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# SEATA Newsletter

**NEWS FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR,  
MARYBETH HORODYSKI**

Dear SEATA Members:

It was great to see so many of you during the past few months at your state meetings and the NATA National Symposium. I am truly honored to be able to serve you. There are many exciting activities taking place in our profession. In this letter I am going to highlight information from our national meeting in St. Louis, legislative initiatives, and the Secondary School Insurance Project.



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**NEWS FROM SEATA PRESIDENT, JIM MACKIE**



To our membership,

I trust you are having a great summer with some form of relaxation with friends and family, the new school year is fast approaching for many, with new sports seasons and challenges. Make sure you practice and rehearse your Emergency Action Plans as well as review the new Appropriate Care of the Spine Injured Athlete recommendations and protocols. It was great to see many of you in St. Louis at the NATA Symposium & EXPO as well as to visit at your state meetings.

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- BOC Seeks Volunteers for Pilot Study
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The [SEATA Elections Committee](#) is currently accepting nominations for the SEATA Offices of District Director, Vice President and Secretary.

Nominations will be accepted until **August 15, 2015**.

To view eligibility requirements, [Click Here](#).

To nominate a candidate now, [Click Here](#).

The election will begin in September with elected officers assuming their position in June 2016.



To nominate a candidate for the SEATA Hall of Fame, [Click Here](#).

Nomination deadline is **November 15, 2015**

The [SEATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Committees](#) is currently accepting nominations for qualified candidates for the 2016 [SEATA MDAT Award](#).

Nominations will be accepted until **November 15, 2015**.

To view eligibility requirements, [Click Here](#).

To nominate a candidate now, [Click Here](#).

Our national meeting in St. Louis was a great success. If you missed the meeting, you missed out on fun activities and the opportunity to select from 149 sessions with a total of 235 presentations, as well as many more presentations in the Free Communications sessions. We also honored several SEATA members with national awards. SEATA members awarded the NATA MDAT were Helen Binkley and Bill Holcomb. Jerry Stevens and Andrew Massey were awarded the NATA Service Award. Bobby Barton received the Eve Becker-Doyle Leadership Award. Next year the national meeting will be in Baltimore, please plan to attend.

On the legislative front we have several activities taking place. **The Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights (H.R. 112 /S.R. 83)** outlines the 10 best practices to make schools safer. This is the NATA's top legislative priority. **The Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act (H.R. 921/S.R. 689)** is another very important NATA legislative initiative. For this legislative effort the NATA has joined with a number of other sports health professional organizations to introduce legislation providing legal protection for athletic trainers and other sports medicine professionals practicing across state lines. The third NATA legislative effort is the **Supporting Athletes, Families, & Educators to Protect the Lives of Athletic Youth (SAFE PLAY) Act (H.R. 829/S.R. 436)**. This is a comprehensive approach including guidelines and safety plans for school districts to ensure student athlete safety. While I highlighted the three legislative efforts above, the NATA is involved in many more legislative activities.

The Secondary School Athletic Insurance Project is being completed by the Korey Stringer Institute. Yuri Hosokawa, MAT, ATC and Robert A Huggins, PhD, ATC provided a report to the NATA Board of Directors. The purpose of the project is to describe the value of athletic trainers in the secondary school setting and assess insurance coverage in school districts employing athletic trainers. In the most recent study of schools using AT services, the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) reported that only 42% of high schools employed athletic trainers.

This low percentage is alarming, considering that multiple national organizations (e.g., NATA, Korey Stringer Institute, American College of Sports Medicine, American Academy of

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### Volunteers Needed for BOC Pilot Study

The BOC is testing a new AT Portfolio system.

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

Participation is limited to first 500 registrants;  
you must register by **July 31, 2015**.

[Register Here](#)

Pediatrics, American Medical Association, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine) promote and encourage the hiring of at least 1 athletic trainer at all high schools. Secondary schools without AT services rely on sports coaches and administrators, such as athletic directors, to recognize when a medical emergency is present. They are not trained to treat life-threatening conditions, and it should not be their responsibility to do so. Thus, "Is there a reduction in insurance cost by hiring an Athletic Trainer for excess medical, liability insurance, or catastrophic insurance", is one of the key questions being addressed by this project. Current findings suggest this is not occurring. Efforts will continue to address this question and to educate school districts and insurance agencies of the value of the secondary school athletic trainer.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the SEATA Board and all our SEATA committee chairs and committee members for all the work that was completed in the past year. Our SEATA members are very active leaders in our profession. If you would like to become involved more please contact any SEATA Board member or the leaders of your state association. 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  
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& ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER

# NATA Annual Meeting Highlights

Award & Scholarship Winners

## 2015 N A T A Award Winners

### ***Eve Becker-Doyle Leadership Award***

Robert Barton (KY)

### ***Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award***

Helen M. Binkley (TN)

William Holcomb (MS)

### ***Athletic Trainer Service Award***

Andrew Massey (LA)

Gerald Stevens (FL)

### ***50 Year Membership***

David Bailey (AL)

Anthony Bartirome (FL)

Donald Lowe (GA)

## NATA Foundation Scholarship Winners

*PFATS Jerry Rhea Scholarship* — **Josh Williams**  
Troy University

*Patty & Chuck Kimmel Scholarship* — **Alexandra Pfefferle**  
University of Southern Mississippi

