



**REEVE** **SUMMIT** **2026**  
WHERE CARE, CURE AND COMMUNITY CONNECT

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# WELCOME!

## Welcome to the 6th Annual Reeve Summit: Where Care, Cure and Community Connect

It is a privilege to gather with you, united by a shared belief that a transformative moment is upon us.

Each year, the Reeve Summit reflects a rapidly evolving community. This year, the momentum feels unstoppable.

Across the scientific landscape, breakthroughs once considered distant are moving closer to everyday reality. Advances in such areas as neurostimulation and brain-computer interfaces are redefining what recovery and independence can mean, and promising therapeutic strategies are addressing the secondary complications that shape daily life. Our Foundation's research portfolio continues to expand, supporting investigators who are improving function, enhancing quality of life, and laying the groundwork for innovative treatments. This community is not waiting for change — it is building it.

While researchers push boundaries, we remain equally focused on daily realities: employment, physical and mental health, caregiving, aging with disability, the needs of veterans and service members, and the role of technology in expanding independence.

Over the next three days, you will hear from leaders redefining what living with paralysis looks like today — and what it can look like tomorrow. You will explore how innovation must be informed by community, how systems of care can be strengthened, and how advocacy and storytelling are reshaping the narrative around disability.

Yet what matters most is the connection. A newly injured individual meets a peer mentor. A researcher's work is fortified by someone's real experiences. A caregiver shares wisdom with another who needs to know they aren't alone.

That is the power of the Reeve Summit.

We stand at an inflection point. The science is advancing. Public awareness is growing. Policymakers are listening. The urgency remains — and so does the opportunity.

Thank you for being here, and for the work you do every day. Let's shape the future together.

Maggie Goldberg  
*President & CEO*



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# SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

All sessions are held in the Republic Ballroom, unless noted below. Exhibitors will be stationed in both the BackBay Ballroom and the Republic Ballroom Foyer. Please refer to the floor map below for more information. All meals will be held in the BackBay Ballroom.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 – DAY 1	SESSION
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Exhibitor Registration opens
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Exhibitors Load in & Set up
<b>2:30 PM – 4:00 PM</b>	Attendee Registration opens Exhibitor Time <b>Innovative Conversations: Topic Discussions, Networking, and Connecting with Exhibitors (BackBay Ballroom)</b>
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Attendee Headshots
<b>4:00 PM – 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Impact Through Connection Reception (Republic Ballroom)</b>

THURSDAY, MAY 7 – DAY 2	SESSION
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Exhibitor Time
<b>9:00 AM – 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Opening Remarks &amp; Welcome (Republic Ballroom)</b>
<b>9:30 AM – 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Centering the Patient Voice: A Path Toward a Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Patient-Focused Drug Development Meeting</b> <i>Speakers: Barry Munro, Ian Burkhart, Karen Hopkin</i>
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break & Exhibitor Time
<b>10:45 AM – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Wellness Across the Lifespan: Aging with Paralysis</b> <i>Speakers: Jennifer Longdon, Arash Bayatmakou, Eric Gibson – moderated by Linda M. Schultz</i>
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Break & Exhibitor Time
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	<b>Remarks from Rebecca Hines, Ph.D, Commissioner of the Administration on Disabilities (AoD)</b> <i>Speaker: Rebecca Hines</i>
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM	Break & Exhibitor Time
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM	Lunch & Exhibitor Time
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	Break & Exhibitor Time
<b>2:00 PM – 2:45 PM</b>	<b>Beyond Limits: Adaptive Sports Equipment, Funding &amp; Freedom After SCI-D</b> <i>Speakers: Noah Currier, Michael Moran, Keelan Zenion</i>

**THURSDAY, MAY 7 – DAY 2****SESSION**

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Break &amp; Exhibitor Time

**3:00 PM – 3:45 PM****KEYNOTE: Here for Good: A Conversation with Marissa Bode***Speaker: Marissa Bode*

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Break &amp; Exhibitor Time

**4:00 PM – 4:45 PM****The Journey to Care Partners: Redefining the Care Dynamic***Speakers: EB Forst & Becky Curran***FRIDAY, MAY 8 – DAY 3****SESSION**

