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SEATA Newsletter

NEWS FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR,
MARYBETH HORODYSKI

Hello SEATA Members:

As another academic year comes to an end I want to thank all our SEATA members for giving me the honor to serve you. I am looking forward to attending several more state meetings in the upcoming months.



We had a very successful 40th Symposium and Members Meeting (March 13-15, 2015). An excellent educational program was developed and included many opportunities for EBP credits.

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NEWS FROM SEATA PRESIDENT, JIM MACKIE



Greetings to all, many who are enjoying a fresh spring season as well as spring sport championships and spring football concluding. We hope that it's safe and enjoyable for each of you. Dr. MaryBeth Horodyski, Dr. Pattie Tripp and myself look forward to attending many of your state meetings in May, June & July.

We will also look to see you in St Louis as well as the NATA Clinical Symposium. Our District 9 meeting will be Wednesday at 6:15 pm in the convention center. The Executive Board will meet at 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Renaissance Hotel.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Highlights of the 40th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members' Meeting & Tim Kerin Memorial Awards Luncheon
- SEATA Leadership Directory
- Membership Update
- Committee Leadership Directory

Annual Meeting



66TH CLINICAL SYMPOSIA & AT EXPO
JUNE 23-26 • ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

[Attendee Housing](#)

[Attendee Registration](#)

June 3rd is deadline for discounted rate

[Preliminary Program](#)

[Get Involved — Volunteer](#)

SEATA Executive Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Time: 4:00—6:00 PM

Location: Renaissance Grand –
Hawthorne/Lucas/Flora

SEATA Members' Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Time: 6:15—7:15 PM

Location: TBA

**MEET ME
IN ST. LOUIS**



We certainly should thank Brady Tripp, Shelley Linens, Aaron Sciascia and the Research and Education Committee for their hard work planning all educational aspects of the meeting. If you didn't come to the meeting you missed the opportunity to gain great information AND you missed the opportunity to meet and talk with our NATA President Jim Thornton. The SEATA Executive Board should be commended for their help with the meeting also. David Green (VP) did a wonderful job handling meeting logistics. Tim McLane (Treasurer) and Donna Wesley (Secretary) spearheaded the registration. The state presidents also assisted with registration and meeting logistics. I would like to recognize Peggy Bratt with a special thank you for volunteering for several years to assist with registration and many other activities at our meeting. Pattie Tripp, our NATA Foundation D9 Chair, hosted a very fun night which included a raffle with proceeds going to the NATA Foundation.

On to ST. LOUIS! I hope that you will make every effort to attend the NATA Clinical Symposium and AT Expo. Come to learn new information about our profession and skills that you can take back to your work setting. You should plan to attend sessions that will provide NATA members with more information regarding the Athletic Training Strategic Alliance's decision to change the AT degree level to the Master's. Spend time with your colleagues and friends. I encourage you to support the NATA Foundation and the NATA PAC. Speaking of the NATA Foundation, on Friday, 26 June the Fun Run returns with a new challenge called, **"Beat the Directors"**. Directors from the NATA Board of Directors and the NATA Foundation will be running or walking in the Fun Run. I will be walk/jogging (ok, my kids might say walk/crawling). ***I have pledged money (\$5.00) to the NATA Foundation for every member in SEATA who runs and beats my time. I will also pledge \$3.00 per SEATA member who walks the entire course.*** Put on your running gear and let's have some fun! Please come out and help SEATA beat the other districts as we raise money for the NATA Foundation.

I continue to encourage all SEATA members to make sure they have completed several items. Have you obtained a NPI number? Getting a NPI number is free and can be completed easily online. Please make sure you notify the NATA national office and the BOC if you move and change your address or email address. I encourage you to review the information contained in SEATA Board meeting minutes located on the SEATA website. Please accept my sincere appreciation and thanks to all SEATA who have served on state, district or national committees this year.

Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you,

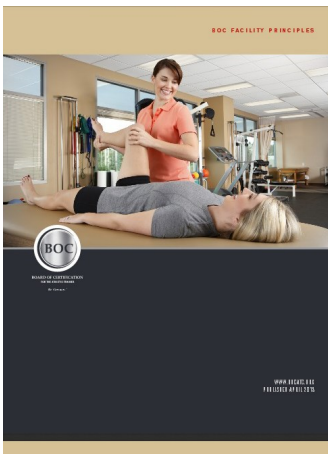


MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD, LAT, ATC, FNATA
Vice-President and District IX Director National Athletic Trainers' Association

THANK YOU TO OUR
DIRECTOR'S PARTNER:



MISSISSIPPI SPORTS MEDICINE
& ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER



Have you utilized
this BOC resource?

BOC Facility Principles

Do You Know an Athletic Trainer that is a Lifesaver?

