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For Immediate Release:

**The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental
Medicine (AACPDm) Welcomes Gavin Colquitt, EdD, as new
Director at Large**

*The AACPDm Board of Directors is excited to announce Gavin Colquitt,
EdD, as Director at Large of the Academy.*

Milwaukee, WI., December 9, 2024 - The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDm) is pleased to announce, Gavin Colquitt, EdD, as Director at Large.

AACPDm President (2023-24), M. Wade Shrader, MD, from Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware, states, "Gavin's community outreach efforts will be an asset to the Academy in the years to come. His experience in advocating for accessibility and promoting physical activity will provide a unique perspective that will help expand the work of the AACPDm.

Dr. Gavin Colquitt is the Executive Director of the Appalachian Institute for Health and Wellness at Appalachian State University's Beaver College of Health Sciences. Previously, Dr. Colquitt served as an adapted physical education teacher in public schools. He then became a professor of Kinesiology at Georgia Southern University, where he taught courses in adapted physical activity.

He founded and served as the Executive Director of the Center for Rehabilitation and Independent Living, a community-engaged research center. Additionally, he has established multiple community-based programs focusing on recreation, sport, and physical activity for children with disabilities.

A member of AACPDm since 2015, Dr. Colquitt has served multiple terms on the Adapted Sport and Recreation Committee, including as

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Chair and Chair of the Special Interest Group (SIG) on Adapted Sports. He is also a co-founder of the Georgia Alliance for Cerebral Palsy.

ABOUT AACPDM:

The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDm) is an organization made up of over 1,100 healthcare professionals dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for individuals with cerebral palsy and other childhood-onset disabilities.

What distinguishes AACPDm is the collaborative approach of its members, who work together to establish a global network aimed at achieving the best possible outcomes for patients. Our membership includes pediatricians, neurologists, surgeons, physiatrists, therapists, nurses, special educators, engineers, and scientists.

The mission of the AACPDm is: Empowering and supporting a collaborative multidisciplinary community that:

- Provides accessible and robust scientific education for health professionals and researchers;
- Fosters innovative research as well as its dissemination and implementation; and
- Advocates for equitable access to evidence based and patient centered care.

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