8:00 AM -9:00 AM

Breakfast

**9:00 AM–9:15 AM****Opening Remarks (Republic Ballroom)****9:15 AM–10:00 AM****Accelerating SCI Research: From Early Discovery to Community Impact***Speaker: Dr. Marco Baptista*

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Break &amp; Exhibitor Time

**10:15 AM – 11:00 AM****Hope in Motion: Community Conversations on *Today's Care. Tomorrow's Cure.****Speakers: Dr. Randy Trumbower, Denna Laing, Garrett Fitzgerald, Regina Blye*

11:00 AM –12:00 PM

Lunch &amp; Exhibitor Time

12:00 PM – 12:15 PM

Break &amp; Exhibitor Time

**12:15 PM – 1:00 PM****What Would You Do? Advocacy in Action***Speakers: Sherman Gillum Jr., Angel Hardy Heinz, Gerard Arnum, Vita Brown***1:00 PM – 1:15 PM****Closing Remarks**

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

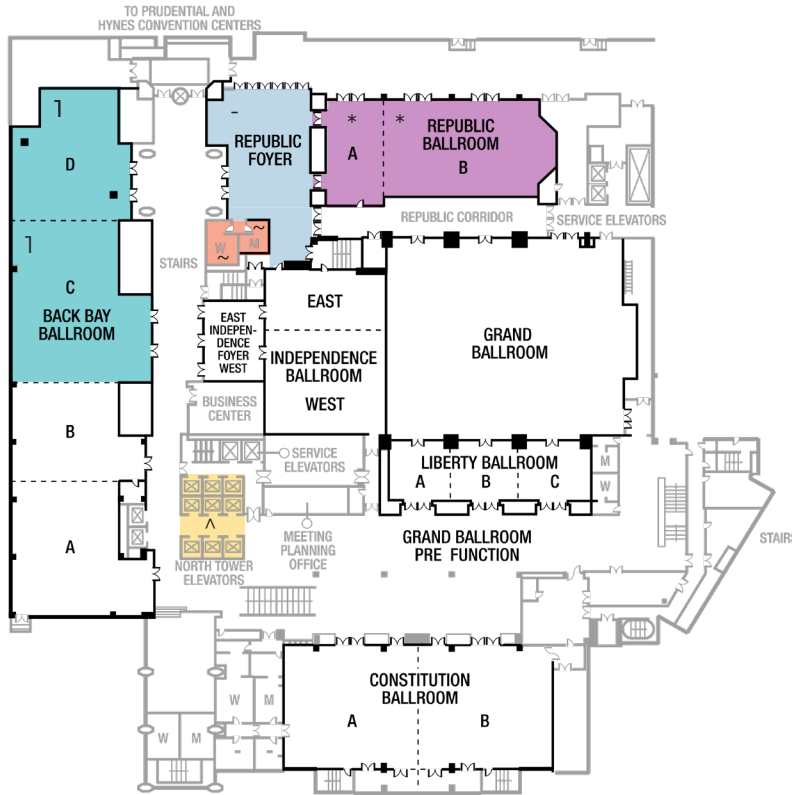
Exhibitors Pack up &amp; Load Out

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Attendee Headshots

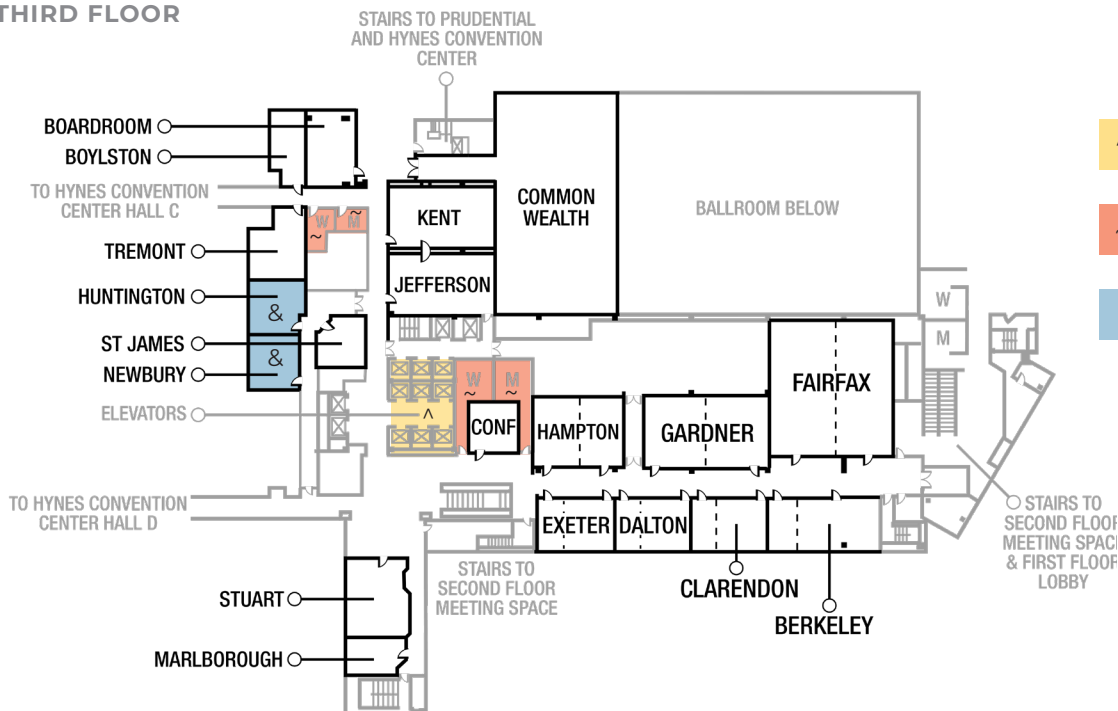
# FLOOR MAP

## SECOND FLOOR



- All Sessions
- Registration desk & some exhibitors
- Day 1 activity space exhibitors & meals
- Elevators for event level
- Restrooms (more restrooms on other levels)

## THIRD FLOOR



- Elevators to event floors
- Restrooms
- Huntington & Newbury

# SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 — DAY 1

### **Innovative Conversations: Topic Discussions, Networking, and Connecting with Exhibitors**

#### **BackBay Ballroom**

Jumpstart your networking time at the Reeve Summit in this fun welcoming activity! Connect with industry leaders, nonprofits serving the paralysis community, and other exhibitors. Take this opportunity to also get to know fellow