

DISTRICT ONE



NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION



Notes from the District Director

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!

This edition of the District One Director's Notes contains important news from our state Presidents and Committee chairs, as well as information on our upcoming EATA meeting. I encourage you to read about the recent activities and future directions occurring in each of the states in District One.



I'm proud of the outstanding efforts of our state Presidents on behalf of the profession in their respective states and District One, and to you, our members. I would like to personally thank outgoing ATOM President Bob Colandreo for his leadership in Massachusetts, and welcome incoming ATOM President Brett Winston to the Executive Council. I also want to welcome Jennifer Brodeur, District One Secretary-Elect. I look forward to working with you both in the future.

While this is a busy time of year for so many of us, I hope all of you can find a few moments of peace for yourself, as well as some special time to spend with those who mean the most to you. Please know that you have my thanks throughout the holidays, and that you always have my gratitude for all you do throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing many of you in January at Foxwoods for the 72nd EATA Convention!

Diane

Diane Sartanowicz, MS, LAT, ATC
District One Director



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from all of us at

DISTRICT ONE





From the District Secretary

Vicky Graham, DAT, LAT, ATC

Thank you for your membership. Your continued support and involvement with the profession as a member of the NATA, District One, and your State Association helps to advance the profession. We are stronger together. Please continue to speak up and advocate for a stronger profession. I'd like to congratulate and welcome Jennifer Brodeur as Secretary-Elect of District One. She will take over next June, and I'm confident she'll be a terrific addition to the Executive Council. Best wishes to all of you this holiday season, and Happy New Year! I hope to see you at EATA at Foxwoods in January.

District One Membership (as of 12/11/19)

Member Category	Members
Certified Professional	2012
Certified Student	104
Student	568
Licensed Professional	1
Associate	29
Honorary	9
Certified Retired	91
Total	2814

Membership by State	Members
Connecticut	661
Maine	288
Massachusetts	1171
New Hampshire	346
Rhode Island	152
Vermont	196
Total	2814



From the District Treasurer

Julie Alexander, MSED, ATC

I am pleased to announce that District One continues to be financially sound with no liabilities. We are in constant communication with our financial adviser from Morgan Stanley who has recommended no changes to the current management of our portfolio. The current financial strategy is consistent with the mission of NATA District One. We have committed financial obligations to a few different ventures during 2019. We have committed continued support of District One Safe Sport School Grants as well as support of initiatives such as AT's Care training and the District One Legislative Lobbying Workshop. We have increased our reimbursement efforts for our students and Quiz Bowl representatives. In addition to these important initiatives, District One donated \$2,500.00 to aid in funding the Rachael Oats scholarship. I would like to remind all members to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to providing you with a detailed financial report at our business meeting at the EATA Convention in Connecticut in January 2020.

In Memoriam

Yoshitaka Ando, ATC



Yoshitaka Ando passed away on December 2, 2019. Ando was the athletic trainer at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School (MA) for the past 33 years. He is survived by his wife Cheri, and their four children, Lucas, 17; Kyle, 16; Marcus, 14; and Olivia, 9. A memorial service was held on Dec. 14. Friends of the family have established a [GoFundMe fundraiser](#) to support the college education of the Ando children.

Keep In Touch!



Director
Diane Sartanowicz



Secretary
Vicky Graham



Treasurer
Julie Alexander



Secretary-Elect
Jennifer Brodeur

District One Grant Program Safe Sports School Award

District One sponsors grants for first-time applicants for the Safe Sports School Award. The grant covers the full cost of the application. Over 30 Athletic Trainers in District One have received these grants, allowing their schools to be recognized for implementing practices that provide appropriate medical care for student-athletes.

Click [HERE](#) for the District One Grant application and instructions.



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CEU Reports Due December 31

The deadline for CE reporting is
December 31, 2019 at 11:59 PM CT.

[See the BOC](#) web site for details.



