with
writing in the
classroom.

**Mary Schmitz, OTD,
OT/L, ECHM, Susan
Skees Hermes, OTD,
OTR/L, BCP,
Catherine Gardner,
OTD, MPA, OT/L,
FAOTA, Asha Asher,
MA, OTR/L, FAOTA,
M.Ed, Mariana
D'Amico, EdD, OTR/L,
FAOTA**

Broadening the
Concept of Safety:
Planning for
Occupational
Disruption. Empower
Occupational Therapy
Practitioners to include
Disaster Management
& Preparedness plans
across client
populations.

**Taelor Coyle,
MOTR/L, BCP and
Nellie Bubb, MS,
OTR/L**

Comparison of
Individual and Group
pCIMT Camps.
Disseminate
information regarding
relative differences in
gains between two
models of pediatric
CIMT for four patients.

**** Note that additional
recorded presentations
will be available online
after the in-person
conference**

SLCC OTA Students

To share SLCC OTA
students' adaptive
devices created and
invented by our very
own students!

**University of Utah OT
Students**

To share evidence-
based, non-tool based,
brief, therapeutic ACE
(Alerting, Calming, and
Educational) activities
that can be utilized
during therapeutic
interventions.

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very special **Thank You** to
Intermountain Health Care
and **Utah Valley Hospital**
for donating the hosting
space for our conference.



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Time	South Auditorium* **	Classroom 4	Classroom 5	Classroom 6	Classroom 7
8:00 – 8:30	Breakfast & Registration (South Auditorium)				
8:30 – 9:30	Welcome & Keynote Speaker (South Auditorium). Alyson Stover – AOTA President. Looking Back → Moving Forward				
9:40-10:40	<p>Naomia Rivera, AOTA's commitment to DEI in Occupational Therapy</p>	<p>Barbara Williams, Shaun Conway, NBCOT® Certification Exam: Information You Need to Know</p>	<p>Philip Lamoreaux, Steve Wallenfels, High Intensity Training, does it have a place in Occupational Therapy?</p>	<p>Michael Takatsuno, Nick Sidwell RooTFx Of Movement and Occupational Therapy</p>	
10:50 – 11:50	<p>Beth Cardell Assessment and Treatment of Decreased Self-Awareness</p>	<p>Barbara Williams, Shaun Conway, Your National OTR or COTA Credential: What It Means for You</p>	<p>Ronald Honey What we have learned from challenges with Humanitarian efforts due to the pandemic.</p>	<p>Brian L. Thompson Pain Neuroscience Education: An innovative approach to chronic pain treatment</p>	<p>Anita Williams The joy of sensory emotionally balanced people through meditation & guided imagery.</p>
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch & Business Meeting				
12:45-1:15	SLCC OTA 2nd Year Students - Poster Presentations - Adaptive Devices (Classroom 8)				
1:20 – 2:20 SIS Groups	<p>Nick Sidwell Pediatrics SIS</p>	<p>Sydnee Hancock Entrepreneurs SIS</p>	<p>Bonnie Eckman Mental Health SIS</p>	<p>Mary Ann Gunnuscio Rehabilitation SIS</p>	<p>Andrea Thompson Geriatrics SIS</p>
2:30 – 3:30	<p>Travis Chamberlain Transitioning your School-based Caseload to a Workload Using the 3:1 Service Model</p>	<p>Meena Iyer Journey of a 'dementia friendly' community project during the Covid-19 pandemic</p>	<p>Royce Porter The Specialty of Being a Generalist</p>	<p>Bonnie Larsen Body Image and Sexuality</p>	<p>Ryan Rivers ** The psychology of and ways to mitigate the functional impacts of burnout.</p>
3:40 – 4:40	<p>Chantel Wilson, Megan Hogsdon The View Ahead for Partial-Hand Prosthetic Devices + Multidisciplinary Q & A with Manufacturer, Prosthetist, and Therapists</p>	<p>Kiera Petersen, Alejandra Gonzalez, Samantha Tse, Alissa Atisme Paving the Way to Diversity in Occupational Therapy</p>		<p>Rhonda Roth, Sarah Grey Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics (CBIT): An Introduction</p>	<p>Ryan Rivers ** An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)</p>
4:40 - 5:00	Certificates & Wrap Up (South Auditorium)				

PRESENTER INFORMATION



Alyson Stover → → → Alyson Stover is an associate professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Pittsburgh. She obtained her juris doctorate in law with a post-graduate certificate in health law from the University of Pittsburgh in 2011. Dr. Stover's areas of practice expertise include pediatrics, trauma-informed occupational therapy, and holistic approaches to substance use disorder. She is AOTA Board Certified in Pediatrics. Dr. Stover owns a private outpatient pediatric practice and co-founded a non-profit organization that uses occupation to address community, societal and population needs. Her interests include using occupational therapy as a powerful driving-force for larger health care change, advancing occupational therapy's national and global

relevance, and occupational therapy's role as a leader in policy development and implementation. Dr. Stover commenced her position as President of the American Occupational Therapy Association for the July 2022 to June 2025 term.



