



American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) Welcomes New Board of Directors Ryan Chesterman and Connor Lynch

Atlanta, January 8, 2018– The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. is honored to welcome Ryan Chesterman and Connor Lynch to our distinguished [AAASP Board of Directors](#). Chesterman’s and Lynch’s nominations were confirmed at the AAASP Board of Directors Meeting at the end of December 2017. Both Chesterman and Lynch bring a wealth of experience with extensive knowledge to the organization and we are pleased to have them as new additions to our AAASP Board of Directors.

New AAASP Board Member - Ryan Chesterman

Ryan Chesterman is an Administrator of Patient Experience at University Hospital a state designated Level 1 trauma center and principal teaching hospital of Rutgers New Jersey Medical School in Newark, New Jersey. In his role, Ryan partners with senior leadership across Ambulatory Care Services and Physician Practices to enhance operational performance and patient experience outcomes. Before joining University Hospital, Ryan was a Patient Experience Advisor at Press Ganey Associates, the industry’s recognized leader in healthcare performance. Prior to his work in healthcare performance and patient experience, Ryan spent eight years as a Recreation Therapist specializing in adapted sports. Starting his career at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation and then moving on to the U.S. Department of Veterans of Affairs, Ryan has been instrumental in developing innovative adapted sports opportunities for both the civilian and Veteran population of New Jersey. In addition Ryan has volunteered with many local and nation adapted sports programs in multiple capacities most notably the Kessler Foundation-Wheelchair Racing Team, Wounded Warrior Project, Wheelchair Sports Federation, Life Rolls On and the City of Sacramento Access Leisure program.

Ryan obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Therapeutic Recreation from the University of New Hampshire in 2006. He completed his Masters of Public Administration degree at Kean University in 2012. Ryan is a Certified Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt and a trained Prosci Change Management Practitioner. Ryan has a deep passion both personally and professionally to continue to create, enhance and sustain adaptive sport and recreation opportunities for individuals living with a disability.

New AAASP Board Member - Connor Lynch

Connor Lynch was born and raised in Delray Beach, Florida and later joined Plastridge Insurance, a family insurance agency with 4 offices and 100 employees, along with his father and brother over 15 years ago. Connor serves as the company’s Chief Operation Officer. He prides himself staying very engaged and involved in the community as well as helping other organizations strengthen and grow. He is passionate about Entrepreneurialism and Education. He has served on several City Boards and is Past Chair of Planning and Zoning Board for the City of Delray Beach. He has also been involved in many not-for-profit organizations. He has served on the Board of the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County and is the current Chair of their Entrepreneur Committee, he is currently on the Board of the Delray Chamber of Commerce, and also serves on the FAU Tech Runway Advisory Board. He has also served as the Chair of the SPRAB board in Delray, Past Chair of the Delray Economic Leaders Political Action Committee (DELPAC), Board Member of the Dare 2 Be Great Foundation’s scholarship program, past Chair of the Plumosa School of the Arts Foundation and as the Vice President of Administration for the Delray Creative City Collaborative. Connor enjoys working to make a positive difference in both his business and in the community. His greatest accomplishment is his family- his wife Ryan, daughter Caroline and twin boys Parker & Charlie.

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The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is a not-for-profit association dedicated to developing interscholastic adapted sports programs in partnership with national, state, and local educational agencies. It represents a standardized approach to extracurricular adapted team sports and has developed one of the nation's most comprehensive school-based athletic programs for students with physical disabilities attending grades 1-12. For more information, please visit our website at <http://adaptedsports.org> or join our conversations on Twitter at: @AdaptedSports.

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