attendees, share your thoughts on important paralysis-related topics, and have your professional headshot taken. Complementary headshots are available to attendees living with paralysis and their caregivers as an opportunity to further their professional development.

### **Impact Through Connection Reception**

#### **Republic Ballroom**

Our evening reception will feature a celebration of our 2026 Team Reeve Hall of Fame inductees, live music, bites and beverages, and a chance to mingle with speakers, Reeve Foundation staff, and fellow attendees.

## THURSDAY, MAY 7 — DAY 2

### **Centering the Patient Voice: A Path Toward an SCI Patient-Focused Drug Development Meeting**

#### **Republic Ballroom**

Research consistently shows that people living with SCI want to be involved in setting research priorities, yet 83% report being left out until researchers need clinical trial participants. This session examines how an externally-led PFDD meeting for SCI can address this gap, outlining the steps needed to align stakeholders, ensure diverse representation, and translate what the SCI community has long said matters most into actionable outcomes for regulators, researchers, and medical product developers.

*This work is supported by the Reeve Foundation's National Paralysis Resource Center.*

## Wellness Across the Lifespan: Aging with Paralysis

### Republic Ballroom

Adapting to change is a part of aging for everyone, at every stage of life. For those living with paralysis, however, getting older can come with unique challenges and considerations. Panelists in this session will discuss healthy aging topics, such as preventative screenings and mental health care.