Alejandra Gonzalez → → → A practicing COTA/L, Alejandra graduated in 2017 from the OTA program at SLCC. She has work experience in outpatient pediatrics and inpatient rehab, and her love for learning propelled her to continue her education in occupational therapy. Alejandra is currently a third-year student in the U of U MOT program, set to graduate in May 2023. An active student in her graduate program Alejandra is the third year COTAD Co-chair, a SOTA member, and has been a part of the pro-bono Diabetes Education and Empowerment Program (DEP). When not studying or working, Alejandra enjoys baking, hiking, trying new restaurants/foods, and playing board games.



Alissa Atisme → → → Currently an occupational therapist in the acute care neuro-rehabilitation setting, Alissa Atisme is a native to Ogden, Utah and graduated from the University of Utah MOT program in May of 2021. While at the U, Alissa was a co-founder of the University's COTAD chapter, a member of SOTA, and actively engaged on a board of students and faculty working towards increasing topics of diversity included in the program's curriculum. Alissa's interests include traveling, baking sourdough bread, running, tending to many houseplants, and seeking out the best local sour beer.



Anita Williams → → → I am a COTA/L who has a passion for the mental health and worked with clients of all ages in the school systems and also in the mental health hospital. I taught life skills and groups at the hospital and loved seeing my clients improve. I love the field of OT and the variety of services that we provide to our clients. The circle of life and living it to our utmost is important for me and my clients. In my 25 years of practice I have had the opportunity to perform in many different settings. What a delight. I would not have chosen any other path if I was given a choice.



Barbara Williams → → → Barbara Williams is a certified occupational therapist who currently serves as the Associate Director, in the External and Regulatory Affairs Department for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT®) where she has worked for over 8 years. In this capacity, she is responsible for activities related to state regulation, international regulatory services, and community outreach. Previous to employment with NBCOT, Barbara served as Chair and Program Director for an Occupational Therapy Program.

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Beth Cardell → → → Beth Cardell, PhD, OTR/L, Associate Professor, Lecturer at the University of Utah, Department of Occupational and Recreational Therapies. Beth has been an Occupational Therapist for over 30 years, focusing her clinical work and research on the treatment of clients with cognitive deficits.



Bonnie Larsen → → → Bonnie Larsen graduated from the University of Utah in 2007 with her masters degree in Occupational Therapy. Since then she has been working with the Neuro Specialty Population including those with spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke, amputations, and major medical complexities such as Guillain Barre and functional neurologic disorder.

In May, 2018 she founded a program called Rammp, which is a peer mentor program For Intermountain healthcare. Rammp stands for in Rehab Advocates, Mindset mentorship program. Currently there are 36 peer mentors and the program is growing. Bonnie is passionate about providing client centered an occupation-based care, which she believes includes treating her clients holistically and providing education on body image, mental health, coping skills and sexuality.



Brian Thompson → → → Brian recently completed his OTD degree in the summer of 2022 from Touro University Nevada. Brian developed an advanced knowledge of chronic pain education and management during his Doctoral Capstone Experience. Brian now practices in a rural area (Sanpete County, Utah) in a variety of occupational therapy (OT) settings, including hospitals, assisted living facilities, and home health. He is also a course instructor for an "Intro to OT" course at Utah Tech University. He will soon begin managing the first pediatric OT clinic in Sanpete County. Outside of practice, Brian enjoys spending time with his beautiful/intelligent wife and his two children. He enjoys playing and watching soccer, fixing up his new home, looking at insects, and helping others when he can. He is looking forward to continuing to serve his patients and clients in rural Utah.



