

CEO Report July 2022

It has been a busy Spring! The Academy continues to partner with professional and non-profit organizations, in order to serve others in the lifespan of the individual. Many positive conversations with leaders, professionals and community members have taken us to a whole new level of collaboration and teamwork. Each time I connect with a national, regional or state leader within the health and physical literacy realms, I am reminded of Pharrell's quote, "Collaborate with people you can learn from." Well, I have and continue to learn so much from others. I believe that collaborating with individuals and leaders 'outside the box' makes you have an appreciation for others and insight into their missions as well. I have belonged to eight national associations in my professional career. Being involved and learning from each of them, caused me to have a global lens. The resources I gained from each one, made me re-think the way I was teaching and had a most beneficial impact in the classroom!

In addition to building partnerships, we are planning many professional development opportunities; developing webinars each month; launching our first edition of the *Journal of Health and Physical Literacy* this summer; building our Academy Regions with talented committee chairs and members; being invited to be part of health and physical literacy initiatives nationwide and now planning for our **2023 Inaugural National Academy of Health and Physical Literacy Summit on March 6-9, 2023 in Newport RI. The theme, "Charting the Course" has our Eastern Seaboard Regional team ready and excited to host this wonderful event!** I urge you to be a part of it all to network, gather with friends and make new connections in other service fields to broaden learning and inspire collaboration!

Have a great month!

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