Important Dates & Deadlines

Openings & Deadlines

[EATA Convention](#), Foxwoods Resort & Casino, Mashantucket, CT (January 10-13, 2020)

[EATA Educators & Preceptors Summit](#) – during EATA

[EATA Emergency Care for Athletes Summit](#) – during EATA

[NHMI Letendre Scholarship](#) – deadline April 1, 2020

[District One Grants for Safe Sports School Awards](#) – applications are being accepted

[BOC CE Reporting](#) – deadline December 31, 2019, 11:59 pm CT

[NATA Renewal](#) – deadline December 31, 2019

Save the Date

Feb. 1, 2020: VAAT Student Symposium, UVM, Burlington, VT

March 6, 2020: MATA Spring Symposium, UNE, Portland, ME

May 12, 2020: CATA Symposium, Cromwell, CT

June 17-20, 2020: NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo, Atlanta, GA

Call for EATA Research Grant Proposals

The EATA will be accepting proposals for Research Grants up to \$10,000. Proposals will be accepted beginning December 15, 2019 through 11:59 pm on January 15, 2020. The PI must be an EATA member. Details are here: [Research Grant Information](#).

NATA Renewal Time!

We appreciate your membership and your support as the NATA continues to advance the profession. If you've already renewed, we thank you very much. If you've not yet renewed, please don't forget to [RENEW](#) by the end of the year to continue to receive benefits including access to the NATA News, GATHER, NATA Career Center, NATA Salary Survey, and your free CEU bucks (\$150 value). The NATA supports state association regulatory efforts by providing over \$500,000 in legislative grant funding to states each year, which is essential in protecting your ability to practice. Additional grant funding is provided to states for Third Party Reimbursement and Public Relations activities.

The NATA collects your District and State dues and your discounted BOC Certification maintenance fee, and disburses those funds. This means you're paying four fees at the same time when you pay your NATA dues. The example below is the breakdown of 2020 dues paid by a Certified member:

Dues Breakdown for Certified Professional in District One

NATA Dues		\$150.00
District 1 Total Paid		\$ 65.00
District 1 dues	\$30.00	
State dues	\$30.00	
Donation to NATA Foundation	\$ 5.00	
BOC Certification Maintenance Fee (reflects NATA member discount)		\$ 39.00
		\$254.00

Please take the time to
[renew your NATA membership now!](#)

Stay Connected with District One





President

Robert Colandreo, DPT, LAT, ATC

It's been a busy second half of 2019 with much work remaining for the balance of December. We are finalizing our awards, scholarships, and election winners this week. An announcement will be

forthcoming. Work is in progress on updating our bylaws. We will be presenting a draft of the bylaw revisions at our state meeting in January.

We are currently seeking venues to possibly host our 2020 spring state meeting. We are looking to have the meeting held in a Worcester/western metrowest area of the state so we can be central to our membership population. More information will be available soon.

Government Affairs News

The week before Thanksgiving, the legislature ended their formal sessions for the first half of the two-year legislative session. They will resume formal sessions in January. The next big legislative milestone for us is February 5, 2020. On this date all bills in committee need to have an action taken on them or they will "die" in committee.

Our bills for the session and recent activities/updates are as follows:

- **H3483/S1338** *An Act Relative to Athletic Training* (Rep. Coppinger/Sen. Rush): seeks to update our practice act language, not changed since it was enacted in 1983. It will remove workplace restrictions, and patient population restrictions.
- **H1100/S562** *An Act Promoting Consumer Choice in Health Care* (Rep. Ryan/Sen. Crighton): seeks to require insurance companies to recognize and reimburse athletic training services.
- **H408/S329** *An Act Promoting Student Safety in Interscholastic Athletic Activities* (Rep. Biele/Sen. Rush): This bill aligns the state law for medical care at high school football with the rule established by the Mass. Interscholastic Athletic Association. It will also require schools to hire an athletic trainer.

On October 22, 2019, ATOM provided testimony in opposition to **H1873 An Act Relative to Safety in Youth Athletics**. This bill would add physical therapists to the list of providers who can make a return to play decision under the Massachusetts concussion law and would potentially remove physician oversight from the return to play process. All providers currently on the return to play list are physicians and healthcare providers who work under their

direction or supervision. We also provided testimony in support of **S1326 An Act Relative to Baseline Concussion Testing for Student Athletes**. This bill would mandate baseline concussion testing for all high school athletes. Where there is no longer a charge for the tests, if a school opts to partner with the Massachusetts Concussion Management Coalition, there should no longer be any opposition to this bill.

Young Professionals Committee

On October 6, 2019 the Young Professionals Committee held their annual YP/Student symposium at Endicott College in Beverly. The event was well attended by over 50 participants. Speakers for the day included Jennifer Concannon, Emily Roy PT and Dr. Mary Iaccarino, with a keynote presentation by Ed Lacerte. Special thanks to the committee, Phil Szlosek, Jason Bessie, Shelby Starkey, and Christina Hollis as well as to Endicott College for hosting.