## Remarks from Rebecca Hines, Ph.D, Commissioner of the Administration on Disabilities (AoD)

### Republic Ballroom

The Administration on Disabilities (AoD), within the Administration for Community Living (ACL) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), plays a key role in advancing independence and quality of life. Commissioner Hines will connect the Reeve Summit theme, *Today's Innovation. Tomorrow's Impact*, with ACL's priorities, including strengthening caregiving systems, advancing independent living, and accelerating practical solutions that improve everyday life for people living with paralysis.

## Beyond Limits: Adaptive Sports Equipment, Funding & Freedom After SCI-D

### Republic Ballroom

Adaptive sports build strength, independence, and community — but choosing equipment and securing funding can be overwhelming. This session supports people with SCI-D, mobility disabilities, caregivers, and professionals by covering current equipment options, cost ranges, fit considerations, and ways to try gear before buying. We'll outline grants, insurance factors, and nonprofit resources, along with how adaptive sports improve physical and mental health. Participants leave with practical guidance, funding pathways, and inspiration to get involved.

Capture fun moments and lasting memories with fellow attendees and show off your creative side.

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Use hashtags **#ReeveSummit** to highlight the event.

## **KEYNOTE: Here for Good: A Conversation with Marissa Bode**

### **Republic Ballroom**

Actress Marissa Bode made history as the first wheelchair-user to be cast as Nessarose in *WICKED*, a role for which she won the Christopher Reeve Acting Award. Join her for a moderated discussion on the history of disability in entertainment, access in Hollywood, and employment as a creative. Marissa will tell you herself: disabled people aren't going anywhere.

## **The Journey to Care Partners: Redefining the Care Dynamic**

### **Republic Ballroom**

In this candid session, two people living with paralysis who receive hired attendant care share what they've learned from the inside out — managing logistics, strengthening relationships, and championing a new way of thinking about caregiving. Central to that vision is a simple but powerful shift in language: "care partners." Not caregiver and care receiver, but a partnership, one that prioritizes intention and mutual respect. Attendees will leave with practical strategies, a greater sense of agency, and a renewed belief in the care partnership dynamic.

### **Headshot Opportunity for Individuals Living with Paralysis and Caregivers**

We're pleased to offer complementary, professional headshots to individuals living with paralysis and their caregivers. This opportunity is designed to support attendees on their professional journeys. All headshots are offered on a first-come, first-served basis in the BackBay Ballroom.

### **Accelerating SCI Research: From Early Discovery to Community Impact** **Republic Ballroom**

The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation is dedicated to developing real-world treatments for people living with SCI and paralysis. Decade by decade, the Foundation has helped redefine what is possible — partnering with scientists and institutions around the globe to build a vibrant field that delivers meaningful progress for people living with paralysis.

Today, as 21st-century technologies and decades of scientific discovery converge, we are entering a new era in SCI research. This session will discuss the Foundation's commitment to accelerating early-stage translational science through targeted funding initiatives, including our recent Request for Applications supporting innovative approaches to traumatic SCI treatment. Dr. Marco Baptista, the Foundation's Chief Scientific Officer, will also highlight how community-driven efforts, such as the upcoming SCI Patient-Focused Drug Development initiative, ensure that emerging therapies address the real priorities and unmet needs of people living with SCI.

### **Hope in Motion: Community Conversations on Today's Care.** **Tomorrow's Cure.**

#### **Republic Ballroom**

Research is about pushing boundaries and finding new pathways. Ambitious research efforts include studies and clinical trials that have a direct impact on spinal cord injury recovery and the therapy patients receive across the continuum of care, from inpatient rehabilitation to outpatient services that support the return to independence, work, sport, and community life. A strong network of support is also essential, from the earliest hours post-injury to the weeks, months and years that follow. Together, these efforts reflect the power of shared purpose and collective progress in advancing recovery and opportunity.