Each year NATA members are involved in saving the lives of athletes, officials, spectators, coworkers and the general public. The NATA recognizes and applauds these heroic efforts through its [Lifesaver Recognition Program](#).



To nominate a Life Saver, [Click Here](#).

2015 SEATA Hall of Fame

Stephanie Lennon



Stephanie A. Lennon, MS, ATC, LAT is currently working as the Head Athletic Trainer and health/physical education teacher at Oak Ridge High School in Orlando, where she has been employed for the past 26 years. Stephanie is also an adjunct instructor for the Athletic Training Program at the University of Central Florida. She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and her Masters' degree from Troy State University. Though the high school setting is where most of Stephanie's employment history lies, she has experience in the collegiate, clinical and professional settings, as well.

Stephanie began her volunteerism for the profession with the BOC as a Host Athletic Trainer, Test Materials Coordinator and Test Site Administrator. She was also part of the Certification Exam Writing Committee and became an Examiner Qualification Facilitator. Stephanie was appointed as the SEATA Representative to the NATA Secondary School Committee on which she served for six years. She was also a member of the NATA Inter-Association Task Force for Pre-Season Heat Acclimatization Guidelines for Secondary School Athletics. Stephanie was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Florida Board of Athletic Training in 2000, and served as the co-chair from 2004 until her election as ATAF President in 2006. Stephanie began her involvement in ATAF as the Century Club Chair. She also served on the Governmental Affairs Committee in the early years when the association was pursuing licensure. Stephanie served as the High School Committee Chair for nine years and was a member of the Education Committee. She served as the ATAF President from 2006-2012. Stephanie was an Executive Board Member for SEATA and was assigned to several SEATA committees during her tenure. She currently serves on the SEATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award Committee and is the SEATA representative to the NATA's Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award Committee.

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In addition, Stephanie has been a preceptor for student athletic trainers with Valdosta State University and the University of Central Florida. She served on the Concussion Task Force for the state of Florida which was instrumental in drafting concussion legislation for high school and adolescent athletics. Stephanie accomplished the distinction of National Board Teaching Certification in 2003.

Stephanie has received several awards throughout her career including the NATA Service Award and Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award, ATAF High School Athletic Trainer of the Year Award, ATAF Athletic Trainer Award, and is an ATAF Hall of Fame Inductee. She is also a University of Florida College of Health and Human Performance Hall of Fame Member.



Hall of Fame Inductee Stephanie Lennon addresses attendees at the 2015 Tim Kerin Memorial Awards



Bob Nevill, Director Horodyski, Marisa Brunet, Stephanie Lennon, and President Mackie



R. T. Floyd, Marisa Brunet, Stephanie Lennon and Gerard White

2015 Clinical Symposium & Members' Meeting

SEATA Award Winners

2015 Chuck Kimmel Award of Merit
2015 Most Distinguished AT Award
Gerard White

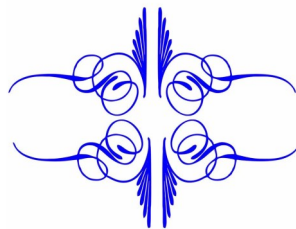


Director Horodyski, Gerard White and
President Mackie

2015 Gatorade D9
Secondary School AT of the Year
Garrick Edwards



Director Horodyski, Garrick Edwards,
Chris Snoddy, and President Mackie



2015 College/University
Athletic Trainer Award
Todd McCall



Director Horodyski, Jim Gallaspy, Todd
McCall, and President Mackie

2015 Education & Administration Award
Cliff Pawley



Director Horodyski, Jim Gallaspy, Cliff
Pawley, and President Mackie

2015 Clinical Symposium & Members' Meeting

SEATA Award Winners

2015 R. T. Floyd District Award
Rich Frazee

2015 High School
Athletic Trainer Award
Randy Wilkes

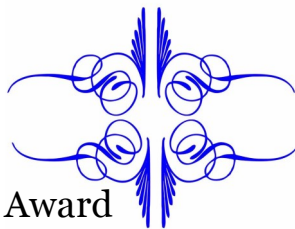


NATA President Jim Thornton, Rich Frazee, and R.T. Floyd



Director Horodyski, Doug May, Randy Wilkes, and President Mackie

2015 Backbone Award
2015 Professional Athletic Trainer Award
Justin Bland & Rod Scott



2015 Jack C. Hughston, M.D.
Sporsmedicine Person of the Year
Peter Indelicato, M.D.



Director Horodyski, Rod Scott and President Mackie



Director Horodyski, Dr. Peter Indelicato and President Mackie



SEATA Graduate Scholarship Winners

Kaitlyn Warner

Jerry Rhea/Atlanta Falcons Graduate
Scholarship

Xin Liew

Hughston Sports Medicine Foundation
Graduate Scholarship

Olivia Fernandes

SEATA Memorial Graduate Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS

2015 SEATA Research Grant Award Winner

Kyle Kosik

University of Kentucky

“An Examination of Corticomotor Plasticity in Individuals
with Chronic Ankle Instability”