*Dr. Bobby Barton Scholarship* — **Marlee Gross**  
The University of Tennessee Chattanooga

*Dr. Jack Hughston Memorial Scholarship* — **Karisa Eustace**  
University of South Florida



# NATA Annual Meeting Highlights

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[NATA Welcomes New President Scott Sailor](#)

[NATA Inducts Eight into NATA Hall of Fame](#)

[Release of New Inter-Association Consensus Statement  
on Appropriate Care of the Spine Injured Athlete](#)

[Expansion of Funds to Provide Athletic Trainers in Underserved High Schools](#)

***Have you seen a professional luminary worthy of  
recognition for outstanding contributions to the profession as a  
SEATA member?***

## **[Call for 2016 SEATA Hall of Fame Nominations](#)**

The [Southeast Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame](#) honors those members who have distinguished themselves through personal sacrifice, consummate professionalism and exceptional contributions. Service to SEATA is the primary consideration and reflects a lifetime of selfless devotion to the association through volunteer service, leadership, advocacy and professional activities.

Minimum eligibility requirements include 15 years working or living in  
District IX and at least 20 years of service their profession.

**The nomination period for the 2016 SEATA Hall of Fame will close November 15, 2015.  
[Click here](#) for more information and to submit nominations for the [SEATA Hall of Fame](#).  
For any questions regarding this process, contact Bob Nevil at [bnevil@sportmed.com](mailto:bnevil@sportmed.com)  
or by calling 423-622-6200.**

## 25 Year NATA Membership Pins

Wade Bartlett (TN)	Edwin Harris (AL)	Joseph Petrone (AL)
Jerry Blackwell (LA)	Penny Head (TN)	Samuel Richardson (AL)
Jennifer Branchcomb (FL)	Robert Hensarling (AL)	Kevin Robinson (FL)
Bernadette Buckley (FL)	Helaina Hersey (FL)	Scott Rouse (KY)
Eric Buckman (GA)	Shawn Hunt (FL)	Jeffrey Sartin (GA)
Mitchell Cordova (FL)	R. Eric Johnson (AL)	Will Sells (GA)
Amy Cother (LA)	Joel Kennedy (FL)	Jerry Shadbolt (GA)
Charles Davidson (AL)	Michael Kozak (FL)	Dennis Sitzmann (GA)
Cynthia Donatucci (FL)	Brent Leiby (MS)	Bradford Skiff (AL)
Randy Eddy (LA)	Robert Leslie (GA)	Tommy Spinks (GA)
Ron Esteban (FL)	R. Seth Lester (GA)	Kevin VanWart (FL)
Richard Fletcher (KY)	Mary McLendon (MS)	Lori Vazquez (GA)
Christopher Follenius (FL)	Stephanie Manny (FL)	Jeffrey Weems (GA)
Jamie Ford (KY)	Tanya Maxwell (GA)	David Werner (FL)
James Fox (GA)	Denise Mominey (FL)	Janet Wilbert (TN)
Eric Fuchs (KY)	Alan Morales (FL)	Sandra Williams (KY)
Kirk Frantom (LA)	Donna Mullins (FL)	Margaret Wirtz-Henry (TN)
Shannon Gordon (TN)	William Nix (AL)	
Lance Gunning (FL)	Clark Pearson (AL)	

### 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](#).

## NATA Introduces Professional Interest Icons



[COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY](#)



[SECONDARY SCHOOLS](#)



[HIGHER EDUCATION](#)



[EMERGING SETTINGS](#)



[PROFESSIONAL SPORTS](#)



[YOUNG PROFESSIONALS](#)



[ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS](#)

One of the NATA's major projects is the development of targeted communications that will allow NATA members to create a more tailored member experience. You'll be able to handpick the information you receive, getting right to the topics that interest you the most. We've identified the most popular professional interests, considering your setting and career level. This includes: secondary school, college/university, higher education, professional sports, emerging settings, young professionals and students.

Click on the above links to connect with the appropriate LinkedIn group.



# Call for Abstracts

The Southeast Athletic Trainer's Association is extending a call for abstracts for the **2016 6th Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference**, Feb. 4-6, 2016 to be held at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA.

## ***Submission Deadline: Monday, August 10, 2015***

The 2016 Southeastern Educators' Conference Program Planning Committee invites submissions for presentation on the topics of: 1) Advanced Professional Preparation including Transition to Practice; 2) Interprofessional Education and Practice; 3) Advocacy and Social Media to Advance Educational Programs; and 4) Pediatric Issues in Athletic Training.

All proposals must meet at least one of the overall objectives for the 2016 Educators' Conference:

1. Identify ways non-traditional classroom styles may be utilized
2. Apply current best evidence in media and technology assisted learning in the educational setting
3. Formulate intervention plans for innovative teaching
4. Employ best practices for pedagogies in delivery of educational content surrounding the Educational Competencies of a CAATE accredited curriculum

Proposal topics must also fit within one of the domains of practice for athletic training:

- I. Injury/illness prevention and wellness protection
- II. Clinical evaluation and diagnosis
- III. Immediate and emergency care
- IV. Treatment and rehabilitation
- V. Organization and professional health and well-being

Please submit proposals in a Word or pdf document by August 10, 2015. Please also include the following:

- Presentation format
- Primary title and subtopic titles if applicable
- Presentation Length
- The domain of practice for athletic training your topic falls under
- Three keywords that best describe the focus of your proposal
- Objectives of your presentation as they relate to the overall objectives of the conference
- Means of assessing learning for the proposed topic
- Abstract (200 words or less)
- Number of Speakers
- Speaker Contact Information (needed for each speaker)  
(Name, Credentials, Email, CV for uploading)

Please submit the proposal by email to: [mandy.jarriel@gcsu.edu](mailto:mandy.jarriel@gcsu.edu)

Mandy Jarriel PhD, ATC, LAT, Georgia College School of Health and Human Performance, Campus Box 112, Milledgeville, GA 31061 (Office) 478-445-2136 (Fax) 478-445-4074

Proposals will be reviewed by the Program Planning Education Committee and potential speakers notified of acceptance by August 27, 2015.