### **What Would You Do? Advocacy in Action**

#### **Republic Ballroom**

This interactive session moves beyond traditional advocacy presentations and into rehearsal. Our Reeve Foundation advocacy leaders will model real congressional meeting dynamics with participants joining to learn about what makes a successful policy meeting. By integrating behavior modeling, perspective taking, and personality recognition, the session builds situational confidence, not just policy knowledge. Participants leave not only informed, but prepared.

# SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES!

Check out the agenda for available time slots.

## Office Hours with Dr. Marco Baptista & Nurse Linda

### BackBay Ballroom

Have questions about SCI research or healthcare? Stop by during times marked as “Exhibitor Time” in the agenda to connect with two trusted Reeve Foundation experts.

**Dr. Marco Baptista**, the Foundation’s Chief Scientific Officer, can answer questions about SCI science and research, and will also present an update on the Foundation’s research initiatives on May 8 from 9:15–10:00 a.m.

Dr. Baptista will be available during the following Break & Exhibitor times:

- May 7: 10:30-10:45 a.m. and 1:45–2:00 p.m.
- May 8: 10:00-10:15 a.m.

**Linda M. Schultz**, PhD, CRNN, known throughout the community as “Nurse Linda,” brings more than 30 years of experience in rehabilitation nursing and will be available to answer healthcare-related questions during all times marked as “Exhibitor Time” in the agenda except May 7 10:30–10:45 a.m.

## Headshot Opportunity for Individuals Living with Paralysis and Caregivers

### BackBay Ballroom

Our talented photographer, **Adam Shea**, returns this year to offer professional headshots to individuals living with paralysis and their caregivers. This complementary opportunity is designed to support attendees in their professional journeys – whether pursuing new career paths, updating a resume, or strengthening personal branding. All headshots are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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AJ Walker ARCEX User  
US Navy Veteran

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# SPEAKERS



**ALI STROKER** is a Tony Award winner for her role as 'Ado Annie' in Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* She made history as the first actor in a wheelchair to appear on Broadway in Deaf West's acclaimed 2015 revival of *Spring Awakening*. She's a series regular in the Netflix series, *Echoes*, and starred in the Lifetime holiday film, *Christmas Ever After*. Ali recurred in the final season of Netflix's *Ozark* and is recurring in Hulu's *Only Murders in the Building*. She co-wrote the novel, *The Chance to Fly* and its sequel, *Cut Loose!*; and she wrote the children's book, *Ali and the Sea Stars*. She played 'Lady Anne' in the Shakespeare in the Park production of *Richard III*. She's performed her one woman show all over the country, some of her favorites being the Kennedy Center, Town Hall, Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. Her mission to improve the lives of others through the arts is captured in her motto: "Turning Your Limitations into Your Opportunities."



**ANGEL HARDY HEINZ** is the Public Policy Manager for the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, serving as the key liaison and Foundation leader for Coalitions focused on disability policy and advocacy initiatives. Angel has been a dedicated advocate for people living with disabilities since her own diagnosis with multiple sclerosis in 2012. She serves as Chair of the National Activism Advisory Committee with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and is a member of the National Institute of Health's National Advisory Board on Medical Rehabilitation Research (NIH NABMRR). Angel has honed expertise in disability policy research and analysis, health equity, and access to quality care, including testifying before the Illinois House Prescription Drug Affordability & Accessibility Committee on access to medications and drug pricing. Angel holds a MAPP from the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago and an Executive Certificate in Regulatory Analysis from the Carey Law School at the University of Pennsylvania.



**ARASH BAYATMAKOU** devoted his efforts to help others dealing with traumatic injury after suffering a C5-6 SCI in 2012 and encountering the many shortcomings of our healthcare system. He wrote a book detailing his recovery, became an accomplished speaker, and joined NorCal SCI, a 501c3 supporting the SCI community in Northern California where he is now the Executive Director.