SEATA 40th Annual CSMM

Highlights

In attendance for SEATA's 40th annual meeting were four former NATA presidents, as well as current NATA president Jim Thornton. SEATA was also pleased to have back a number of members from the first meeting, including R.T. Floyd, Bill McDonald, Wayne Kendrick, Jerry Carter, Jim Mackie, David Green, Bobby Barton, John Anderson, Doug May and Chuck Kimmel. Special recognition was given to R.T. Floyd, David Green, John Anderson, and Bobby Barton for having attended ALL 40 meetings.



The ALATA Annual Meeting and Symposium was held in San Destin, FL May 15-17, 2015. Over 135 AT's were in attendance. Congratulations to the following award winners:

ALATA Hall of Fame—Brad Montgomery, ATC, University of West Alabama

ALATA Undergraduate Scholarship—Josh Williams, Troy University

ALATA College/University AT Award—Lauren Wagner, ATC, University of West Alabama

ALATA High School AT of the Year—Dave Bust, ATC, Charles Henderson High School and
Rob Milam, ATC, Spanish Fort High School

ALATA Sports Medicine Person of the Year—Dr. John J. Greco, The Orthopedic Center

ALATA Award of Merit—Dr. Paul Crawford, ATC, Central High School

ALATA Sponsors Award—William Leavell, Alert Services

The 2016 ALATA Annual Meeting and Symposium will be hosted by UAB May 27-28.



We have had record breaking educational opportunities with our Clinical Symposium and Athletic Training Student Symposiums. All of the presenters have been outstanding and the Evidence Based Practice presentations made available, effectively filled an education gap. Thank you to the many who volunteered in serving in multiple capacities. Our professions strength is in the volunteer spirit of service to advance our value, profession and organization. Please take the time to thank those who volunteer for our benefit.

Congratulations to our numerous award and scholarship recipients of National and SEATA value. They are well deserved and can be located in this and past newsletters. A special shout out to our good friend Skeeter Schuessler of Gatorade for is many years of service. He is a friend to many and it's relationships that he most treasures with the multitudes he has touched through Gatorade.

Congratulations also to Jarod Grace, previously of MEDCO, who now has the task of filling Skeeter's big shoes. He is up to the challenge and we look forward to great times ahead.

To all, best wishes in all you do and we look forward to serving you in any way and seeing you at one of our upcoming meeting opportunities.

Jim Mackie, President

Thank you to our ***President's Partner:***





In 2014 the University Athletic Association's Ben Hill Griffin Stadium athletic training facility was renamed to the Chris Patrick South End Zone Athletic Training Facility in recognition of Patrick's longtime service and support of the University of Florida.

Chris "CP" started at the University of Florida in 1970 as the Head Athletic Trainer. He grew the department from two full-time athletic trainers to a staff of 20 full-time team members dedicated to the health care of the student-athletes. He was promoted to Assistant Athletic Director in charge of Sports Health in 1990, serving in that position until 2012. The quality of the team of athletic trainers that CP put together was recognized by SEATA in 2007 as the Athletic Training Department of the Year. Other accolades Patrick garnered over the years include inductions into the Hall of Fame of the NATA in 1989, the Florida Athletic Trainer's Association in 1994, the University of Florida in 1995, and SEATA in 2007.

Over the years, it is clear how CP's care for others and love of working with people has translated into having an extensive network of peers and athletes who still visit him in the "Chris Patrick Athletic Training Facility" at the University of Florida. His unwavering commitment to athletic training and doing what is best for all student-athletes helped to build a solid foundation for the Sports Health Department at the University of Florida, and a solid foundation for the profession.

ATAF is now accepting nominations for various awards and scholarships. Please visit the [Awards/Scholarships](#) section of the ATAF website for more information about these awards and to nominate someone today!

All nominations are due by June 19, 2015.

Join us in Kissimmee, FL for the 2015 ATAF Symposium and Business Meeting

Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South

July 17th 9th, 2015

Please register online by July 1, 2015

www.ataf.org

July 18th – 19th Attendees earn up to 11 CEs (4.5 eligible for EBP credit) for \$115 (NATA member price)!

Join us Friday, July 17th for the ATAF Golf Tournament!
7:30am shotgun start at the Disney Palms

Cost: Register online www.ataf.org
\$90 Registration Fee

Registration funds support the Legacy Scholarship.