## Research Grant Request for Proposals

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is pleased to announce that they are accepting grant proposals for General Research Grants up to \$2,000.00 and Student Research Grants up to \$1,000.00.

Priority will be given to those grant proposals which include a BOC certified athletic trainer who is a member of NATA District 9 (SEATA). The deadline for grant proposals is **February 1, 2016**.

For more information, contact

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For Guidelines & General Information, [Click Here](#).



**Look for the launch  
of our new website  
coming in  
August 2015!**



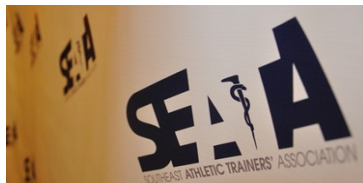
Relationships are one of our strong points and we are in a people profession. Please participate in our upcoming SEATA officer elections, use your voice and vote as well. We look forward to a safe and prosperous new year as we move forward as a profession. Thank you to Jim Thornton, our outgoing NATA National President and we look forward to visiting with New President Scott Sailor in the future. Thank you to each of you and your contributions to our exciting and evolving profession.

All the best,

Jim Mackie, President

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



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### **Nominate a deserving SEATA Member for a SEATA Award**

*Nominations are being accepted August 1—January 1, 2016*

[Click Here](#) to nominate for the following SEATA Awards

[Chuck Kimmel Award of Merit](#)

[Backbone Award](#)

[Education/Administration Award](#)

[College/University Athletic Trainer  
of the Year Award](#)

[R. T. Floyd District Award](#)

[High School Athletic Trainer  
of the Year Award](#)

[Clinical/Industrial/Corporate  
Athletic Trainer of the Year](#)

[Jack C. Hughston, M.D.,](#)

[Sportsmedicine Person of the Year  
Award](#)

[Professional Athletic Trainer of the Year](#)

[Sponsors Award](#)

# Awards & Recognition

The NATA Awards Nomination Period opens **August 1** and ends **September 15, 2015**.

[Click Here](#) to nominate a deserving member for an NATA Award.

[Helpful Hints on Applying for a NATA Award](#)



The nomination process for the 2015-16 Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award is now open.

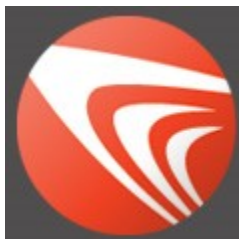
To learn more or to nominate,

[Click Here.](#)

District IX Application Deadline is 11/30/15

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

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ALATA is currently holding elections for the offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Non Officer #2 Position. Eligible voters are asked to use the link to the left to participate in the election.

To view candidates bios, [click here](#).

The election will be open beginning July 22 and end on August 20, 2015.

The winning candidates will take office January 1, 2016.

## KENTUCKY NEWS

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The Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society congratulates Tim Newell, MS, ATC, of Thomas More College for his work on the recent publication in May 2015 edition of *The Journal of Athletic Training*. To read his original research article, click on the link below.

[Arch Taping Techniques for Altering Navicular Height and Plantar Pressures During Activity](#)



## **2015 ATAF Annual Meeting Was a Success!**

Thank you to all of those that attended the 2015 ATAF Annual Meeting & Business Meeting. There were over 300 attendees in addition to great speakers and educational sessions. The weekend consisted of some outstanding educational content as well as social opportunities for both students and athletic trainers to get to know one another.



The educational sessions were well attended throughout the weekend.



Attendees practice hands-on skills during an Evidence-Based Evaluation & Treatment of the SI joint workshop by James Scifers, DScPT, SCS, ATC.



The golf outing at Disney Palms was a great time on Friday morning!

## **Thank you ATAF vendors and exhibitors!**

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to our Ribbon Partners, Health First & Orlando Orthopedic Center! Another big thanks to those who were exhibitors at the annual ATAF! There were about a dozen different vendors in support of our annual meeting. We couldn't do it without you!



# FLORIDA NEWS



## ATAF Award Winners

### **Congrats to Jerry Stevens and Don Teahan, ATAF Hall of Famers!**

Congratulations to both Don Teahan (left) and Jerry Stevens (right). After many years of service to ATAF and the athletic training profession, they were inducted into the ATAF Hall of Fame on Saturday during the awards luncheon.



### **Congratulations to All Award Winners**

This year's awards luncheon highlighted the ATAF awards and scholarship winners. Congratulations to all of those individuals from the State of Florida who represent the athletic training profession so well.

