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## **The National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) Celebrates 2022 Educator of the Year Award Winner David H. Fukuda, PhD, CSCS,\*D, FNSCA**

**Colorado Springs, CO** – The National Strength and Conditioning Association is proud to announce that Dr. David Fukuda has been selected as the NSCA's Educator of the Year for 2022. Dr. Fukuda becomes the 19<sup>th</sup> recipient of the award, which has been handed out since 2002. The NSCA's Education Committee and past recipients select the award winner based on their contributions to education and clinical application of strength training and conditioning, the NSCA, and their community.

**David H. Fukuda**, Ph.D. is the Division Chair and an Associate Professor in the Division of Kinesiology at the University of Central Florida (UCF). He has proudly taught and mentored a large group of talented B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. students, including two university-level Outstanding Dissertation Award winners, over the course of his career, many of whom are actively involved with the NSCA. His recent academic leadership efforts at UCF resulted in a new Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code identifying the Kinesiology programs as part of the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) disciplines by the state of Florida, and state-level approval of the standalone Kinesiology Ph.D. program housed within the College of Health Profession and Sciences. Dr. Fukuda has been a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist since 2008, a Senior Associate Editor for the Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research since 2017, and received NSCA Fellow status in 2021.

"Congratulations to Dr. Fukuda for this well-deserved award," said Michael Massik, NSCA Executive Director. "He has changed many lives and exemplifies what it is to be an NSCA professional. We are proud to have him as a member."

Dr. David Fukuda will receive special recognition of his accomplishment at the NSCA National Conference, which will be held in New Orleans, LA from July 6-9. The conference brings together the best of the best from all reaches of the strength and conditioning industry to provide an educational experience unlike any other. From cutting-edge presentations to dynamic hands-on sessions by renowned professors, researchers, strength coaches, and personal trainers, attendees receive the tools to help expand their knowledge and further their careers. For more information regarding the NSCA and their awards, please visit [www.nasca.com](http://www.nasca.com).

**Media Note:** To schedule an interview with an award winner, contact [Marketing@nsca.com](mailto:Marketing@nsca.com).



## **ABOUT THE NATIONAL STRENGTH & CONDITIONING ASSOCIATION**

Founded in 1978, The National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) is a nonprofit association dedicated to advancing the strength and conditioning and related sport science professions around the world.

The NSCA exists to empower a community of professionals to maximize their impact through disseminating evidence-based knowledge and its practical application by offering industry-leading certifications, research journals, career development services, networking opportunities, and continuing education. The NSCA community is composed of more than 60,000 members and certified professionals throughout the world who further industry standards as researchers, educators, strength and conditioning coaches, performance and sport scientists, personal trainers, tactical professionals, and other related roles.