NEED EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE CE CREDITS?
CONSIDER REGISTERING FOR THE FRIDAY, JULY 17TH
1:00PM – 6:30PM CLINICAL EBP SESSION CONDUCTED BY
James “Jay” Scifers, DScPT, SCS, ATC



*Evidence-Based Evaluation & Treatment
of the Sacroiliac Joint*

Approved for 5 EBP CEs

Cost: \$65.00

*Please sign-up early – limited space available
(50 participant limit)*

FRIDAY JULY 17TH, 2015



2015 ATAF Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser



WALT Disney World.
GOLF

This 18-hole championship course features shimmering lakes, tropical sands, palm trees and sloping greens. Operated by Arnold Palmer Golf Management, Disney's Palm Golf Course is rated 4 stars by Golf Digest and includes 9 water hazards and 94 bunkers—providing plenty of challenges for novices and seasoned pros alike.

FRIDAY JULY 17th, 2015

**7:30 AM Shot-gun Start 6:00
Registration**



EVERYONE IS INVITED Come support your Athletic Trainers of Florida!!!

No matter whether you are an Athletic Trainer or not we invite you to come celebrate the hard work and dedication of our profession. ATAF is passionate about advancing our profession and being the best that we can be no matter what! Your support in this golf tournament will allow us to provide scholarships and financial support to our young professionals as they grow and prepare to be leaders in our profession.

SIGN UP NOW!!! www.ataf.org

Register by 7/8
\$90.00

Includes: Golf,
Cart, Driving Range
and boxed lunch
delivered on course.

Reserve your
Four-some today.
Prizes!!
Giveaways!!

SIGN UP!!

For more info or to
request a registration
form please email
info@ataf.org.



GEORGIA NEWS

The Georgia Athletic Trainers Association recently held its annual meeting and symposium in Columbus, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by The Hughston Foundation. It was a great success. We had record numbers in attendance. We were able to offer 10EBP credits to our members. The meeting concluded Saturday night with a social at the Columbus Lions football game, a local indoor football team.

The GATA wants to thank everyone again for attending, and we hope to continue to push record numbers in attendance in the coming years ahead. At this year's meeting, Diane King (now GATA past president) handed the keys over to Eric Gunderson as incoming GATA president. Tom Bair was elected by the GATA members as new GATA Vice President and Cheryl Cundy was elected as new GATA secretary. They both officially took office during this year's meeting. The GATA board would like to thank previous GATA presidents Diane King and Jeff Hopp for the strong foundation they have built. We hope the new board will continue to make as strong of an impact they have made.

During the meeting, the GATA held their annual awards luncheon. The organization presented the Jack C Hughston Physician of the Year award to Fred Flandry, MD. The Jerry Rhea Athletic Trainer of the Year award was presented to Harold King, ATC. The Lori Mobley Groover Leadership Award recipients were Cason Dempsey and MaryBeth Wagner. Katelyn Heck from Macon's WMAZ-TV was the emcee for the presentations. Dr. Bud Cooper EdD, ATC from the University of Georgia gave the keynote address, "Seeking Direction for Athletic Training and the Healthcare Profession".

Descriptions of each award and award winners can be found at our website www.athletictraining.org

The GATA would also like to recognize Paul Higgs. Paul has been an invaluable member of the GATA in various roles. Paul was recently recognized by Valdosta State University as the 2014 College of Nursing and Health Sciences Distinguished Alumnus.

Please follow the GATA on Twitter (@GATAInfo), Facebook, or on our website.



GATA Honors & Awards Chair
Stephanie Vasquez, Harold King,
GATA President Diane King



Pictured L to R: Tim Blair, Andrea Flandry,
Dr. Fred Flandry, Donna Flandry, and
Diane King



Stephanie Vasquez, Blessed Trinity
Catholic High School AT Preston
Bazemore, MaryBeth Wagner, Diane King

LOUISIANA NEWS

Saints Host 2nd Annual Workshop



Launched in 2014, the New Orleans Saints host an all-day event for high school students interested in athletic training. The event is intended to raise awareness for athletic training and introduce students to the profession. The event was hosted on Saturday, March 8, 2015 and coincided with National Athletic Trainers Month. This year's event was attended by over 250 high school students from as far away as St. Louis, Missouri. In addition to the high school program, an advanced track was offered for college students that are considering pursuing a career in athletic training.



The educational sessions ranged from modalities and rehab to taping and case study presentations. All of the sessions were taught by athletic trainers from the New Orleans Saints, and faculty and staff from athletic training programs across the states.

The participating schools included Nicholls State University, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, and Louisiana State University. Each school brought students currently enrolled in the athletic training program to serve as lab instructors and ambassadors of athletic training.

