

# DE CTR ACCEL Program 13<sup>th</sup> Scientific Symposium March 9, 2026

STAR Campus, Tower Audion  
100 Discovery Blvd, Newark, DE 19713



Symposium  
Monday, March 9, 2026  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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1:00 – 1:05pm	Welcome & Overview of ACCEL	Gregory Hicks, PT, PhD Program Director/Principal Investigator DE CTR ACCEL Program, University of Delaware
1:05 – 1:15pm	Introduction of Pilot Mechanisms & Introduction of Speakers	Megan Wenner PhD Pilot Projects Program Director, University of Delaware

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1:15-1:35pm	<b>Jocelyn Hafer PhD</b> Clinical and Translational Pilot: Muscle fatigability and trip-specific fall risk in adults with knee osteoarthritis	<b>University of Delaware</b>
1:40 – 1:50pm	<b>Jennifer Sims-Mourtada MD</b> <b>Endale Gebregzabher PhD</b> Interdisciplinary New Collaboration Award (INC): Inflammation, Genomic, and Non-genomic Interactions in TNBC Etiology (IGNITE)	<b>ChristianaCare</b> <b>University of Delaware</b>
1:55- 2:15pm	<b>Cagri Ozdemir PhD</b> 2025 ACCEL Scholar From Molecular Subtypes to Clinical Outcomes: Integrative Computational Modeling of Cancer and Disease Architecture	<b>Delaware State University</b>

2:20 - 2:30pm Break

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2:30 - 2:50pm	<b>Tana Connell PhD</b> CoFunded RCMI Pilot and ACCEL Pilot (CoF): Addressing Health for all in Youth Programming through Community-based Participatory Research	<b>Delaware State University</b>
2:55 – 3:05pm	<b>Tia Barnes PhD</b> Community Engaged Clinical and Translational Pilot: Relating in the Classroom: Developing a Collaboration Intervention for Educators	<b>University of Delaware</b>

3:10 – 3:30pm

**Carly Pacanowski PhD**  
**Bridget Peters DO**

**University of Delaware**  
**ChristianaCare**

PBRN Project: Development of the Delaware Practice & Community Based Research Network (PCBRN)

**End of Symposium**

**3:30pm**