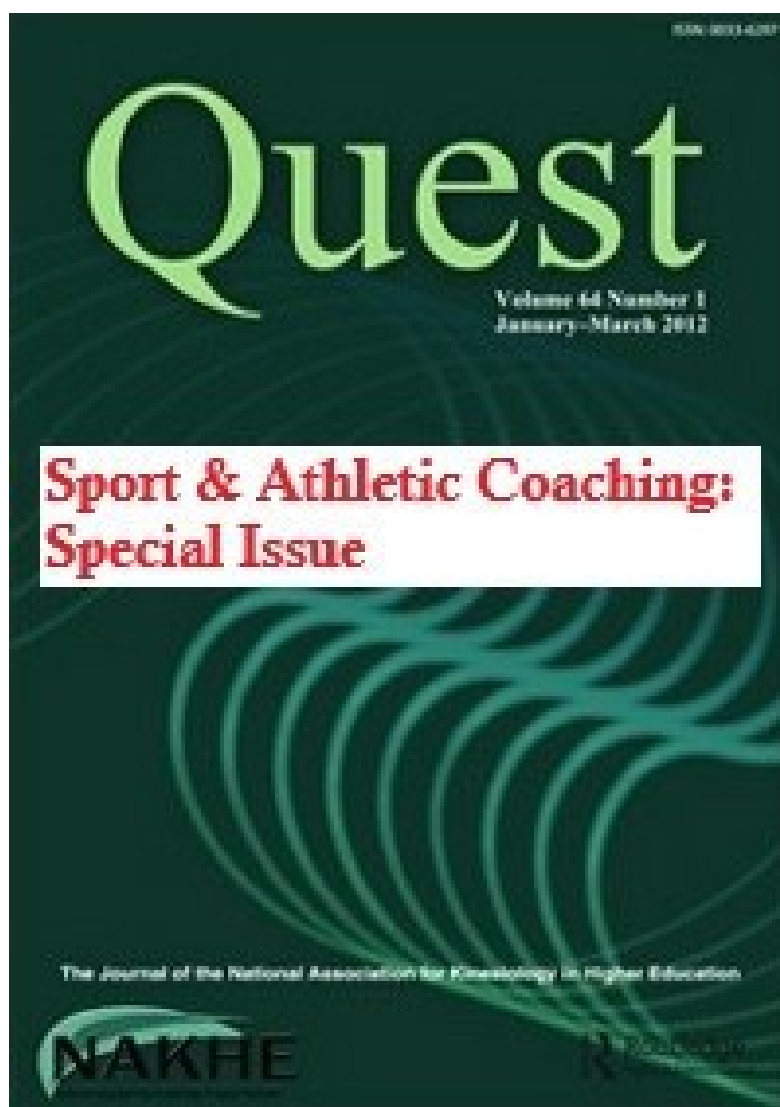


NAKHE Newsletter

April 2026

Quest Coaching Special Issue

Abstracts are due by June 1st



Click on the picture for more details!

Letter from our NAKHE VP, Dr. Jeremy Elliott

Dear NAKHE Colleagues –

This is typically right around the time that many of us are able to enjoy a few days to ourselves during Spring Break. Whether yours is upcoming or has already occurred, I hope you've had the opportunity to find some time to relax, recharge, and reset for the home stretch of the Spring semester.



As always, things are moving with NAKHE. Applications are open for **a number of opportunities** within our organization. Please consider applying for the [Engaged Scholar Program](#), the [Hellison Interdisciplinary Research Grant](#), and/or the [Leadership Mentor Program](#) (Deadline for each is April 15). Each of these initiatives provides support to help build your scholarship portfolio, collaborate with new colleagues to advance the discipline, and engage in meaningful professional learning opportunities. They're part of the reason that **NAKHE is where scholars come to lead.**

Speaking of leading, more information is now available for our annual [Leadership Development Workshop \(LDW\)](#). This year we will be hosted by **UNC-Wilmington on Carolina Beach, NC from July 5–7**. I'm especially excited because this year's theme will be **"Leadership the Ted Lasso Way."** As a big fan of the show, I'm looking forward to the meaningful leadership lessons and conversations that will come from this theme. Additionally, if you're interested in our **Department Head Certification Training**, the next cohort will begin in conjunction with the LDW. Be sure to check our website for more information about these programs and how to get involved.