*Hall of Fame: Jerry Stevens*

*Hall of Fame: Don Teahan*

*Presidents Award: Nick Pappas*

*Sports Medicine Person of the Year: Aaron Parr*

*Backbone Award: Bailey Mintz*

*High School Athletic Trainer of the Year: Ken Keister*

*College University Athletic Trainer of the Year: Jennifer Doherty-Restrepo*

*High School Student Aide of the Year: Raquel Deisseroth*

*UCATS Committee Scholarship Award: Samantha November*

*Legacy Scholarship Award: Merlande Felizor*

*Service Award: Bob Hammons*

*Service Award: Michael Weild*

*Service Award: Glenda Hammons*

*Service Award: Garrett DeGroot*

*Service Award: Tyler Hamilton*

*Appreciation Award: Senator John Legg*

*Appreciation Award: Representative Rene Plasencia*

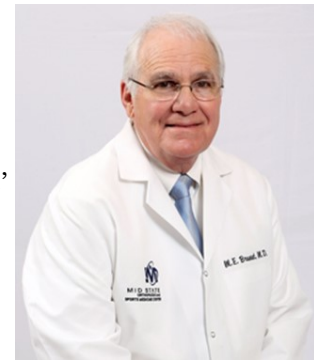


From left to right: Nick Pappas (President's Award Recipient), Representative Rene Plasencia (Appreciation Award), Jerry Stevens (ATAF Hall of Fame), and Erik Nason (ATAF President).

## THOMAS A. BRADY AWARD 2015

The Thomas A. Brady Award is given annually to an orthopaedic surgeon who has been dedicated to excellence in sports medicine at the local level, with local athletes, since 1999. Dr. Brady is the father of sports medicine in central Indianapolis. He began his work in sports medicine in 1944, working as team physician for the Third Air Force Football Team. In 1968, he presented a plan to the Indiana State Medical Association to organize a sports medicine committee. The plan was approved and Dr. Brady served as the first chairman. In the 1980s, he set up a walk-in clinic in the basement of Methodist Hospital to treat high school athletes. On Friday nights he would attend two or three football games, traveling around the city to make sure that these athletes had good medical care. Upon his retirement in the late 1980s, Dr. Brady was orthopaedic consultant to 16 public, 5 catholic, and 1 private high school in Indianapolis, as well as the athletic teams at DePauw University and Indiana Central College. Dr. Brady passed away in 2011.

The 2015 recipient is Michael E. Brunet, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon with Mid-State Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Center in Alexandria, Louisiana. Dr. Brunet currently serves as one of the Team Physicians for Louisiana College Athletics Department as well as several local high schools. He is a member of the NATA and was inducted into the Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame in 1993. Dr. Brunet also serves on the Louisiana High School Athletic Association's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.



Dr. Michael E. Brunet

## LA represented at BOC Regulatory Conference

LATA sponsored two members, Ray Castle, LAT, ATC, and Jason Dunavant, LAT, ATC, to attend the 2015 BOC Regulatory Conference in Omaha. Ray currently serves as the LATA Vice President and Jason is a member of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners Athletic Training Advisory Committee. The LATA Executive Committee invited these two members to attend this bi-annual meeting to continue the regulatory work and progress in Louisiana.

## LATA represented PT Patient Access Review Committee

During the 2015 Regular Legislative Session, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19 (SCR 19) was passed directing the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board (LPTB) to create the Physical Therapy Patient Access Review Committee. The purpose of the Committee, as stated in SCR 19, is to investigate the potential benefits of removing the current restrictions tied to patient access to a physical therapist's services by allowing direct patient access to a physical therapist's services without restrictions and report its findings and make recommendations to the legislature. The LATA President, or designee, has been appointed to serve on this committee.

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# LOUISIANA NEWS



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June 2015, The Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association hosted their annual Summer Symposium in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Attendees were able to join in on four (4) days full of continued learning from various speakers. Those in attendance had the opportunity of walking away with 16-18 CEUS with approximately 10 being EBP! This event also marked the ending of an awesome service event that began during National Athletic Training month. Members throughout the state of Louisiana hosted a shoe drive in conjunction with the Soles4Souls organization.



The idea behind the shoe drive was to get more people aware of whom we are and what we do as a profession and to assist with the Soles4Souls "Wearing out Poverty" initiative. Athletic Trainers throughout the state collected a little over 1,800 pairs of shoes! How's that for "wearing out poverty!!"

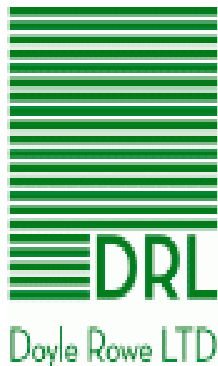
Also during the summer meeting, the executive committee revealed the new LATA Logo! Members were excited about the change which is pictured above.

PREFERRED PROVIDER



## Featured Membership Benefit

Accident/Dental/Medical Insurance & More



Preferred Providers give you the opportunity to purchase quality products and/or services while supporting your association at the same time. Whether providing you a discount or backing the AT profession- or both- our goal is to provide value to you in your personal and professional life. **While the NATA does not endorse these products and services**, we realize they may be of value to you, and the NATA Member Services team is ready and willing to answer any questions you may have regarding our Preferred Providers.

# MISSISSIPPI NEWS

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Things have been busy at MATA this year! MATA recently held one of its most successful summer educational symposiums and state meetings, setting new records in attendance, sponsors and vendors this past June at the IP Casino Resort Spa, 850 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530. We would like to thank Dr. MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD, ATC, LAT, District IX Director and Jim Mackie, MEd, ATC, LAT, SEATA President for being in attendance, sharing their national and district reports and their leadership. Mr.