**BARRY MUNRO**, a quadriplegic since 1987 and lawyer by trade, serves as Chief Development Officer of the Canadian/American Spinal Research Organization and Treasurer of the North American SCI Consortium. For over 30 years, he has championed SCI research, policy, and community-driven efforts to cure paralysis



**BECKY JACKSON CURRAN** is a disability advocate, speaker, and media consultant advancing authentic representation. Born with achondroplasia, she has delivered 650+ talks worldwide, including two TEDx stages; advises organizations; and is the founder of DisABILITY In Media. Her work galvanizes communities and builds spaces where all people are seen and valued



**DENNA LAING**, is a former professional ice hockey player and current law student whose life changed after a spinal cord injury sustained during a professional women’s hockey game in 2015. A Princeton University graduate and former captain, she played professionally for the Boston Pride and Boston Blades. By participating in and fundraising for research, as well as sharing her journey of recovery and perspective through speaking and storytelling, Laing has become a powerful advocate for the paralysis community. In the Fall she will be entering her final year at Suffolk University Law School with hopes to pursue a career in criminal or disability law.



**ELIZABETH (EB) FORST**, DPT, is the Executive Director/founder of the Colorado Paralysis Foundation. She is deeply connected to the Reeve Foundation, serving as a contributing writer and advocate to the Foundation and community since sustaining a cervical SCI resulting in full quadriplegia in 2014. Her passion and life focus are dedicated to improving the quality of life of those living with paralysis, and most recently she created a first-of-its-kind, hands-on caregiver training program.



**ERIC GIBSON** sustained an SCI as the result of a drive-by shooting in 1993 at age 25. An innocent bystander tragically lost her life in the incident, and Eric’s path was forever changed. Following eight weeks of rehabilitation, Eric made the decision to turn his experience into purpose. He became an advocate for gun violence prevention and intervention, working with several nonprofit organizations, including Know Barriers at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center in Los Angeles and Cease Fire Los Angeles. Now based in Colorado, Eric has spent the past six years as a drug and alcohol counselor and peer mentor, supporting individuals living with mental health challenges. He continues his work with the Reeve Foundation, with a focus on violence prevention and the challenges of aging with a disability.



**GARRETT FITZGERALD** is a husband, father, and Special Agent with the United States Secret Service. In 2015, he sustained a spinal cord injury as the result of an on-duty car crash. Since then, Fitzgerald and his wife have welcomed two daughters and he has returned to work. He is an active advocate for the spinal cord injury community, participating in fundraising efforts, duo marathons, and local outreach focused on safe driving and responsible decision-making. In his free time, Garrett enjoys spending time with his family, trips to the park with his daughters and barbecuing.



**GERARD ARNUM** serves as the Grassroots Advocacy Manager at the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, which includes leadership for the Regional Champions Program and supporting advocates across the country to advance policies impacting the paralysis community. Gerard educates advocates and members of Congress on the Reeve Foundation’s federal priorities, including protecting funding for the National Paralysis Resource Center. He also develops educational resources and trains individuals to share their stories and drive change. Before joining the Reeve Foundation, Gerard reported on Capitol Hill, covering legislative hearings and events.



**IAN BURKHART** is a C5 tetraplegic, advocate, and neurotechnology innovator. He is the past President of the North American SCI Consortium, where he championed research, technology, and policies that center on lived experience and drive meaningful improvements in health, independence, and quality of life for people with spinal cord injuries.



**JENNIFER LONGDON** serves as Chief External Affairs Officer for the Arizona Alliance of Community Health Centers. She is responsible for building, maintaining, and growing relationships with government agencies, policymakers, media, and other external partners to increase awareness of and support for health centers and their vital work to serve the needs of Arizona communities. Jennifer is a Phoenix-based speaker, writer, and advocate, who served three terms in the Arizona House of Representatives for Legislative District 5. Paralyzed in a 2004 shooting, she has a history of focused legislative efforts on disability advocacy and gun violence prevention. She made history as the first Democrat in 60 years to Chair a House Ad Hoc committee, specifically the Committee on Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults in Long Term Care Facilities. Beyond her legislative role, Jennifer has a notable leadership history, chairing such boards as the Phoenix Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues, the Statewide Independent Living Council of Arizona, Arizonans for Gun Safety, and serving on the Public Impact Panel to the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, among others.