Secondary Schools

ATOM has continued to work closely with the KSI to keep our ATLAS mapping and state survey information current.

Pictures below:

1. ATOM President Bob Colandreo addressing the YP/Student Symposium.
2. ATOM member Ed Lacerte delivering his keynote lecture at the YP/Student symposium.
3. Springfield College students (l to r) Erik King, Bella Thornton, and Gabrianna Matthews practicing concussion rehabilitation techniques.





President

Gary Morin, ATC

Happy Holidays to everyone from the Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association. Our association has been busy this fall as we approach 2020. The spring promises to be an eventful one with the upcoming association elections, legislative activity and the annual spring conference.

As a start, the Annual CATA Conference will be a week earlier than normal on Tuesday, May 12. The current topics include the Assessment and Treatment of Vocal Cord Dysfunction, Dealing with Return to Play Anxiety after Injury, and Medical Time-Outs. In addition, we will continue the 20 minute 'short-talks' and updates on selected professional skills. Other highlights include the presentation of the association awards and scholarships and announcement of the new Executive Council. The conference will be at the Red Lion Hotel in Cromwell and we hope to see you there. CATA committees have remained busy this fall. Jessica Testani, Chair of the Secondary Schools Committee and Heather Feiner of the Executive Council, attended the state meeting for school superintendents providing the opportunity for the CATA to promote athletic trainers in the public schools. There was positive interaction with Board of Education members and future efforts will focus on educating to Board of Education members and possibly present at future meetings. Additionally, the AT helmet stickers have been distributed to high school athletic trainers that are compliant with ATLAS and emergency action plans.

The Young Professional's Committee under Samm Scarneo, has created a mentorship program matching new athletic trainers with experienced athletic trainers to facilitate their transition to professional practice. Currently 19 athletic trainers are in the program. There is an opportunity for additional members to join this coming spring.

The CATA has been making strides in the pursuit of third party reimbursement for athletic trainers in Connecticut. President-Elect Perry Siegel attended the Wisconsin Reimbursement Initiative last month representing the CATA in its efforts. Through contact with the CT Department of Public Health, we confirmed that athletic trainers are recognized providers in Connecticut and are therefore eligible for reimbursement. Next, we must gain recognition from the actual insurance carriers in the state. A future meeting with the NATA District representative on Third Party reimbursement is planned to identify the next steps in the process.

Legislatively, the CATA is supporting a bill that requires all high schools to have updated emergency action plans. The bill, if enacted,

will require an emergency action plan to be available for all full-time and part-time personnel to include per diem athletic trainers. This will provide all athletic trainers and other individuals responsible for athletic health care interscholastically the guidelines for acute care regardless if an athletic trainer is present at the school. The bill will require the outlining of care for emergent conditions along with specific topics such as cervical neck injury, head injury and heat illness. The CATA and KSI are sponsoring a meeting at the KSI facilities on January 22nd that will bring together affected and interested parties including athletic trainers, legislators and members of the state high school athletic community.

We will be hosting CATA elections this coming spring. Nominations will open March 1 and close on April 1. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, we strongly encourage the nomination. Positions include President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Board of Directors. The winning President-Elect will serve two years as President-Elect and elevate to CATA President for two additional years. All other positions have a single two-year term. We are also looking for individuals interested in serving on committees.

Scholarship applications will be accepted beginning March 1. Scholarship applicants can be students within accredited undergraduate and graduate athletic training programs. As a note that scholarship recipients must have at least one year remaining to their athletic training education. Stay tuned to CATA E-blasts for more information to include application instructions for both elections and scholarship awards.

Thank you for all you do to support the profession and providing the care to your patients. If you are a high school athletic trainer and have not done so already, please complete the ATLAS survey to update your high school's information. The survey link can be found at [HERE](#).

We look forward to your attendance at the EATA Conference at the Foxwoods Casino. We will be having an open CATA meeting during the Saturday sessions at 4:00 in the Premier GH room. We hope to see you there!



President

John Ryan, EdD, ATC, LAT

The fall has continued to be a busy time for the MATA. We continue to promote the NATA's Safe Sports School Award, and to date, have not been made aware of any new Maine high schools that have been recognized as either First or Second Team recipients. After finding out last spring

that our Articles of Incorporation had not been renewed since the MATA was founded back in 1987, we worked to update that and have successfully have all documentation approved by the State of Maine. With the Articles of Incorporation now updated we can continue to work with Pauline Riley and work toward changing our tax status from 501c4 to 501c6.