Robert Lodes, Retired Director, Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center received the MATA Sports Medicine Person of the Year Award. Mrs. Kira Berch, Athletic Trainer, Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center, MATA Secretary, received the MATA Athletic Trainer of the Year Award. Ashley Morgan, the District IX (SEATA) Representative to the NATA Young Professionals' Committee scheduled an Young Professionals Night at the MGM Ballpark to support the Biloxi Shuckers as a part of the conference. Additionally the MATA partnered with Mississippi Blood Services, donating 32 units of blood during the conference.

MATA recognized six of our very own athletic trainers that were awarded NATA Lifesaver Recognition Certificates for their lifesaving techniques during athletic events. Lissa Little (Encore Rehab), Rusty Hinds and Fred Worthy (Hattiesburg Clinic Sports Medicine), Kira Berch and Amanda Pittman (Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center) and Ricky Walker (RUSH Sports Medicine).



MATA would like to congratulate and recognize the following Program Directors, Clinical Education Directors and especially the students within the Athletic Training Programs for their most recent accomplishments on their graduation and BOC passing rate:

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# MISSISSIPPI NEWS

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Delta State University (DSU); Program Director and Clinical Education Director Dr. Mary Jones, Athletic Trainers, Colton Dunn, Katie Kyzar, Jared Shore and Taylor Young.

University of Southern Mississippi (USM); Program Director Dr. Bill Holcomb, Clinical Education Director Dr. Chris Brown, Athletic Trainers, Ashley Bounds, Megan Cook, Kelcey Cooper, Christa Kleem, Katie Landry, Kiera Lane, Nicole Powell, Danielle Taylor and Kelly Vinson.

Several individuals from Mississippi garnered regional and national recognition this year. Dr. Bill Holcomb (USM AT) received the NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award, Todd McCall (USM AT) received the SEATA Collegiate Athletic Trainer of the Year, Alex Pfefferle (USM AT student) received the NATA District IX Patty & Chuck Kimmel Scholarship, Amanda Covington (DSU AT student) Andy Bryan Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship, and Caroline Siebens (USM AT graduate student) received the Kim McMichael Memorial Graduate Scholarship. Sarah Huff, an incoming Senior at Northwest Rankin High School, was awarded Mississippi HOSA's 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Sports Medicine and placed in the top 25 in the nation at the National HOSA Convention held in Anaheim, CA. Sarah and her sponsor, Kira Berch, had the honor of meeting the inventor of the Trainer's Angel, Mr. Jim Clover.



In other news, Scott Belham (West Harrison High School) was selected as the Mississippi winner of the gift card for completing the SEATA Strategic Plan Survey and Melissa Chastang (USM AT) was named the Mississippi representative to the SEATA College and University Committee.

MATA would like to thank Mike Wilkinson (Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center) for the many years of service as MATA Member at Large. The Mississippi Dept. of Education has approved a CTE Sports Medicine Curriculum to be taught in secondary schools by a Certified Athletic Trainer. Visit Health Science <http://www.rcu.msstate.edu/CurriculumCurriculumDownload.aspx#LiveTabsContent6381>

The University of Southern Mississippi hosted several events this year. The USM AT Student Club hosted the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Homecoming 5K in October with 100+ runners participating. The USM Student Athletic Training Workshop in early June had 100+ campers in attendance this year. More than 60 participants attended the Southern Miss Athletic Training Scholarship Golf Tournament and Sports Medicine Symposium July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Future MATA events include promoting the profession of Athletic Training in the Capitol Rotunda, Jackson, MS, Wednesday, March 16, 2016 and our summer educational symposium again at the IP Casino Resort Spa, Tuesday, June 7 to Thursday, June 9, 2016.



TATS members were able to promote the profession to two separate professional organizations over the past few weeks. The first of these was the Tennessee Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Conference. TATS has sent representatives to this meeting for the past several years and built a number of good relationships as a part of this meeting. A few of these relationships have been with school districts that do not currently employ athletic trainers for their athletic events. Some of these relationships in previous years have resulted in new employment opportunities for ATs and others will likely happen in the near future.

TATS also was able to send representatives to the Tennessee EMS Educators Association meeting during the first week of July. Brad Swope, ATC spent two days discussing the role of athletic trainers in emergency situations. He specifically spent some time discussing changes in the EMS standards for treating spine injured athletes. There was also discussion of TATS partnering with TEMSEA to develop educational materials in the near future.



Both of these relationship building opportunities allow TATS to reach out to groups that play significant roles in athletic healthcare. They also open doors for future collaboration outside of our typical circles of athletic training influence.

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## CONNECT WITH NATA!





# NATA Update

## New Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan

The NATA Board of Directors approved in May a new Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan for the association that was launched at the General Session in St. Louis. These new governance strategies will help guide the association in the coming years.

### Vision

Athletic trainers will be globally recognized as vital practitioners in the delivery and advancement of health care. Through passionate provision of unique services, athletic trainers will be an integral part of the inter-professional health care team.

### Mission

The mission of the National Athletic Trainers' Association is to represent, engage and foster the continued growth and development of the athletic training profession and athletic trainers as unique health care providers.

### Strategic Plan Overview

#### ADVOCACY

Elevate the profession by enhancing its image; influencing public opinion and policy; and demonstrating the value of services and economic impact of ATs in the health care arena.