Bryan Gee → → → Dr. Bryan M. Gee holds degrees from Idaho State University (Ph.D. & MEd), University of St. Augustine (OTD), and D'Youville College (BS/MS). Dr. Gee currently is AOTA Board Certification in Pediatrics, is certified in the Sensory Integration Praxis Test, Level I, II, and III Certified by the Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation and URLEND alumni. Dr. Gee has published over 35 peer-reviewed research articles and more than 60 national presentations on sensory-based interventions, therapy dosage and therapy-related practice patterns, and parent education/training and sensory processing. He is

credentialed as an AOTA Academic Leader and held previous administrative and leadership appointments at different Universities. Currently, Dr. Gee is an Associate Editor with the American Journal of Occupational Therapy and a member of AOTA's Commission on Education. Dr. Gee is Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy and Director of the Entry Level Doctor Occupational Therapy Program at Rocky Mountain University in Provo, Utah.



Chantel Wilson → → → Chantel earned her bachelor's degree from St. Martin's University and subsequently enjoyed over fifteen years in sales, customer service and marketing roles in the Pacific Northwest. In 2022 she joined the Naked Prosthetics team. Eager to spread awareness about NP products, she creates educational opportunities for medical industry professionals who are caring for our patient population. She specializes in curating multidisciplinary teams to empower and strengthen clinical relationships and positive outcomes for the finger and partial-hand amputee community.

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Kiera Petersen → → → Kiera Petersen is a current second year student in the University of Utah Master's of Occupational Therapy program. She serves as COTAD co-chair and SOTA member. She completed her undergraduate degree at Utah State University in Kinesiology, where she volunteered her time working with kids, people with disabilities, senior citizens, and other students in various capacities. In her free time, Kiera enjoys travelling with her husband, walking her dog Gordo, painting, and going to the gym.



Lawrence Liff → → → Lawrence is the Chief Development Officer at AOTF, a role he has been in for 5 years. During this time, he has helped grow the community of supporters engaged with AOTF, building new opportunities to strengthen OT. Lawrence has been a fundraising professional for 18 years working in annual, major corporate and planned giving as well as event planning and volunteer leadership. Lawrence has a BA in History and Political Science and a Master of Public Policy.



Mariana D'Amico → → → Dr. Mariana D'Amico has worked with clients across the lifespan in multiple venues. Practice and teaching remain her passions. She has expertise in multiple areas of practice. She has presented with colleagues and students on multiple topics regionally, nationally and internationally. She continues to learn from her clients, colleagues and students, and enjoys occupational therapy with all its facets.



Mary Ann Gunnuscio → → → Mary Ann Gunnuscio COTA/L graduated from Salt Lake Community college in 1997 with an associate of applied science in Occupational therapy and an associate of science. She has enjoyed working in home health, rehabilitation, acute care and outpatient settings. She worked at the George Wahlen VA Medical center for 20 years and retired from there in March 2021 and still maintains her OTA credentials. She is married with seven children and 13 grandchildren, she enjoys singing in a choir "Utah Voices", walking, reading, crocheting, making flower arrangements and centerpieces, doing crafts, decorating for the holidays but mostly spending time with family and friends.



Mary Schmitz, OTD, OT/L, ECHM, Susan Skees Hermes, OTD, OTR/L, BCP, Catherine Gardner, OTD, MPA, OT/L, FAOTA, Asha Asher, MA, OTR/L, FAOTA, M.Ed, Mariana D'Amico, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA → → → Collectively, we are a group of seasoned Occupational Therapy practitioners who have presented regionally, nationally, and internationally on the topic of Disaster Management, Preparedness, and Risk Reduction in addition to other topics across the lifespan.



Meena Iyer → → → Meena Iyer is an Associate Professor at Utah Tech University. She has been involved in Community Engaged occupational therapy for over 8 years.

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Melanie Mariani → → → Dr. Melanie Mariani working as a clinician in Florida and teaches part-time at Nova Southeastern University. She has a variety of interests within occupational therapy, including hand rehabilitation, neurological rehabilitation and mental health. She has presented at multiple state conferences, the American Occupational Therapy Association Conference and the 2022 World Federation Congress.



Michael Takatsuno → → → Michael Takatsuno started playing competitive tennis when he was 10 years old and continued on past college. He was trained in a physical therapy program at The University of California Berkley, and Yang-style short form t'ai chi ch'uan from Benjamin Pang-jeng Lo. Root Fx is a culmination of a lifetime of extreme repetitive, physical training, failed rehabilitation, dysfunctional patterns, searching for answers, finding the right teachers, training and more training. He finally learned about core-based movement, functional strength and correct ways to train the body from several teachers that trained their entire lives to master these methods.