The MATA's Secondary School Athletic Trainers Committee had a successful role out of the Safety in Football/Youth Sports Safety Campaign. This was our first attempt at it and had 18 high schools participate. Helmet stickers with the MATA logo were sent to the athletic trainers at those Maine high schools to place on football helmets. Some schools also involved their field hockey teams and placed the helmet sticker on the field hockey goalie helmet and some girls even applied to their sticks. Several schools are going to continue this campaign through the remainder of the year and involve ice hockey, indoor/outdoor track, lacrosse and baseball/softball.

We are currently in the planning stages for the MATA Annual Spring Conference and Awards Luncheon scheduled for March 13th at Innovation Hall on the Portland Campus of UNE. We are also working on setting a date and venue to begin the strategic planning process which will serve to guide the future direction of the Association.

Elections for MATA Secretary and Treasurer were held, and a vote of affirmation will be carried out at the Spring Conference as Angela Potter and Kelleigh O'Neill ran unopposed for Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The MATA Bylaws which were revised and voted upon by the members back in the spring, underwent another revision to correct some technical language which wasn't caught in the previous revision and will be voted upon in the coming weeks.

MATA President John Ryan participated in a conference call with District One Director Diane Sartanowicz and NATA President Tory Lindley on November 12. The nature of the call focused on how improve the lines of communication between the NATA and State Leadership, accomplishments I am most proud of and what accomplishment I would like to see the MATA have over the next 3 years. Finally, the MATA Executive Council on behalf of our members donated \$250 toward the endowment of the Rachael Oats Scholarship.



State Meetings at EATA

Saturday, January 11, 2020

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Connecticut-Premier GH

Maine-Celebrity D

Massachusetts-Celebrity E

New Hampshire-Celebrity FG

Rhode Island-Celebrity J

Vermont-Celebrity HI



President

Sandy Snow, N.H.LAT, ATC

Greetings! The NHATA has been busy since June. We continue to hold monthly Officer meetings online and in person. These meetings are open to NHATA members. We are also actively recruiting committee members for all NHATA committees. Visit www.nhata.org or email president@nhata.org or secretary@nhata.org to volunteer or for more information.

Since June, there have been two special elections and one regular election to elect a Secretary, President Elect, and Treasurer. Ali Bower (Keene State College) was elected Secretary, Christine Reyes (Colby-Sawyer College) was elected President Elect, and David Caponigro (Safe Sports Network/Trinity High School) was elected Treasurer. They are all excited to serve the NHATA members and continue to propel the Association forward.

On November 22, 2019, the NHATA hosted the Korey Stringer Institute and Team Up for Sports Safety meeting. There was a presence from NHATA Officers and the Government Affairs Committee, the NH Interscholastic Athletic Association, NH Athletic Directors Association, NATA District One Director, NHATA lobbyist, NH athletic directors, physicians, physician assistants, athletic trainers, AT educators, and KSI. As a result of the meeting, NHATA Officers and Secondary School Committee have a follow-up meeting scheduled with the NHADA Executive Director on December 10, 2019, to discuss how both organizations can work together moving forward.

The NHATA also recently held a State Meeting and Clinical Symposium on November 23, 2019. This event was attended by over 75 ATs and students. In addition to the free CEUs, we presented the NHATA awards. Wanda Swiger (Keene State College) was the recipient of the 2019 NH Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award and Dr. Cherie Holmes (Cheshire Medical Center) was the recipient of the 2019 NH Service Award. Dr. Holmes was presented the award on a later date when she was surrounded by the ATs with whom she interfaces daily. Congratulations to Wanda and Dr. Holmes!

NHATA Officers have also been working diligently to review Bylaws, policies and procedures, and apply for 501(c)6 reinstatement. A vote was held and passed unanimously on November 23rd to add language to the Bylaws that permits online voting of Bylaw revisions moving forward. NHATA Officers also submitted the 501(c)6 reinstatement application to the IRS the first week of December and are reviewing and revising the NHATA Policies and Procedures draft to include information that will help prevent automatic revocation of 501(c)6 status in the future.

The Social Media Committee remains active and is preparing to launch more initiatives. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to participate. Please also email photos of your empty AT facilities and venues to socialmedia@nhata.org to help build our stock photo library!