1. Identify, prioritize and participate in advocacy activities impacting NATA, ATs and the patients ATs serve.
2. Increase job creation and market penetration of ATs across work settings.
3. Identify and demonstrate the value of services and economic impact of ATs.
4. Serve as the voice and brand of the AT profession both nationally and globally, as appropriate.

#### ENGAGEMENT

Provide opportunities for involvement and leadership development through participation in NATA programs and initiatives.

1. Attract new members and retain current members by offering a valuable, tailored member experience.
2. Provide opportunities for volunteerism and leadership at the national level.
3. Facilitate professional friendships and connections to foster peer-to-peer engagement and help members meet personal and professional goals.
4. Acknowledge and celebrate member successes.

#### DEVELOPMENT

Enhance the practice of athletic training through programs, services and education designed to improve patient outcomes.

1. Provide educational opportunities that meet the learning styles of ATs and allow them to further enhance their professional skills to adapt to evolving patient needs and expectations.
2. Offer new technology, including tools, resources and services that add professional value to members of the profession.
3. Assure that professional development initiatives incorporate best practices to help members meet initial certification, recertification and credentialing needs and enhance their overall professional standing.
4. Emphasize best practices in didactic and clinical education; faculty, clinician-scholar, and preceptor development; and the overall enhancement of professional and post-professional education to prepare ATs who are uniquely qualified to excel within a dynamic global health care system.

# DID YOU KNOW?

The 2015 NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo was attended by over 7,000 athletic trainers and had over 10,000 total attendees with 334 companies exhibiting.

The [July issue of NATA News](#) has helpful tips and reminders compiled by the Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee and the College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee as you prepare for an active fall sports season.

One more EBP CEU course, Respiratory Influences on Core Stability, was approved for the [NATA Quiz Center](#). This brings the total number of EBP CEUs in the center to 13.75 that are available for purchase. Of those 13.75, members can use their free CEU bucks to purchase 9.25 EBP CEUs meaning that almost all 10 of the needed EBP CEUs can be attained from NATA at no additional cost.

Any AT who attended convention has had four home study courses worth 6 EBP CEUs added to their quiz center account. These courses are complimentary to all attendees.

There is also a four-hour live EBP course at the BOC now for approval. It is planned that this EBP workshop will eventually travel to districts and other venues.

There are two live webinars planned for this fall that will offer EBP CEUs.

The #ATsAre campaign won a 2015 Association Media & Publishing EXCEL Award



The Athletic Training Strategic Alliance has developed a site that addresses some of the frequently asked questions about the [Official Statement](#). To see if one of your questions is addressed, [Click Here](#).

## 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 identify **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.



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**



## NATA Legislative Grant Program

Discretionary Fund requests are due by July 29, 2015. Please submit the application and all needed documentation to your [District GAC Chair](#). States will be notified by October 1 if a grant has been awarded.

Requests for Matching Grants should also be submitted to the [District GAC Chair](#) and are due by August 30, 2015.





## KRISTEN SCHELLHASE

- ◆ Level 1 of the Master Preceptor Program, scheduled to be available by the end of the summer 2015 will not be ready at that time. Module 1 of Level 1 is being sent out for Beta testing July/August. We anticipate that Level 1 will be ready by the end of 2015.
- ◆ We are developing an on-line series entitled A-TED (think TED Talk) to provide teaching resources for athletic training faculty. The “tip” will be presented in a 5-7 minute screen cast that will be presented through youtube or vimeo. Look for the first tip to be ready September 1.
- ◆ The PEC is leading a workgroup to examine the issues surrounding transition to practice. The PEC is working collaboratively with members of the YP, CUATC, SSATC, PA, and the BOC to develop a white paper that identifies the issues and offers possible solutions.
- ◆ The PEC is planning to offer programming at the 2016 NATA convention related to transitioning to a master’s level professional degree.

## SSATC



## CHRIS SNODDY

### *Safe Sport School Award Winners for April/May 2015*

SCHOOL NAME	STATE	CLASS
Cocke County High School	TN	1st
Cosby High School	TN	1st
Evans High School	GA	1st
Lee County High School	GA	1st
Miami Palmetto Senior High School	FL	1st
Oconee County High School	GA	1st
Palm Beach Gardens Community High School	FL	1st
Vestavia Hills High School	AL	1st
West Port High School	FL	1st



JOHN BARRETT

## Welcome our new CUATC State Rep for Mississippi

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## News & Updates

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**CUATC Mission Statement** is being updated to include NJCAA and Club, Intramural and Recreation sports

**NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook** has been revised and will be distributed electronically to membership. A mobile App is being considered for easier access

**FBS Autonomy Concussion Safety Protocol** review for big 5 conferences has been completed and checklists and revisions are current. Remaining D1 schools are discussing a second review panel to review institution protocols if choose to opt in. This is open to conference and individual schools to choose

Look for the Fall 2015 release of the **Inter-Association Consensus Guidelines for the Cardiac Care of College Student Athlete**

CUATC is currently working on an **AT Aide document** to better delineate and integrate support personnel (services) in the college & university athletic training departments

The NATA Board of Directors approved the CUATC proposal for a **Best Practices Summit for Appropriate Healthcare of student athlete**

CUATC is collaborating with the **Taylor Hooton Foundation** on a joint project regarding supplementation

**Terry DeZeeuw** (Colorado State University) will be the new chair of the CUATC in 2016, succeeding **Randy Cohen** (Arizona)

## Other Information

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**Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act** (114<sup>th</sup> 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!