Naomia Rivera → → → Naomia Rivera is a licensed Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant currently working in inpatient rehabilitation in Prescott Valley, AZ. Naomia is a graduate of Pima Medical Institute in Tucson, AZ. Naomia has worked in healthcare for over 20 years as a biomedical engineer as a member of the United States Air Force and in the private sector. Naomia brings her vast experience with managing teams, project and resource management, and assisting organizations with developing and implementing policies and programs to ensure continued growth in an ever-changing healthcare environment. She is passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion at all levels and plans to use her previous experience to not only advocate for the use of Occupational Therapy globally as a mechanism to bridge the equity gap, but also to assist in making occupational therapy the blueprint for other professions in regard to the implementation of DEI principles at all levels of practice.



Nellie Bubb → → → Nellie Bubb, MS OTR/L Graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Master's of Science in Occupational Therapy in 2018. Practicing pediatric occupational therapist for 3 years at Primary Children's Outpatient Rehab. Works with wide range of patients including those with neurological conditions, genetic conditions, sensory processing difficulties, and feeding difficulties.



Nick Sidwell → → → Nick Sidwell is an occupational therapist and the owner of Ability Innovations, a therapy clinic with locations in Layton and South Ogden. He earned a Bachelor degree from Southern Utah University in health communications and a then a Master of Science in occupational therapy from Touro University, Nevada. Nick has been studying with Michael Takatsuno since 2009. He has devoted his life to helping young and old (and himself), to train themselves to be ABLE to "Live Life to Its Fullest" in new and innovative ways.

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Phillip Lamoreaux → → → I graduated from the University of Utah for both my Bachelors and Masters degrees. I have a passion for teaching and have had teaching at a graduate level program as a goal since completing my master's degree in 2015 and am currently in the process of receiving my Doctorate at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas. I will graduate with my post-professional doctorate degree in May of 2023. I started my career working with children who had disabilities for the first two years of my career. I then transitioned to the Neuro Specialty Unit at the St. George Regional Hospital.

My career has since been influenced heavily by impairment focused training and perfect practice. I got certified in Neuro-IFRAH in 2017 and focused on increasing my handling skills. In 2020 I got certified to administer the Assessment of Motor and Process Skills (AMPS), and in 2021 participated in the Walk the walk course by the institute of knowledge translation. I've spent most of my rehabilitation career treating individuals who have experienced Traumatic Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, and Stroke with a strong emphasis. I have also participated in over 60 litigation cases as an Expert Witness where I have been asked to evaluate an individual's ability to live independently post-accident. I currently play competitive pickleball and get to travel around the united states to play a sport I love.



Rhonda Roth → → → Rhonda Roth, OTD, MOT, OTR/L has been a pediatric occupational therapist throughout the western United States since 2007. She is a graduate of Colorado State University (B.S. Psychology), Samuel Merritt University (MOT), and University of Utah (OTD). Dr. Roth is the owner of Children in Motion, LLC. in Murray Utah, a small pediatric therapy clinic which opened in January 2022. She has experience in clinical outpatient pediatrics, school-based OT, Early Intervention and much more. Dr. Roth has been certified in CBIT since November 2021. Rhonda lives with her husband, 11-year-old daughter, and their 2 cats Steven and Kit-Kat.



Ronald Honey → → → Dr. Honey holds degrees from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (RMUoHP) (OTD) and the University of Southern California (BS). Dr. Honey is a member of Phi Theta Epsilon and is sanctioned by the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of Northern America (RESNA) as an Assistive Technology Professional (ATP).

Prior to starting at RMUoHP, Dr. Honey spent 28 years with Intermountain Health Care (IHC) in a trauma 1 hospital with expertise in many clinical settings and specializing in neurological rehabilitation. Dr. Honey founded and established Global Therapies, a local mobility, and seating evaluation company. Dr. Honey has been involved in many humanitarian development projects around the world. He has assisted in developing and implementing Healing Hands for Haiti, a rehabilitation organization that provides intervention for those in Haiti. Dr. Honey contributed his expertise in establishing a worldwide wheelchair initiative and has provided education around the world. His current stewardship in leading this wheelchair initiative is in Albania, Montenegro, and Kosovo. Dr. Honey has held various volunteer positions with the Utah Occupational Therapy Association (UOTA).



Royce Porter → → → I grew up in Sandy Utah. I married Rachel Porter and went to school at the University of Utah. I graduated in 2014 with my MOT and moved to Roosevelt. I have worked at Uintah Basin Medical Center since graduation. We have 3 kids Vianna (9), Georgie (6), and Felix (3).