NHATA officers visited all four AT Programs in NH in October and November to visit with students. These meetings were made possible by NHATA iLead Representative, Emily Guay (PSU '20). Topics of discussion included professional involvement and responsibility, member benefits, networking, and transitioning from academics to employment. Three of the four NH AT Programs also have District One Student Ambassadors to provide input and communicate information between the District and their respective programs. This is a wonderful leadership experience for our students in NH to begin their journey in service.

Lastly, New Hampshire is slated to hold the Northern New England Athletic Training Conference in 2020. A needs assessment was created and emailed to all NHATA, VAAT, and MATA members, and shared with ATOM, RIATA, and CATA Officers to email to their members. Please check your email and complete the brief survey so we have input from all stakeholders. This is an excellent regional conference with high quality educational content and networking experiences that you don't want to miss!

We look forward to continuing to serve the NHATA membership and seeing everyone at EATA – don't forget to attend the State Meeting!

First Picture: Back row (L to R) - Ben Towne (NHATA Past President), T. J. Smith (GAC), Diane Sartanowicz (District One Director), Konner Burke (Student-athlete), Rick Burke (Parent), Sandy Snow (NHATA President); Front row (L to R) - Ali Bower (NHATA Secretary), Precious Burke (NHATA GAC), Molly Quigley (NHATA GAC).

Bottom Picture: NHATA Award recipients: Wanda Swiger (NH Most Distinguished AT) and Dr. Cherie Holmes (NH Service Award)





President

Jeff Nadeau, MS, ATC

Season Greetings!

Since the NATA convention in June, the RIATA has been working hard to advance the profession. First off on the topic of third party reimbursement, the Executive Council and committee members voted against hiring the Clark Simpson's company. We feel we are in an excellent position to move forward in the pursuit of Third-Party Reimbursement. One way to move forward is by uniting with the larger PT clinics who employ a large amount of secondary school athletic trainers. Individual discussions have started, and we are looking to move us in the right direction.

The RIATA was invited to be a part of preseason coaches meetings for the Catholic Athletic League. Past-President Val Webber, PR Chair Kate Fisher, and I participated in the talks, and it was well-received. Similarly, if you have community service events you participate in, please let Kate Fischer know at kfischer@universityorthopedics.com so we can put it out on social media (Twitter: @RIATA6; Instagram: ri_athletictrainers.)

The secondary school helmet decal campaign was a success! To get your helmet decal, please make sure to fill out the ATLAS survey. The link is on our [website](#).

If you have a picture of your helmets, please send them to Kate Fischer. Similarly, we want your photos; we want you in action, and we want pics of your staff. It is up to you to promote athletic training within the state!



We recently hosted an informational luncheon for those interested in various positions within the RIATA. It was a success, and we are hopeful of adding some great athletic trainers to our ranks. Areas we are looking to fill include College and University Chair, two licensing representatives (including a public member), members for each committee are also welcome. If you are interested, please contact me at riatapresident@gmail.com.

Looking ahead, EATAs are coming up at Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut. We hope you are all available to come to the state meeting; the meeting will be held in room Celebrity J. You do not need to register for the conference to attend the state meeting. Also, in May, the RIATA annual meeting occurs, details TBD.

Overall, it has been a busy year. On behalf of the Executive Council, I want to wish you a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year.



District One Membership Meeting
Sunday, January, 12, 2020
 10:00 AM Premier Ballroom C



EATA Business Meeting
Sunday, January, 12, 2020
 11:30 AM Premier Ballroom C



President

Timothy W. Tourville, PhD, ATC, CSCS

Legislative activities: After significant discussion and deliberation between the VAAT Executive Committee, GAC, Lobbyist, and the Vermont Office of Professional Regulation, it was decided that the most prudent course of action would be a 1-year

hiatus of legislative activities to allow all stakeholders adequate time to process and adequately implement changes involving our autonomous practice under H.104 (which was signed into law on May 23rd, 2019). This discussion will undoubtedly continue, and we will press forward in future years with additional changes to our practice act which emulate those employed by health care professions (such as changing “athlete,” to “patient,” etc.) in Vermont.

Student Symposium: Planning is well underway for our 4th Annual Vermont AT Student Education Symposium will be held at the University of Vermont on February 1st, 2020, and included students, faculty, and clinical preceptors from each of our three AT programs at Castleton University, Norwich University and the University of Vermont.

