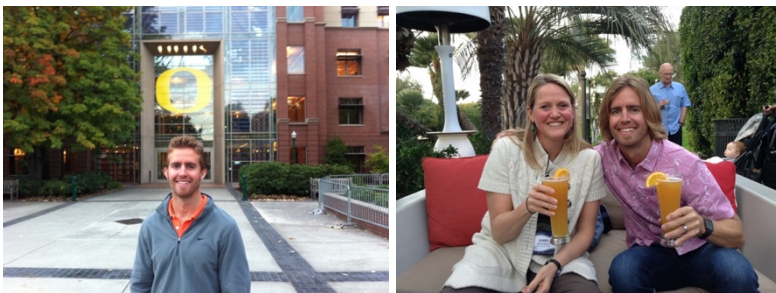


My name is **Eric Sorenson**. I grew up in Pasadena, California, where my parents still reside. I also have a brother (Jeff) that is 10 years older than me. He got me interested in surfing, beach life and sports from a young age. He also exposed me to the medical professions as a firefighter and paramedic.



My interests in athletics and science, along with some amazing mentors, helped to develop my interests in Sports Medicine. I began taking courses in the field in high school and ultimately graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University with a degree in Athletic Training. I then went on to the University of Oregon, where I pursued a master's degree in Sports Medicine in preparation for a clinical career in athletic training or chiropractics. However, I was also invited to teach my first class, which lit the fire for a future in academia! As a result, I stayed at UofO for my PhD in Human Physiology and graduated in 2009.



My graduate mentor, and good friend, Dr. Sierra Dawson (upper right), helped develop me as an educator, and modeled how inclusive, equitable teaching and active learning are best accomplished in the classroom. The picture of Sierra and I is from a Lilly Teaching and Learning conference at which we both presented several years ago.

Sierra and her husband also led us to the top of Middle Sister in Oregon!



During my graduate studies, I developed a passion for movement analysis and corrective exercise, which have been central in my teaching, research, and professional practice.



Above: a few of examples of research I've participated in, and my classroom activities focused on movement analysis, which naturally have allowed for a high degree of active learning.

Throughout my career, I am most thankful for the numerous students that have impacted my life, and who have allowed me to inspire them along the way.



My teaching and leadership experience spans across the community college environment, 4-year universities, and graduate programs. Most recently, after 9 years at Azusa Pacific University, I became the Dean of Health Sciences at Chaffey College in July 2022.

I have been married to my wife (Nicole) for 13 years and we have a 4 ½ year old boy named Shane. We love to travel, cook, and enjoy the beach and water!