Finally, as you know, as Vice-President I'm most closely involved with the planning of our upcoming **NAKHE Conference in Santa Fe**. The planning committee has been hard at work, and we're excited about the conference that is taking shape. If you're a super planner, [registration](#) is **already open**, and even more importantly, be on the lookout for the **Call for Proposals**, which will go live on **April 1**. Whether you are contemplating your **first NAKHE conference** or are a **conference veteran**, we would love to have you join us in the **high desert of New Mexico this January**. NAKHE continues to be a place where scholars come to lead, and I look forward to seeing many of you in Santa Fe as we continue that work together.

NAKHE Leadership Institute Opportunities
Deadline to apply is April 15th!

ME — BECOMES — WE

The NAKHE Leadership Institute fosters, promotes, and sustains mentoring and networking opportunities for professionals in higher education. We are committed to creating developmental leader training and professional growth opportunities for our members at every level. In addition to the programs listed below, NAKHE also offers pre-convention administrator workshops and pre-convention specialized trainings. So whether you are a seasoned professional researcher, a new or senior administrator, or assistant professor seeking tenure and promotion, we have a program for you!



Awards

NAKHE recognizes outstanding professional service, leadership, teaching and scholarship by selecting and honoring administrators, scholars, teachers, mentors and students to show its devotion to promoting leadership through mentoring and networking among kinesiology administrators, faculty, and students.

- [Distinguished Administrator, Scholar, Service, and Teaching Awards](#)
- [Hally Beth Poindexter Young Scholar Award](#)
- [Joanna Davenport Graduate Student Poster Award](#)
- [NAKHE Fellows](#)

[Summer Leadership Development Workshop](#)

This NAKHE workshop brings kinesiology leaders together to brainstorm solutions to some of the complex problems facing higher education.

[Department Head Certification Training](#)

The program is designed to give interested or new department heads an opportunity to acquire the skills used in as a department administrator.

[Leadership Mentor Program](#)

NAKHE's Leadership Mentor Program pairs aspiring administrators with experienced kinesiology chairs, deans or higher-level administrators for a one-week (five-day) "shadow" experience to build future leaders through hands-on mentoring and real-world scenarios. The program also builds networking and social communication between university kinesiology departments from different locations inside and outside of the United States. The desired outcome is an increased level of awareness and understanding of the position and the job requirements of a kinesiology administrator on the part of the mentee.

[Engaged Scholar Program](#)

NAKHE extends mentoring efforts into the area of scholarship with the Engaged Scholars Program (ESP). This program establishes mentoring and networking opportunities in the area of scholarship for tenured associate professors with the intention of supporting their career moves through the promotion process at their own institutions.

[Hellison Interdisciplinary Research Grant](#)

NAKHE funds collaborative interdisciplinary research with the intent of connecting kinesiology researchers and researchers from disparate areas together in meaningful applied research. Individual grants are funded up to \$5000 each.

**Registration is open for the 2026 Leadership
Development Workshop!**



Event Information

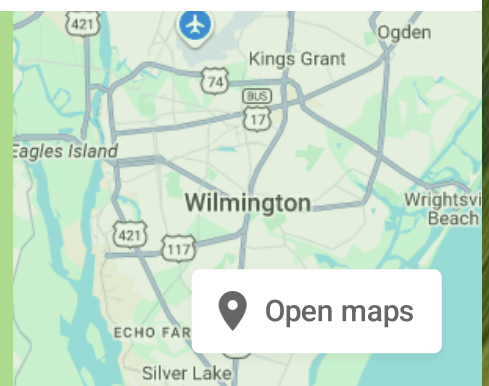
LDW and DHCT Hosted by UNC-Wilmington

When?