The event would not have been possible without the leadership of Scottie Patton, Head Athletic Trainer for the New Orleans Saints, and many generous sponsors. The sponsors for the event included Gatorade, Ochsner Sports Medicine, Pigeon Caterers, Henry Schein, the Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association, the National Athletic Trainers' Association Ethnic Diversity Supporter, and the New Orleans Pelicans.

To view the full photo gallery, [Click Here](#).



LOUISIANA NEWS



The 2015 LATA Summer Educational Symposium will be held from June 2-4, 2015 in Lake Charles, LA at the Isle of Capri Casino Hotel. Attendees will have the option to earn up to 10 EBP CEUs this summer.

Overall attendees can earn approximately 16-18 (up to 10 EBP) between an EBP Pre-Conference Workshop and the Educational Symposium.

[EBP Pre-conference Workshop](#)—Tuesday, June 2

[LATA Injuries in Running Clinic](#)—Tuesday, June 2

[LATA Educational Symposium](#)—Wednesday & Thursday, June 3-4

Does your school qualify for the Safe Sport School Award?



Take this quick [9 question quiz](#)
to see if you qualify.

SEATA currently has 41 schools that
have received the
Safe Sport School Award.

To see the full list, [Click Here](#).

Are you or your organization a
BOC Approved Provider?



Are you prepared for the **2016 BOC
Approved Provider Standards?**

For more details, [Click Here](#).

MISSISSIPPI NEWS



The 2015 Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association Clinical Symposium and Members' Meeting will be held June 9-11 at the IP Resort & Spa in Biloxi. Advanced registration is \$125 for current MATA/NATA members and ends June 1, 2015; after June 1, attendees will be charged the on-site fee. The advanced registration fee for non-members is \$185 and increased to \$210 for on-site registration. The on-site fee for members is \$150. Visit the [MATA website](#) for more information, or [Click Here](#) to register for the meeting.

The MATA congratulates Dr. William Holcomb, PhD, ATC, FNATA, on his selection to receive the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award from the NATA in St. Louis.

The University of Southern Mississippi will be holding its [Annual Student Athletic Trainer Workshop](#) June 5-7. Advanced registration is required and should be submitted by May 22, 2015.

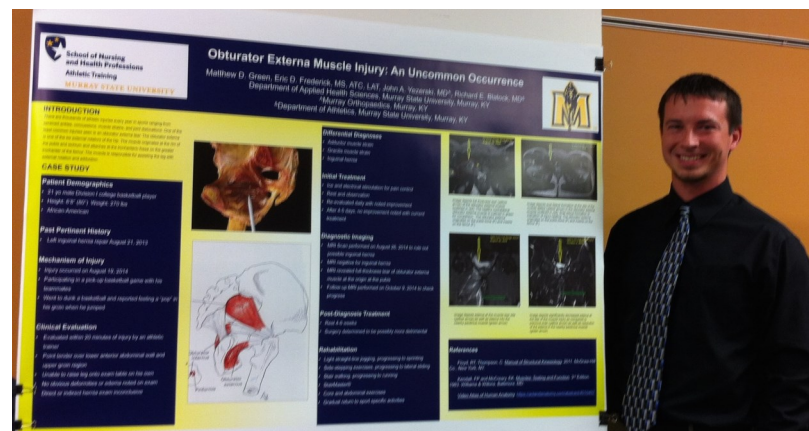


KENTUCKY NEWS

The Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society will hold its annual meeting June 12-13 at Thomas More College. For meeting details and registration visit the [KATS Website](#). Registration is also open for the [2015 Rudy Ellis/Mary Lloyd Ireland Golf Outing](#) that is scheduled for June 12 at Kenton County Pioneer Golf Course.

Congratulations to Murray State University athletic training student Dylan Green for being selected to present his case study "Obturator Externus Injury in a Collegiate Basketball Player: An Uncommon Occurrence", in Franklin for Posters at the Capitol.

Murray State University will be hosting a free Athletic Training Educational Seminar on July 22. For more information or to register, visit www.rodwalters.com.



TENNESSEE NEWS



TENNESSEE **ATHLETIC TRAINERS'** SOCIETY

The Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society had a good turnout for their Hill Day in March. There were 6 members and 14 MTSU students in attendance. Our main goal was to promote the Athletic Training profession and begin building a legislative presence at our state capital. The Senators and Representative were very receptive and thanked us for the attention we give to our athletes and encouraged us to maintain our presence on "the hill"



Peggy Bratt (TATS vice president) and Scott Byrd (TATS President) attended the Tennessee Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association, Or Athletic Director Conference April 21 and 22 in Murfreesboro. The TATS booth was well received by the Athletic Directors, with several requesting information on how to hire or improve their ATC situation. We walked away with a contact list to send position proposal info to and one AD has requested we attend a meeting with their director of schools to provide insight on approaching their Board of Education about seeking a formal service agreement.