Athletic Training Month: The VAAT and our student educational programs have begun planning activities for Athletic Training Month in March. These activities include fundraising and participation in

philanthropic events to support charities aligned with the mission and values of the VAAT. We look forward to another successful year supporting a number of charities such as Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sport Association, VT Wounded Veterans, the VT Children’s Hospital at the UVM Medical Center, and a number of other groups and organizations while promoting the profession of Athletic Training through fundraising and community outreach activities.

Russian Delegation of American Football Coaches: On November 13th, 2019, VAAT President Tim Tourville and UVM Head Athletic Trainer Matthew Bain, MS, ATC met with a delegation of Russian Football coaches to discuss Athletic Training (our state association history, educational requirements, state practice act, adequate medical coverage, EAP’s, the role of ATs in recognition, evaluation, management, and rehabilitation of injuries, etc.). This “Grassroots Sports Management” group of coaches from four different American Football teams in Russia were participants in the International Visitor Leadership Program held through the U.S. Department of State. During their 3-week trip they visited Texas (where they met with NATA Representatives in Dallas) and Pennsylvania, prior to arriving in VT. Their overarching goal is to increase participation in American Football in Northern Russia and Siberia by developing youth players, increasing number of participants and interest in the sport, as well as providing adequate medical coverage for their players at all levels.

Future Directions: In addition to our continued legislative activities, the immediate future of the VAAT will include:

- Refining our Bylaws
- Re-Attaining BOC Provider Status (fundraising and business meeting attendance)
- Re-energizing our committees with new members taking the reins
- Continuing to build our student symposium and VAAT member-oriented educational events
- Public relations and newsletters





ATs Care

Laura Darby McNally, LAT, ATC
District One Chair

In this season of Thanks, ATs Care wants to thank all those who have assisted individuals in these past few months; and thankful that ATs Care Team in District One has not been

as busy as other districts!

District One ATs Care is busy finalizing the District P & P and working through with final phases for our Clinical Director Position for the Team. An ICSM Individuals peer-to-peer training is in the works for late winter/early spring, and as soon as details are formalized, word will be sent.

Remember if you or someone you know is in need of ATs Care support, use one of these methods of contact:

[FORM](#)

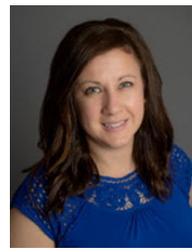
Emails:

ldarby@mxschool.edu

or ATsCARE@NATA.ORG

972-532-8821

Happy Holidays!



Council on Practice Advancement

Jennifer Tirillo, MS, ATC, CSCS
District One Chair

Since our restructuring earlier this year, COPA has been working diligently to focus our combined efforts towards member education.

As a reminder, the Council now consists of 10 subcommittees:

- Physician Practice
- Performing Arts
- Health Care Administration
- Occupational
- Armed Forces
- Public Safety
- Rehabilitation Clinic
- Community Outreach
- Private and Emerging Setting
- Analytics and Outcomes

2020 will be an exciting year for COPA, as subcommittees prepare numerous resources in addition to continuing education opportunities for the membership. The Council is always looking for subject matter experts interested in contributing to projects or future open committee seats! If you have talents and experience in one of the areas above and are interested in serving the profession, please send a letter of interest and your CV/resume to jessicah@nata.org.



EDAC Update

Rebecca Ramirez-McKinley
District One Chair

EDAC has been quite busy since June, where all of our events were a success! We had fantastic participation in our Educational session, Town Hall and Service Project. Additionally, we were able to fortify our relationship with [Be the Match](#), to assist in their efforts in their Race Against Time Campaign. This campaign looks to increase the diversity of the National Bone Marrow Registry. Recently, I received word that we had another donor selected from our NATA/EDAC drive, bringing our known total up to 4. We are looking to host more drives in the New England area, both at state meetings and within our colleges and universities. For more information on how to host a drive, please feel free to [email me](#).

Additionally, EDAC is working hard to plan our June convention sessions, with the educational section focusing on leadership and diversity. We will hold our service project as well, and are looking forward to a great event in Atlanta. Also, our new grant cycle is coming soon! EDAC offers Diversity Enhancement Grants of up to \$5,000 in three categories. Applications are due in April, and can be found [here](#). Finally, we have the Bill Chisholm Professional Service Award, for those who have contributed to the development and enhancement of ethnically diverse athletic trainers. These applications are due February 1st, and application information can be found [here](#).

Get connected!