**KAREN HOPKIN, Ph.D.**, is a freelance science writer based in Somerville, Massachusetts. Trained in biochemistry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, she left the lab to pursue science communication and has since written for *Science*, *Scientific American*, *The Scientist*, and other outlets. She co-authors the textbook *Essential Cell Biology* and has been a long-time contributor to *Scientific American's* short-form podcasts "60-Second Science" and "Science Quickly." Known for her wit and clarity, Hopkin translates complex research—from molecular biology to astrophysics—into engaging, accessible stories that help readers and listeners appreciate the curiosity and creativity that drive scientific discovery.



**KEELAN ZENION** has lived his entire life in Rhode Island. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the Navy and served on an aircraft carrier. Following his service, he enrolled in college for Aviation Science and obtained his pilot license. After college, Keelan worked in Alaska on commercial fishing vessels. In 2023, Keelan was involved in an airborne car accident that resulted in paraplegia. Soon after his injury, he became involved in Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) after attending local summer and sports clinics. Keelan now serves on the Board of Directors of the New England Chapter of PVA and plays on the New England Patriots Wheelchair Football Team. He is also involved in numerous other adaptive sports, including basketball, hockey, kayaking and curling, and is currently learning sit-skiing. Keelan is passionate about sharing adaptive sports with others, as they have enriched his life and strengthened his sense of community.



**LINDA M. SCHULTZ, PhD, CRNN**, is a leader, teacher, and provider of rehabilitation nursing, and a leader in the field for over 30 years. Known to the Reeve Foundation community as "Nurse Linda," she worked closely with Christopher Reeve on his recovery and has been advocating for the Reeve Foundation ever since. She is known for her monthly webinars and blogs, where she focuses on contributing functional advice, providing the "how-to" on integrating various healthcare improvements into daily life, and answering the community's specific questions.

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**MAGGIE GOLDBERG**, President and CEO of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, leading the only national paralysis-focused organization centered around a dual mission – Today’s Care. Tomorrow’s Cure®. Maggie has served with the Foundation for more than 20 years, helping drive its mission to cure SCI by advancing innovative research and improving the quality of life for individuals and families impacted by paralysis.



**MARCO BAPTISTA, PH.D.**, leads the Reeve Foundation’s mission to advance cures for SCI and paralysis. He oversees the Foundation’s research portfolio and collaborative approach to accelerating the field toward meaningful treatments. Dr. Baptista also serves as a member and Reeve Foundation representative of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Disability Health Research Working Group, an official Working Group of the NIH Council of Councils. Prior to joining the Reeve Foundation, he served as Vice President, research programs at the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research and previously served as an Associate Principal Scientist at Merck, leading a preclinical Parkinson’s program focused on improving the understanding of genetic causes of Parkinson’s disease.



**MARISSA BODE** stars as “Nessarose” in the epic Universal feature, WICKED, opposite Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande, her very first on-screen role. She reprised her role in WICKED: FOR GOOD, which was released November 21, 2025, and is currently shooting the indie feature SNARE. This year, Marissa was named to 2026 Forbes 30 Under 30 - Hollywood and Entertainment List. Previous honors include the OUT100 List in 2024 and Variety’s Young Hollywood Impact List in 2025.



**MIKE MORAN** was born and raised in New England. After high school, he enlisted in the Air Force, where he served for nearly 20 years before being medically retired. Mike discovered adaptive sports through the Boston VA Healthcare System and several nonprofits across New England. He currently serves as Vice President and Sports Director of the New England Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). Mike is also on the Board of Directors for the New England Healing Sports Association (NEHSA), based in Mt. Sunapee, NH. NEHSA provides year-round activities and sports for the disability community and partners with nonprofits throughout New England to offer skiing, handcycling, sled hockey, adaptive climbing, kayaking and hiking opportunities. Mike enjoys photography and the outdoors and says, “I couldn’t live in a better place to take advantage of it all.”



