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# THE NATIONAL DOG SHOW THERAPY DOG SYMPOSIUM AT ROWAN UNIVERSITY

Chamberlain Student Center, Eynon Ballroom



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024  
10:30AM - 4:30PM EST

## Hosts

**Michele Pich, MA, MS, CAIS**

Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program at Rowan University

**David Frei, BS**

The National Dog Show Presented by Purina on NBC

## 10:30am - Opening Remarks

## 11:00am - Keynote Speaker

**Aubrey Fine, EdD**

*Our Faithful Companions: Conceptualizing the Value and the Health Benefits of the Human Animal Bond and Animal-Assisted Interventions*

## 12:15pm - 1pm - Lunch

## 1pm - Afternoon Presentations

1p-1:30p

**Gina Fisher Caldwell, PhD, C. Annie Peters, Taylor Chastain Griffin, PhD**

*The Art of Therapy Dog Training and Partnership: The Need for Trust and Open Communication*

1:35p-2:05p

**Lisa DiCerto, MA & Barbara Silverstein, MA**  
*Therapy Dog Visits at the End of Life*

2:10p-2:40p

**Bradford Cole**

*Journey of a Therapy Dog to a Crisis Mental Health Canine*

2:40p-2:50p

**10 minute break**

2:50p-3:20p

**Kate Nicoll, MSW, LCSW**

*Sharing the Narrative Life of Therapy Dogs to Comfort Children with Trauma*

3:25p-3:55p

**Panel**

**Kate Krispin, MS** - Therapy Dogs in Schools  
**Maria Borchardt, MA** - There's A Dog in My School!

## 4pm - Closing Remarks

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