Sunday, Jul 5, 2026, 08:00 AM

Where?

Wilmington, NC, USA



Hosted by Lindsey Nanney

University of North Carolina Wilmington



NAKHE
Leader Development
Workshop

Where Scholars Learn to Lead

About the DHCT

The Department Head Certification Training (DHCT) is a highly structured certification program for emerging leaders in kinesiology who aspire to be department chairs or administrators of Kinesiology and related programs at their college or university. The intent is to brand emerging leaders and administrators with NAKHE's imprimatur in leadership. [Enrollment in the DHCT is by application and acceptance only.](#) *(Please note that these dates are subject to change.)*

About the LDW

The intent of the NAKHE Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) is to bring kinesiology leaders together to brainstorm solutions to complex problems facing higher education. The LDW is part of NAKHE's Leadership Institute, which fosters, promotes, and sustains mentoring and networking opportunities for higher education professionals.

About Wilmington

Wilmington is a port city in North Carolina. It's known as a gateway to Cape Fear Coast beaches like Wrightsville, with its strong surf, and Carolina, with its long boardwalk. Part of downtown's Historic District, the Riverwalk is lined with restaurants, galleries and shops. It runs along the Cape Fear River, where the Battleship North Carolina is moored. Artifacts on the ship explore WWII naval combat history.

About Carolina Beach

Carolina Beach is located on Pleasure Island, about 12 miles south of Wilmington International Airport. The beach town is part of the Wilmington metropolitan area. It's a charming, family-friendly coastal town known for its retro, vintage vibe, bustling boardwalk, and scenic Atlantic beaches. It features one of the last remaining boardwalks on the East Coast, complete with amusement rides, arcades, and iconic, long-standing, local eateries. The town is popular for its laid-back atmosphere, fishing, surfing, and proximity to nature, including the 761-acre Carolina Beach State Park and its unique, native Venus flytraps.

Click the picture for travel details.

Countdown to Santa Fe! Register to attend the 2027 NAKHE Annual Conference!

January 5 - 8, 2027

2027 Annual NAKHE Conference

Blazing New Trails: Exploring Innovative Frontiers Through Bold Perspectives

January 5-8, 2027

Eldorado Hotel and Spa

309 W San Francisco St.

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Phone: (505) 988-4455

Hotel Website: <https://www.eldoradohotel.com/>

Conference Planner: Jeremy Elliott



Santa Fe, the capital of New Mexico and the oldest U.S. state capital, is renowned for its distinctive Pueblo-style adobe architecture, rich Indigenous and Spanish heritage, and status as a major hub for Southwest art. Known as "The City Different," it features over 250 art galleries on Canyon Road, the Meow Wolf immersive art experience, and New Mexican green chile cuisine.

The historic Santa Fe Plaza, lined with adobe Talavera pottery shops, art galleries, Mexican restaurants, and the stunning Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi (the oldest church in the United States), attracts roughly 1.5 million tourists each year. The heart of the city for nearly 400 years, the plaza is the perfect place to explore one of the state's most remarkable cities.

Trip Adviser says, "Surrounded by city landmarks, including art and history museums, the Santa Fe Plaza is the heart and soul of the capital city. Sit back on one of the square's benches to people-watch and take in the small-town feel. Then, set out to explore the countless art galleries, shops, and flea markets in the area. Try the local street food from the food carts, or if you're in the mood

to splurge, check out the dozen or so high-end restaurants. You can also sign up for a walking tour to learn more about the city's rich history."