**NOAH CURRIER** is a quadriplegic Marine Corps veteran who served in a lead combat unit (1st LAR) during the invasion of Iraq. He is the President and Founder of the Oscar Mike Foundation, a leading veteran nonprofit. Noah is widely recognized for his vision and contributions as a servant leader, facilitating life-changing impact for some of the most at-risk veterans. Beyond his professional work, he is a devoted husband, loving father, and an integral teammate on America’s only all-veteran wheelchair rugby team.



**RANDY TRUMBOWER, PT, PHD**, is the Director of the Spinal Cord Injury Division at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, where he leads the INSPIRE Lab. He also holds positions as Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School, and Adjunct Associate Professor at MGH-Institute for Health Professions. The INSPIRE Lab is focused on integrating sensorimotor rehabilitation and engineering technologies, combining engineering, motor control, and neurophysiology research to study cutting-edge technologies to restore independence in persons dealing with catastrophic injury to their nervous system. Dr. Trumbower's research interests include mechanisms of neural plasticity; neuromechanics of human movement; and biofeedback technologies.



As Commissioner of the Administration on Disabilities (AoD), **REBECCA HINES** provides overall leadership for programs and initiatives that advance direct services, research, capacity building, and systems change to improve community living for people with disabilities. She oversees efforts designed to create lasting impact for the estimated 61 million Americans with disabilities, promoting inclusion and participation in community life, employment and financial well-being, independence, and self-determination.

Rebecca brings extensive experience in disability research, program administration, and workforce development, with a career focused on strengthening systems that support individuals with disabilities and their families. Prior to joining ACL, she served as a tenured Associate Professor at the University of Central Florida, where she led program and curriculum development, supervised doctoral candidates, and built partnerships with state and local agencies and community-based organizations.

She has served as a principal investigator and co-principal investigator on multiple federally funded projects, including initiatives focused on personnel preparation, inclusive practices, and the use of technology and artificial intelligence to improve outcomes for individuals with disabilities.



**REGINA BLYE**, Chief Program and Policy Officer, oversees the National Paralysis Resource Center, developing and delivering programs that provide the critical services and resources that help people build healthy, independent lives. Regina sustained a C6-C7 SCI at the age of 10. She brings over two decades of disability policy and advocacy experience, and joined the Reeve Foundation to work more directly with people living with SCI and paralysis. Previously, she led the Independent Living Services program at the Administration for Community Living (ACL), monitoring compliance with the Rehabilitation Act and overseeing 155 federal grantees.



**PHOENIX DAVIS** is a queer, disabled singer-songwriter who creates music to make people feel less alone. They write and perform music across all genres from folk to pop rock to jazz. They love using music as a community builder to make people feel like they belong and that they are not alone in their experiences.



**SHERMAN GILLUMS JR., ED.D.**, Senior Director of Public Policy and Advocacy at the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, leads the Foundation’s advocacy efforts to advance its mission to cure SCI through innovative research and improve the quality of life for people living with paralysis via its National Paralysis Resource Center (NPRC). A retired Marine Corps officer and SCI survivor, Gillums brings to the Foundation deep experience leading federal policy initiatives to support the disability and veterans’ communities. Prior to joining the Reeve Foundation, he served as FEMA’s disability coordinator and the director of its Office of Disability Integration and Coordination (ODIC). In this role, he helped direct emergency management for people with disabilities, including older adults and others with access and functional needs. Before joining FEMA, Gillums led strategic operations for the National Alliance on Mental Illness and served as executive director of Paralyzed Veterans of America and chief strategy and advocacy officer for AMVETS.



**VITA BROWN** is an Advocacy Coordinator for SCIBoston, writing newsletters that reach more than 1,000 advocates and help keep community members informed, connected, and active in advancing their priorities. A former Barbara Lee Fellow at the Massachusetts Statehouse, she brings firsthand legislative experience to her work advancing disability policy.

# SURVEYS

## REEVE SUMMIT SESSION SURVEY

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Please only fill this survey out after you have attended the entire Summit.

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