- Receive the quarterly e-blasts for the Emerging Settings – subscribe [HERE](#)
- Follow us on Twitter [@NATA_COPA](#)
- Like our page on Facebook [@NATACOPA](#)
- Join the NATA Emerging Settings Athletic Trainer Group on LinkedIn

I am incredibly grateful to the leadership and guidance of former District One chair Molly Paturzo, who has made my transition to this incredible group a seamless one. My hope is to continue her diligent efforts towards serving the district. Please feel free to reach out to me [HERE](#). Have a safe and healthy holiday season!





NATA GAC Update

Jim Murdock, ATC
District One Chair

This is my first year on the Governmental Affairs Committee and I would like to thank Jaime Musler for his guidance and support as well as for his time served. I hope to be as valuable a committee member as he was.

I also want to thank Diane Sartanowicz for the opportunity to serve District One and its members.

The GAC had a change in the chair with Anna Sedory assuming the position replacing Jeff McKibbin. The GAC had a reduction in its budget by the NATA Board of Directors by about 9%. The reason for this reduction was that in the last budget year several states who were awarded monies did not utilize all their funding. There was about \$30,000 unused. This reduction was a challenge to the committee this past fall as we reviewed the applications. This committee was extremely diligent to meet the funding requests of those states with new and ongoing legislative needs pertaining to state practice acts. In District One, three states applied for funding and a total of about \$40,000 was allocated.

More Than 400 ATs Hit the Hill to Support Athletic Training Legislation in June.

The NATA and the GAC are looking into organizing educational "Boot Camp" training sessions to better educate members and state leaders about legislation and lobbying efforts. If you are interested, please contact me.

If your state is engaged in legislative activity, I strongly urge you to be involved. Legislators are strongly moved when they hear from their constituents. You as an Athletic Trainer are the best ambassador and educator of what we do and what our profession is about. You can find who your legislators are on the NATA website at the [NATA Legislative Alert Center](#).

Please contact either your State Association President or Governmental Affairs Committee Chairperson if you have questions about state legislation or are interested in getting involved.

Please feel free to contact me at vtsoxamn2008@gmail.com with any questions and or issues pertaining to governmental or legislative affairs.



ICSM Update

Robert L. Howard, PhD, ATC
District One Chair

As an advocate for collegiate athletes and athletic trainers, the Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine (ICSM) continues to develop and enhance multiple resources for collegiate athletic trainers. In an effort to

help navigate the NCAA's recent Interassociation Recommendations on Preventing Catastrophic Injury & Death in Collegiate Athletics, ICSM created a condensed checklist with bulleted suggestions to help comply with the recommendations. Additionally, each 10 for 10 presentation has been updated to complement NCAA-recommended educational requirements. These and additional resources are available to all members on the NATA website [HERE](#).

As the landscape of college athletics is changing and evolving, ICSM continues to bring relevant information to the membership. In the spring of 2020, look for the release of: Best Practices in The Implementation & Structure of Medical Care for Collegiate Athletes. This document will provide guidance for the collegiate setting in Patient Centered Care, Medical Evaluation and Supervision, and Autonomous Medical Decision Making.

Other initiatives ICSM is working on include the continued development of Conference Medical Groups at every collegiate level in an effort to provide a voice for all collegiate athletic trainers and athletes while also tackling a Best Practice Document centered on Strength and Conditioning.

Lastly, I am requesting that people take a few minutes and nominate deserving individuals for the Following ICSM awards:

Head Athletic Trainer of The Year
Staff Athletic Trainer of The Year
Above and Beyond Award
New Horizon Award

Nominations are due by January 31, 2020 and can be found [HERE](#). As a reminder, the ICSM was established to ensure there is athletic trainer input involved with national collegiate health and safety. If there is any issue or concern you feel strongly about, please reach out to one of your District One representatives; Brant Berkstreser from Harvard, Jennifer Brodeur from UMass, Rick Burr from Babson or me, Bob Howard from UConn.



EATA William E. "Pinky" Newell Address

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Premier Ballroom EF

3:00 - 3:50 pm

Speaker:

Denise Fandel, MBA, CAE, AT Ret





NATAPAC Update

Kelsey M. Rynkiewicz, MS, ATC, NREMT
District One Chair



Please consider joining us for the National Athletic Trainers' Association Political Action Committee (NATAPAC) event at the annual EATA meeting. You can purchase a glass for \$30 and drink beer for free during the EATA Social/Banquet, and if the beer doesn't run out, through part of the Collins Social. The event is limited to the first 200 people that sign up. You can purchase a glass during your EATA registration or on site if glasses are still available. This year at Foxwoods we will also be holding a chance contest to win a glass with all monies raised being donated to NATAPAC. We hope to see you there!