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

JEREMY STEVENS

On behalf of myself and the rest of the committee, I look forward to serving the students of District IX over the next year as your District IX Representative on the Student Leadership Committee. A special “Thank You” to Tiffany Yam for her service over the last year? As students this is a very exciting time to be entering into the profession! Good luck to all over this next year and don’t hesitate to contact me.



## It's Time For Change

### CALLING ALL SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

The District IX Representative position on the Student Leadership Committee will be coming available next year.

Anyone that is interested in hearing more about the position as well how to apply please contact me. Also look forward to more information about the position, as we get closer to the fall.

#### Contact Information:

Jeremy Stevens

[jstev030@fiu.edu](mailto:jstev030@fiu.edu)

The NATA has recently rebranded itself and so have we. This year at the 2015 NATA Symposium the student committee, formerly known as the National Athletic Training Student Committee, voted to simplify the committee’s name to **Student Leadership Committee**. We also updated our mission and vision statements.

**The mission of the Student Leadership Committee is to represent and advocate for students, create and promote professional development opportunities, and encourage student engagement in the Athletic Training community.**

**The Student Leadership Committee will be a valuable asset and resource for aspiring Athletic Trainers. We will equip active students with opportunities to develop a strong foundation for professional involvement.**





## SEATA STUDENT SENATE

STEVEN PATTERSON

Congratulations to the  
2014-2015 Student Senate members  
that recently passed the  
BOC certification exam.

*Tiffany Yam, ATC*

*Tanner Hillis, ATC*

*Jessica Mount, ATC*

*Patricia DiMatteo, ATC*

*Lisa Anthony, ATC*

Thank s to the above students, Karyn  
Zaage and Kelly Henderson (advisor) for  
your service and leadership with the  
SEATA Student Senate.

### 2015-2016 SEATA Student Senate

Advisor	<a href="#">Steven Patterson</a>
Chair	<a href="#">Brianna Harper</a>
AL	<a href="#">Ashley Williamson</a>
FL	<a href="#">Mia McCarthy</a>
FL	<a href="#">Vasiliki Kostogianes</a>
GA	<a href="#">Maxwell McClure</a>
KY	<a href="#">Sara Johnson</a>
LA	<a href="#">Derek Carter</a>
MS	<a href="#">Kathryn Carter</a>
TN	<a href="#">Amanda Januchowski</a>

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Are Your **A**thletic **T**raining **L**ocations and **S**ervices  
Mapped Correctly By the NATA Secondary School  
Committee and the Korey Stringer Institute for the  
Project?

**ATLAS**  
CLICK HERE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION



# Young Professionals' Committee—YPC



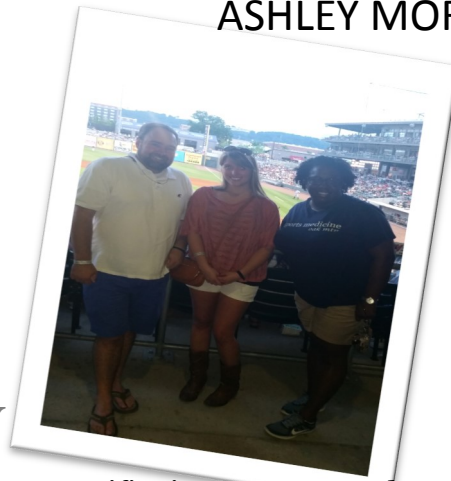
## WHAT YOU MISSED...

### ALABAMA

Thanks to everyone that attended the 1st Annual Alabama YP event at the Birmingham Barons game on May 30th. This will be an annual event, hope to see you there! Follow us on Twitter: [@Alabama\\_YPC](https://twitter.com/Alabama_YPC).



ASHLEY MORGAN



### KENTUCKY

NATA St. Louis was a terrific time to get together at conference and hand out at the Kentucky YP Social. Follow us on Twitter: [@kyatsypc](https://twitter.com/kyatsypc), or drop us a line [kyatsypc@gmail.com](mailto:kyatsypc@gmail.com). Upcoming YP Events: (RSVP to [kyatsypc@gmail.com](mailto:kyatsypc@gmail.com)) Sunday, August 23 @ 1pm—Woodford Reserve Distillery; Sunday, Sept. 20th @ 1pm—Wild Turkey Distillery; Sunday Oct. 18th @ 1 pm—Heaven Hill Distillery; Sunday, Nov. 15th @ 1 pm—Town Branch Distillery

### MISSISSIPPI

Thank you to all that attended the YP event on June 8th in Biloxi. We had a great time at the Biloxi Shuckers baseball game, with a night of camaraderie and delicious food. Follow us on Twitter: [@Mississippi\\_YPC](https://twitter.com/Mississippi_YPC). Ideas/Suggestions of future YP events email: [MS\\_YPC@yahoo.com](mailto:MS_YPC@yahoo.com)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

SEATA YPC has an opening for the YP Chair in Louisiana. If you are interested, please send all inquiries to Bart Folse, [bartfolse@gmail.com](mailto:bartfolse@gmail.com)

Follow us on Twitter: [@YoungProfD9](https://twitter.com/YoungProfD9) and Facebook: [facebook.com/YoungProfD9](https://facebook.com/YoungProfD9).

