

Stories engage our curiosity, emotions and imagination. SAA believes that sharing experiences with others is one of the most important things a person can do.

Storytelling also has the power to create communities and frame bonds of solidarity among people wrestling with comparable issues. *Storytellers: Your Stories on Stage* will serve as validation that no one is alone in their spondyloarthritis journey.

Stories are part of our daily lives. It challenges our opinions and values. On Friday March 25th at 5pm, SAA will host the 3rd Annual *Storytellers: Your Story on Stage*. This free event will be live on YouTube and aims to strengthen, enhance and underline the passage of spondyloarthritis of five special people who are ready to talk about their experiences, share strategies and messages of hope.



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Storytellers

Your Stories on Stage





Gail Wright, Jed Finely, Casey J. Cornelius, Danielle Wright and Brandon Robert have more than an ankylosing spondylitis diagnosis in common. Gail and Jed are both SAA support group leaders and educators. Gail is an avid hiker and gardener from Chicago. While Jed is a fan of writing, drawing and casual walks with his two dogs. Casey J. Cornelius is another speaker who is ready to make a difference with his story. Thriving on helping organizations and people become extraordinary, Casey is the Founder and President of [ForCollegeForLife](#). Optimistic and energetic soul, Danielle Wright is a foodie and traveler living in Colorado. Diagnosed with AS at eighteen, Danielle is an advocate for people with chronic and hidden diseases. And from Washington state, Brandon is our fifth storyteller, and he is currently on an all-out full-scale journey to discover what his true limits are despite living with AS.

Our brains are built to learn from stories. ***Storytellers: Your Story on Stage*** is an important opportunity to learn from another person's experience and connect with the spondyloarthritis audience. It is an entry point to creating a culture that is okay to talk about spondyloarthritis. ***Storytellers: Your Story on Stage*** will raise awareness by sharing tales of victory; monitoring and understanding the transformative power of storytelling.

~Angie Comer 3.14.22