This has been a good fit for TATS and as long as the AD's are receptive, we hope to continue building those relationships.

Congratulations to the following individuals who have been elected to the Executive Board of the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society for the 2016-17 term:

President	Scott Byrd
Vice President	Peggy Bratt
Treasurer	Therese Sparn
Secretary	Clint Sanders
East Region Rep.	Mike Van Bruggen
Middle Region Rep.	Tim Hoskins
West Region Rep.	Tripp Turner

DID YOU KNOW?

The BOC provides a free Professional Development Needs Assessment (PDNA) tool designed to help you assess gaps in knowledge and skill within a particular practice area. [Visit here](#) to learn more about the PDNA.

NATA Members who have renewed their membership for 2015, receive 10 free CEU bucks. Currently, four courses worth 8.25 hours of Evidence Based Practice (EBP) credits are available for use with your free CEU bucks. Visit the [NATA Quiz Center](#) for more details.

The current BOC reporting period ends December 31, 2015

ATs certified before 2014 must complete 50 CEUs, which must include at least 10 Evidence Based Practice [\(EBP\) CEUs](#).

ATs certified in 2014 must complete 25 CEUs, which must include at least 5 Evidence Based Practice [\(EBP\) CEUs](#).

For more details, [Click Here](#).

The 2014-2015 NFL Foundation's Club matching AT Grant Initiative had 16 teams participating to provide AT coverage for youth sports programs. The program will continue in 2015-2016 and plans are in the works to enable school districts outside of NFL markets to apply for AT funding. Look for more details in the fall. Both Gatorade and the NATA have signed on to financially support the programs.

Representatives from all 50 state athletics/activities associations were in attendance at the first Collaborative Solutions for Safety in Sport (CSSS) meeting in March. Planning for the 2016 CSSS meeting, to be held at the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis, is underway. Look for more information and details soon.

Are you interested in presenting at NATA 2016 in Baltimore?



The NATA Convention Programming Committee is now accepting proposals for the 2016 NATA Clinical Symposium & Members' Meeting in three categories of educational programming:

Clinical Evidence Based Practice
Foundations of Evidence Based Practice
Non-Patient Oriented

For more details, [Click Here.](#)

To submit your abstract proposal, [Click Here](#)

The deadline for submissions is July 16, 2015.



Official Statement

AFTER 2.5 YEARS OF DILIGENT ANALYSIS, LEADERS OF THE KEY ATHLETIC TRAINING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DECIDED TO CHANGE THE AT DEGREE LEVEL TO A MASTER'S



Decision affecting future ATs was made with the best interests of the profession in mind to ensure a vital place for ATs in the evolving health care arena. Work now begins on the next steps.

Over the past two and a half years the AT Strategic Alliance (BOC, CAATE, NATA and NATA Foundation), under the lead of NATA and CAATE, have been actively engaged in a critical examination of what the appropriate professional degree level should be to best prepare athletic trainers for an integral role in the evolving health care system.

This past weekend a special meeting was held to hear final presentations and to deliberate. The NATA Board of Directors and the Commissioners of the CAATE, with the full support of the Board of Certification and the NATA Research & Education Foundation, have agreed to establish the professional degree in athletic training at the master's level.

Among the data considered in this decision was work produced by the NATA Executive Committee for Education (ECE). This included the *Professional Degree White Paper*, focus groups with existing professional programs at the master's degree level, a health care economist's study specific to athletic training education and numerous open-discussion sessions at state, district and national meetings. Among the CAATE's significant contributions included their knowledge of the accreditation landscape, and the changing higher education environment. They presented expert opinions from Commission physician and administrative members and provided an analysis developed from the CAATE's call for open comments.

The CAATE *Standards for Accreditation of Professional Athletic Training Programs* will be changed to include a requirement that professional programs be at the master's degree level with a specific implementation deadline of no less than seven years. This does not require currently certified ATs to obtain an additional degree. The deadline to require a master's degree to sit for the BOC examination will affect students who are not yet in high school.

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AT Strategic Alliance Official Statement

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A decision of this magnitude requires significant discussion, planning and communication. Over the next several weeks, the alliance will launch a website that will provide more information on the implementation as well as an opportunity for members of the profession to ask questions. The site will also provide a synopsis of the research that went into this decision and responses to questions raised during the months of gathering feedback. An in-person session will be held at the NATA 2015 convention to address “what’s next” questions. The presentation will be recorded and posted online so that all ATs have access to the dialogue. As the process moves forward, there will be several additional opportunities for conversations about next steps.