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Ryan Rivers → → → Ryan Rivers graduated with a Master of Occupational Therapy from Washington University in St Louis. He has spent more than 5 years working in skilled nursing facilities. He quickly observed that patients have their advocates, but the healthcare professionals do not. He feels the demands placed on healthcare workers are unrealistic and has developed an evidenced based solution. In addition to his patient care, Ryan has stepped up as an advocate for healthcare workers. Over the past 3.5 years Ryan has used Acceptance and Commitment Therapy to provide ongoing emotional regulation training to both staff and management in all departments. Ryan Rivers is also the soul owner of Ryan Rivers Consulting where he provides resources and trainings to reduce the functional impact of burnout for healthcare workers.



Salt Lake Community College Students → → → These OTA students are studying in their second year at Salt Lake Community College.



Sam Tse → → → Sam Tse is a co-founder of the University of Utah COTAD chapter and recently graduated in May of this year. She is now a practicing OTR/L at St. Joseph Villa and aims to promote diversity and inclusion in the world of OT and healthcare.



Sarah Grey → → → Sarah graduated with a BS in Biological Sciences in 1999 followed by an MS in Occupational Therapy in 2001, both from Colorado State University. She has worked in several settings, including acute care, SNFs, orthopedic outpatient, and community-based programs for adults with developmental disabilities and TBIs. The majority of her career has been spent in pediatrics, with 16 years of school-based experience as well as seven years of outpatient work. In 2018, she completed her OTD through the University of Utah. She is currently an Assistant Professor and the Clinical Director of the Life Skills Clinic at the University of Utah. She holds a certification in Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics (CBIT) and works with patients that experience occupational disruption as a result of their tics. Personally, she is a mother to four children. Her oldest son and step daughter are 22 this year. Her twin boys are 19 and just started college. She has a wonderful husband and two large fur babies.



Shaun Conway → → → Shaun Conway is a certified occupational therapist who currently serves as Vice President, External and Regulatory Affairs for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT®) where he has worked for over 28 years. In this capacity, he is currently responsible for the oversight of organizational functions related to state regulation, international regulatory services and community outreach.

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Steve Wallenfels → → → Steve graduated from Colorado State University Bachelors in Exercise and Sport Science in 1993 and then Occupational Therapy in 1995 and has been an Occupation Therapist for the past 26 years. In 1996 he took his first job in a skilled nursing facility. In 2003 he was hired by Intermountain Healthcare to start the Acute Rehabilitation Unit in St. George and has been there ever since. A majority of the work Steve has done during his time on the now Neuro Specialty rehab unit has been focused on treating the impairments caused by Stroke. This perspective has been influenced by NDT, PNF and Neuro-IFRAH and focused on developing quality movement/skill in patients post stroke and has been that way until 2017. Steve has been active over his career

developing courses and training for the inpatient rehabilitation staff regarding patient handling and patient functional training. Steve has presented at national conferences for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation 2009, Uniform Data Systems in 2015, and state and system level in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2021. Steve is married to, Mina Tialino MPT, who is a therapist on the same unit and lead partner on the High Intensity Training implementation project since 2021. They have 3 children and he loves exploring the landscapes of southern Utah with his friends and family through canyoneering, hiking, biking, rock climbing, river rafting and camping.



Taelor Coyle → → → Taelor Coyle, MOTR/L, BCP has been a pediatric occupational therapist for over 8 years, the last 6 of which have been outpatient with Primary Children's Rehab. She has participated in organizing and leading CIMT groups for a range of ages for 5 years.



Tara Kolowich → → → I am a pediatric occupational therapist with past work experiences in the school and outpatient settings and currently working for the Jordan Child Development Center's early intervention program. Just last month, I finished my capstone and coursework for my post professional OTD at the University of Utah. I have been working with the zero to three population for four years now and consistently find about half my caseload dealing with feeding problems, which caregivers are wanting to address in visits and on their Individualized Family Service Plans.



Travis Chamberlain → → → Travis is a school-based occupational therapist who has worked in three different school districts in Utah that all used different service delivery models. Based on his experiences, Travis decided to complete the Post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy at the University of Utah to better understand why OT professionals do what they do across Utah's public and charter schools.



University of Utah MOT Students → → → These students are currently in their second year of courses at the University of Utah and are expected to graduate in 2023.



Vanessa Rapier → → → Vanessa is an occupational therapist and an assistive technology specialist. She serves as team leader for the Motor and Assistive Technology Teams in Provo City School District, and for the local Provo/Wasatch team of the Utah Assistive Technology Teams program. She is also an adjunct professor at BYU.