

DE CTR ACCEL Program 13th 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.

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

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

2:20 - 2:30pm Break

2:30 - 2:50pm	Tana Connell PhD CoFunded RCMI Pilot and ACCEL Pilot (CoF): Addressing Health for all in Youth Programming through Community-based Participatory Research	Delaware State University
2:55 – 3:05pm	Elizabeth Wright-Jin MD PhD Clinical and Translational Pilot: Mechanisms of neuroinflammatory contribution to disability after neonatal hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy	Nemours Children's Health

3:10 – 3:30pm

Tia Barnes PhD

University of Delaware

Community Engaged Clinical and Translational Pilot: Relating in the Classroom: Developing a Collaboration Intervention for Educators

3:35 – 3:55pm

Carly Pacanowski PhD
Bridget Peters DO

University of Delaware

ChristianaCare

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

4:00pm

End of Symposium