Questions/Suggestions email: [youngprofd9@yahoo.com](mailto:youngprofd9@yahoo.com).



**GET INVOLVED!**

SEATA currently has several committee vacancies that are needing to be filled. If you are interested in taking the next step to become more active in serving your profession, please contact your state president about any committee needs at the state and district level. Also remember to indicate a leadership interest when renewing your NATA Membership.

SEATA Committee members must be nominated by either the State President or SEATA Committee Chair and must be approved by the SEATA Executive Board.

Interested candidates should complete the **SEATA Committee Candidate Nomination Form** found at the bottom of the [SEATA Committee webpage](#).



### **EAP Time Out: Pre-Athletic Event Checklist**

**Athletic health care providers meet before start of each practice or competition to review the emergency action plan.**

- Determine the role and location of each person present (i.e., AT, EMT, MD)
- Establish how communication will occur (i.e., voice commands, radio, hand signals). What is the primary means of communication? What is the secondary or back-up method of communication?
- An ambulance should be present at all high-risk events. Where is it physically located? What is the planned route for entrance/exit and is the route unencumbered? Is the ambulance a dedicated unit or on stand-by? If an ambulance is not on site, what is the mechanism for calling one?
- In the event of emergency transport, what is the designated hospital? Consider the most appropriate facility for the injury/illness when selecting the hospital.
- What emergency equipment is present? Where is it located? Has it been checked to confirm it is in working order and fully ready for use?
- Are there any issues that could potentially impact the emergency action plan (i.e., construction, weather, crowd flow)?

# SEATA LEADERSHIP



District Director [MaryBeth Horodyski](#)

SEATA President [Jim Mackie](#)

SEATA Vice-President [David Green](#)

SEATA Secretary [Donna Wesley](#)

SEATA Treasurer [Tim McLane](#)

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SEATA Webmaster [RT Floyd](#)

ALABAMA President [Chris King](#)

FLORIDA President [Erik Nason](#)

GEORGIA President [Eric Gunderson](#)

KENTUCKY President [Rob Ullery](#)

LOUISIANA President [Gerard White](#)

MISSISSIPPI President [Jeff Bryant](#)

TENNESSEE President [Scott Byrd](#)

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

Contact [Rich Frazee](#), SEATA Corporate Partnership Chair.

## Does your school qualify for the Safe Sport School Award?



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

To see the full list of Safe Sport School Award Winners, [Click Here](#).

## 2nd Annual CAATE Accreditation Conference

October 16-18, 2015

Hilton Tampa Downtown in Tampa, FL

[Click Here](#) to Register



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[Dr. J C Andersen](#)

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[Dr. Marisa Colston](#)  
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Trainers Committee  
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[John Barrett](#)

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Committee

[Jeremy Stevens](#)

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Committee (EDAC)

[Dr. Kysha Harriell](#)

Governmental Affairs  
Committee (GAC)

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# SEATA Update



## Membership

<i>As of July 22, 2015</i>	ACTIVE	SUSPENDED/ NON- MEMBER	TOTAL
Certified Regular	3580	418	3998
Associate	55	32	87
Retired Certified	90	0	90
Honorary	28	0	28
Non-Member	0	2161	2161
Student Undergrad	661	166	1050
Student Graduate	81	12	93
Student Certified	271	59	330
Military Inactive	1	0	1
Career Starter Cert	271	59	330
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5415</b>	<b>2881</b>	<b>8296</b>



Helps us ensure that you  
continue to get SEATA and  
NATA communications  
by updating your  
[NATA Membership Profile.](#)



- July 29, 2015**—Deadline for submitting application for NATA Discretionary Fund Legislative Grant
- July 31, 2015**—Deadline to register as BOC Volunteer for Pilot Study
- August 1, 2015**—Nominations begin for NATA Awards Program
- August 10, 2015**—Call for Abstracts Deadline for 2016 SEATA Athletic Training Educator's Conference
- August 15, 2015**—Call for Nominations Deadline for SEATA Officer elections for District Director, Vice President and Secretary
- September 15, 2015**—SEATA Officer Election begins
- September 15, 2015**—Deadline for NATA Awards Program Nominations
- October 15, 2015**—SEATA Officer Election ends
- November 10, 2015**—Begin Accepting SEATA Scholarship Applications
- November 15, 2015**—Deadline for SEATA Hall of Fame and Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Nominations
- December 31, 2015**—Deadline to renew NATA/SEATA Membership
- December 31, 2015**—Deadline to report CEUs to BOC
- December 31, 2015**—Deadline for BOC Approved Providers to submit new 2016 Application for Approved Provider
- January 1, 2016**—Deadline for SEATA Awards Program Nominations
- January 7, 2016**—Deadline for SEATA Scholarship Applications
- February 1, 2016**—Deadline for Request for Proposals for SEATA Research Grant
- February 4-6, 2016**—31st Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium & 6th Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference (Atlanta, GA—Crowne Plaza Ravinia)
- March 18-20, 2016**—41st Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members' Meeting (Atlanta, GA—Crowne Plaza Ravinia)
- June 22-25, 2016**—NATA Annual Convention (Baltimore, MD)

#### OUR 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.

SERVICE  
EDUCATION  
ADVANCEMENT  
TEAMWORK  
ADVOCACY

