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**Therese Sparn  
Tennessee  
TATS Hall of Fame 2005**



Therese Sparn is in her 23<sup>rd</sup> year as a Head Athletic Trainer and Special Education teacher at Clarksville High School in Clarksville, TN. She teaches Resource Biology and serves as the athletic trainer for 17 sports.

Sparn began her career as a student athletic trainer at UT-Chattanooga from 1979-1984, where she received her BS in Special Education. She moved on to become a graduate assistant at Austin Peay State University and completed her MA in Health and Physical Education with a minor in Administration and Supervision.

She is a member of the NATA, SEATA, and TATS and has been the secretary/treasurer for the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society since 1989. Sparn is also a member of the Clarksville-Montgomery County, Tennessee, and National Education Associations. She belongs to the Tennessee Educators of Aquatics and Marine Sciences organization.

She was honored in 1991 and 1993 as the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society High School Athletic Trainer of the Year; her win in 1991 was the first time a female had received this honor. In 1998, she was the SEATA High School Athletic Trainer of the Year, and she received the NATA Athletic Trainer Service Award in 2002. In 2005, Sparn was the second female inducted into the TATS Hall of Fame.

Sparn has also been honored as a Who's Who of Outstanding Young Women (1985), a Who's Who of American Teachers (2000 and 2005-2006), and a Who's Who of Empowering Executive, Professionals and Entrepreneurs (2006-2007).