Given the current state of higher education and health care, change is not only inevitable, but necessary. The Strategic Alliance has a responsibility to be the visionaries for the growth of the profession. This decision is not about today. It is about the future and longevity of the AT profession. The decision was not made lightly, and the approach to implementation will be treated with the same seriousness as the decision.

The CAATE anticipates releasing information about the implementation timeline after its August 2015 Commission meeting and looks forward to working with institutions and professional programs as they transition to the master’s degree. NATA and the CAATE will provide tools, resources and best practices to assist with the process, as well as ongoing updates on the implementation and timeline. The goal is to make this transition as simple as possible for all involved.

Athletic trainers have historically played a major role in the provision of health care for life and sport. The AT’s role and scope of practice continues to evolve in response to the dynamic nature of health care. As a result, ATs are considered by physicians to be integral members of the interprofessional health care team.

A critical link to acceptance in the broader health care arena is the AT's level of professional preparation. This decision to shift the degree level is essential to ensuring our future ability to meet the expectations of the health care team, to continuing to improve patient outcomes, and to keeping our profession sustainable for generations to come.

**UPCOMING
STATE MEETING
DATES &
LOCATIONS**

LOUISIANA

June 2-4
Lake Charles, LA

MISSISSIPPI

June 9-11
Biloxi, MS

KENTUCKY

June 12-13
Crestview Hills, KY

FLORIDA

July 17-19
Kissimmee, FL



GAC

JERRY STEVENS

Overall, the 2015 Florida legislative session was successful . House Bill 541 passed the senate 40-0 and the House 115-0 and will go into effect July 1, 2015, if approved by the Governor.

Please remember to contact your Senators and Congressmen and request support on our federal legislative initiatives:

H.R. 921/S.R. 689—The Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act

H.R. 829/S.R. 436—The SAFE PLAY Act

H.R. 112/S.R. 83—The Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights

The NATA signed on in support of a letter that called for physical education to remain a core subject in schools and for restoring the Carol M. White Physical Education Program in the Every Child Achieves Act.

Got Your NPI?



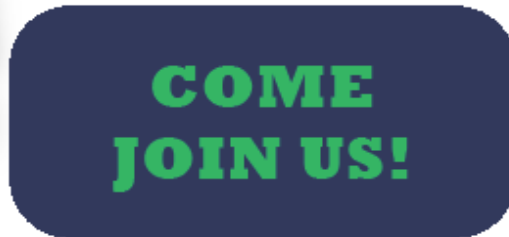
- All health care providers are eligible for NPIs.
- It's free!
- It only takes two minutes to apply.
- NPIs never expire. Once you receive your NPI, you simply update your employer, taxonomy and personal information throughout your career. You can even retire and deactivate your NPI.
- AT students are also eligible to register for their NPI
- You can have multiple taxonomy codes under one NPI to represent **all** you do as a health care provider:
 - Athletic Training Taxonomy Code - 2255A2300X
 - Student Taxonomy Code - 390200000X

It is a requirement to have an NPI to serve on a NATA committee.

[Click here](#) for step-by-step instructions.

Young Professionals' Committee—YPC

ASHLEY MORGAN



EVENTS ALABAMA

May 30th AT 6:30 pm - BIRMINGHAM BARONS vs JACKSONVILLE BASEBALL GAME

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2nd Annual CAATE Accreditation Conference

October 16-18, 2015

Hilton Tampa Downtown in Tampa, FL

Registration begins in July



NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT COMMITTEE

TIFFANY YAM

On the behalf of myself and the rest of the committee, it was a pleasure to have served this past 2014-2015 academic year as your District IX Representative for the NATASC. I cannot wait to see the growth of our profession flourish in the next few years! Good luck to the rest of the student in District IX pursuing this wonderful career in athletic training.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jeremy Stevens

from Florida International University is the new District IX Representative for the National Athletic Training Students' Committee.

NATA 66th Clinical Symposia & AT Expo

at St. Louis, Missouri

June 23-26, 2015

June 24, 9-12pm- ATSS: Keynote Speaker & Breakout Sessions

June 24, 2-4pm- ATSS: Ron Culp/ NBATA Cadaver Workshop

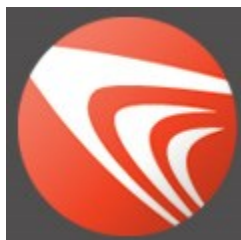
June 25, 10:15-11:15am- ATSS: Student Career Roundtables

June 26, 8-9am- Pinky Newell Scholarship & Student Leadership Breakfast

**** Keep an eye out on a more updates closer to the date!**

Thanks to our ***Executive Partners:***

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Welcome our new CUATC State Rep for Florida

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CUATC Schedule of Events for NATA Meeting in St. Louis

