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# Physical Therapy Students Attend National Student Conclave

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*Pictured Top Row Left to Right: Stephanie Daniel, Hannah Lawson, Paige Patrick, James Rowe, Stephanie Miller, Sydney Askew, Jessica Prince  
Bottom Row Left to Right: Rachael Lacey, Hayley Abell, Katie Jones, Spencer Calhoun, Dixie Edalgo, Erin Moore*

Thirteen second-year students in Georgia Southern University's [Doctor of Physical Therapy](#) (DPT) program traveled to Providence, RI to attend the National Student Conclave (NSC) through the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

NSC is a conference held specifically for students in DPT and physical therapy assistant programs. The conference is designed to prepare students for their future career in the field of physical therapy.

During the three-day event, students had the opportunity to attend four educational sessions on self-selected topics ranging from Traveling PT 101, Cancer Rehabilitation and Pediatric Boot Camp, to Residency Education After Graduation and network with peers, professionals, and APTA leadings.

"The conference was a wonderful opportunity to learn from leaders in our field, network with many leading corporations in the realm of physical therapy, and increase my motivation for the profession," recalled James Rowe.

While at the conference, Georgia Southern students celebrated PT Day of Service by participating in the Build a Hand Event, which is a community service project where students helped to assemble prosthetic hands for individuals around the world. The event was a favorite for many attendees including Stephanie Miller. "A hand is something we take for granted until we no longer have one. I had the privilege of helping build one along with my peers. It's amazing to know how wide our career reaches!"

Stephanie Daniel noted how attending the conference has rejuvenated her passion for the field. "After being able to meet PT and PTA students from across the country and our professional counterparts, I feel eager to learn more about this field," stated Daniel.

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