Our conference hotel, the **Eldorado Hotel and Spa**, is ideally situated to make the most of Santa Fe's attractions. The [Georgia O'Keeffe Museum](#), the largest collection of one of the 20th century's most influential artists, whose greatest work was inspired by New Mexico, is literally across the street from the conference hotel, and the Santa Fe Plaza is less than 4 blocks away (0.2 miles).

Click the picture to register!

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Spotlight

Foundations Committee

Tim Baghurst
Florida State University

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NAKHE
National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education

Tim Baghurst, Chair-Foundations Committee
Director, Center for Athletic Coaching, Florida State University

Number of years as a NAKHE member: 10

What are the basic duties of your committee? Responsibilities include overseeing the finances of the corporation, the performance of the executive director, that the direction of NAKHE is consistent with the mission of the corporation, building our endowment and other fundraising efforts, evaluating all existing fiscal policies, and aiding the executive director in the construction of the budget.

What is your favorite part of your role within NAKHE? Would you rather have someone make decisions for you or be the one making the decisions? Leadership roles in NAKHE allow us to help

direct the current and future direction of the organization. I like having the opportunity to make real change and this committee has significant responsibility in doing that, especially as it pertains to the financials.

Are there any opportunities for NAKHE members to join your committee in the near future? To be a member of the Foundations committee, the NAKHE member must have served as president, which restricts the committee to a small number of eligible candidates.

Calling all Podcasters

Dear valued NAKHE members:

The NAKHE Marketing Committee would like to extend our efforts to highlight the work of our membership, and in particular, the research that you all conduct. As such, we are working on creating a monthly NAKHE Podcast where we can explore more in-depth interviews with those who have recent publications in any of our NAKHE Journals.

If you and/or your research colleague(s) would like to be a featured guest on the podcast, please reach out to Lisa Paulson at pauls640@d.umn.edu. Interviews will be conducted via Zoom and/or during this year's LDW (for those who are planning to attend).

Furthermore, if you are a NAKHE member that has experience in podcasting and would be willing to assist the Marketing Committee with podcast creation/editing, please contact Marketing Committee Chair Haley Blount at blounth@nsula.edu. There may be a possible stipend awarded to the interested podcast editor.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Get Published!

Please consider submitting an article to [#NAKHE](#) 's Journals-

IJKHE - <https://www.nakhe.org/submit-to-the-journal.html>

Quest - <https://www.nakhe.org/submit-to-quest.html>





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OPERA (Opportunities in Physical Education and Related Areas)

Please note: Details about the job can be found by clicking each picture found in the announcement.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Department Chair of Kinesiology and Health - Iowa State University

State: Ames, IA

Position: Department Chair Of Kinesiology And Health

Deadline: May 6, 2026



Lecturer, Wellness and Physical Activity - University of North Carolina Wilmington

State: Wilmington, NC

Position: Lecturer, Wellness and Physical Activity

Deadline: March 18, 2026



Dean, College of Health Sciences - University of Michigan-Flint

State: Flint, MI

Position: Dean, College of Health Sciences

Deadline: June 10, 2026



Assistant/Associate Professor, Teaching (non-tenure track) - Wayne State University

State: University Center, MI

Position: Assistant/Associate Professor, Teaching (non-tenure track)

Deadline: June 10, 2026

OPERA

Opportunities in Physical Education and Related Areas

Your Connection to Careers in Kinesiology Higher Education

FOR JOB SEEKERS

Find teaching research & leadership roles

FOR HIRING INSTITUTIONS

Post faculty & administrative positions

A free job posting service for NAKHE members and institutions employing NAKHE members.

Explore or post opportunities: nakhe.org/opera



Looking for a new opportunity?

Check out NAKHE's website to check new opportunities in Higher Education!

NAKHE Member Highlight Form 📄

The NAKHE Marketing Committee would like to highlight our members in our social media and newsletter! Please fill out the information form by [clicking here](#) to be considered as our next featured member. If you have any questions, please contact Haley Blount (the committee chair) at blounth@nsula.edu.



Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

NAKHE Marketing Committee



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