NATA 66th Clinical Symposia & AT Expo, St. Louis, MO CUATC - Events Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Hotel	Room
Tuesday, June 23, 2015	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	CUATC Meeting	RG	Majestic G
Wednesday, June 24, 2015	8:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Utilization of NATA Liability Risk Assessment Toolkit	AC	Room 241
Thursday, June 25, 2015	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Peer-to-Peer Managing Behavioral Health Care at the College Level	AC	Room 240
Thursday, June 25, 2015	7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	CUATC Awards Breakfast	AC	Room 280
Thursday, June 25, 2015	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Developing Alternative Staffing Models for the College/University Setting	AC	Room 275
Thursday, June 25, 2015	11:15 - 12:00 PM	Meet and Greet with Club, Intramural and Rec Sports Athletic Trainers**	AC	Room 275

***CUATC would like to invite all club, intramural, rec sports ATs to join us for an informal meet and greet while in St. Louis at the NATA Meeting. We'd like to talk with you and discuss your clinical setting. We will meet after the CUATC Session on Thursday, June 25th from 9:15 AM - 11:15 AM.*

Important News & Updates

SPORTS MEDICINE LICENSURE CLARITY ACT NEEDS MORE SUPPORT

114th Congress—House Bill H.R.921; Senate Bill S.689

Please ask your administrators, doctors, coaches to write to their congressional leaders to ask them to co-sponsor and support these bills. We need to generate more support and awareness to get them passed!

NJCAA STUDENT ATHLETE HEALTH AND SAFETY MOVES FORWARD

During the March, 2015 NJCAA Annual Meeting proposal 220 Article VI Section 12. C was passed as amended to require that a certified/licensed athletic trainer and AED be provided at all NJCAA post season events. It is recommended that at a minimum, an AED and certified/licensed athletic trainer or EMT be available at all regular season contests and practices. Effective August 1, 2015.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

During the 12th Annual SEC Athletic Training & Sports Medicine Seminar **Mary McLendon**, the Director of Sports Medicine at Mississippi State University, was elected as the next president of the SEC Sports Medicine Committee. Mary is succeeding **Jim Madaleno** at the University of Kentucky. **Clint Haggard** from the University of South Carolina was elected as vice president.



CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Steve “chicken hawk” Bryant, Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine at the University of Georgia, for being awarded the Southeastern Conference Sports Medicine Committee Annual Chris Patrick Award during the 12th Annual Meeting in April, 2015.

NATA FOUNDATION EVENTS AT THE NATA CONVENTION



The NATA Foundation is sponsoring several events at the NATA Convention in St. Louis this June. The NATA Foundation 5K Fun Run/Walk sponsored by Gatorade will be back this year, so plan to run and support the NATA Foundation. Don't feel like running, come join us and walk the course. It is a great way to get some exercise and support the NATA Foundation

The NATA Foundation will once again host a block party at Laclede's Landing. You can purchase a party pass for \$20 through registration and this will allow you to receive discounts the entire week in St. Louis. This is another way great way to support the NATA Foundation.

The Silent Auction will return this year. This has been an attendee favorite over the past few years and we hope to make this year even better with merchandise from your favorite players and teams. Please make sure you stop by the Foundation booth in St. Louis and check out the items available.

Information on all of these events is included in your registration information.

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To view the upcoming schedule, [Click Here](#).

Attend a
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Webinars are recorded and available for purchase and CEUs in the [Quiz Center](#).

Do you know a company or organization that would be of value to athletic trainers?

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Membership

<i>As of May 20, 2015</i>	ACTIVE	SUSPENDED/ NON- MEMBER	TOTAL
Certified Regular	3513	455	3968
Associate	54	32	86
Retired Certified	88	0	88
Honorary	28	0	28
Non-Member	0	2178	2178
Student Undergrad	865	185	1050
Student Graduate	85	13	98
Student Certified	366	21	387
Military Inactive	1	0	1
Career Starter Cert	258	72	330
TOTAL	5258	2956	8214



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Regularly update your NATA
Membership Profile. This helps us ensure
that you continue to get SEATA and
NATA communications.

THANK YOU

Skeeter Schuessler
**for your dedication and
support of SEATA!**



Enjoy your retirement.



SEATA'S VISION

We will be recognized as the professional healthcare association of choice for certified athletic trainers who provide expertise in the areas of prevention, recognition, evaluation, immediate care, rehabilitation and reconditioning of injury and illness, healthcare administration and professional development and responsibility in the practice of athletic training.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to enhance the quality of healthcare provided by certified athletic trainers and to advance the athletic training profession.

In recognition of this commitment, we will strive to deliver these services through cost-effective, high quality comprehensive programs and care in the communities we serve.

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