The NATAPAC helps to make a positive difference in the future of athletic training and allows the profession to build relationships by helping us gain increased access to decision-makers. If you are looking for ways to contribute to the NATAPAC, please considering signing up for a recurring monthly gift. Visit [NATAPAC](#) for more information about NATAPAC and to make a donation. Please feel free to contact me at kelsey.rynkiewicz@uconn.edu with any questions, comments, concerns, or ideas for future NATAPAC fundraisers.



SSATC Report

Valerie Webber, MS, ATC
District One Chair

The Secondary Schools Athletic Trainer Committee (SSATC) has been busy since the NATA conference. **PASS** (Program Assessment for Safety in Sports) has been launched for over six months and continues to gain traction. We are currently finalizing the following awards - AT Advocate, Secondary School Servants Heart, and Athletic Trainer of the Year Award. The SSATC continues to enhance the Transition to Practice program with the NATA. There is an updated version of the **ATLAS** (Athletic Training Location and Services) surveys. If you have not completed the survey within in the past 3 months, please do so. Our goal is to get 100% completion in each state by National Athletic Training Month in March. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.



Young Professionals Committee

Dominique Ross, PhD, ATC
District One Chair



**Mark your Calendars for the YPC Event
at the EATA Annual Conference!**

Saturday, January 11th

11:00- 12:00 in Celebrity A

**Effective Communication and Leadership
Skills for the Young Professional**

David Csillan will be leading an interactive presentation with a focus on effective communication and working together to achieve a common goal. This session will illustrate a live example of how ineffective communication directly correlates to poor delivery of the intended message. This will be a great opportunity to network with other athletic trainers and develop key skills for successful leadership. See you at Foxwoods!

2019-2020 District One Student Ambassadors



Bailey E Shaffer
SCSU



Gyujin Kim
UCONN



Mitchell Jameson
University of Maine at Orono



Sergio Martin Acuna
District 1 SLC Rep



Bronte Fontaine
Endicott College



Kenneth Somer MacKillop
University of Vermont



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Quinnipiac University



Shae Dailey
UNH



Christine McSweeney
Castleton University



Matt Johnson
Springfield College



Samantha Morse
Keene State College



Taylor Rivers
Westfield State



Gillian Long
Lasell University



Miqdad Tambawala
Plymouth College



Savannah Ruhlin
University of Southern Maine



Vinz Umali
CCSU

2020 EATA Honors and Awards

*Congratulations!***EATA Dr. David Moyer Award****CHRIS NASIN, MD****Head Team Physician, University of Rhode Island**

The David Moyer Award is presented to a team physician "that has served the profession of Athletic Training as an educator and an advocate and has also served the community in which they live and work."

**EATA Henry Schein Award****MARY CARDARELLI, MS, ATC, PT****Manchester H.S. (CT)**

The EATA Henry Schein Award is presented to an athletic trainer "for outstanding contributions to the profession on the secondary or prep school level."



2020 District One EATA Scholarships

Ryan Newton

Bridgewater State University

Samantha Champa

University of New Hampshire

Erik King

Springfield College

Alexandria Raifsnider

Plymouth State University

**It's Not Too Late! Register for 2020 EATA**

[Pre-registration for the 72nd Annual EATA Conference](#) is open through January 6, 2020. Register now to receive a discounted rate! The meeting will be at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, CT from January 10-13, 2020. Register now for the meeting, [workshops](#), the [Educators & Preceptors Summit](#), and the [Emergency Care for Athletes Summit](#). Workshop and Summit attendance is limited, so don't wait to register!

There's a fantastic [Student Program](#) and students can attend any of the general sessions at EATA. Be sure and check out the full program so you don't miss something you're really interested in learning more about!

Not sure of your schedule? You can register on site at Foxwoods during the convention.

EATA Hotel Block Deadline is December 19

Reserve your [hotel room at Foxwoods](#) by December 19 to receive the EATA room rate! Remember, parking at Foxwoods is FREE, and the resort fee of \$21.95 is waived for the EATA room block.



2020 Pre-Convention Emergency Care in Athletics Summit

Friday, January 10, 2020 @ Foxwoods Resort & Casino, 3:00 – 9:00 pm
www.foxwoods.com

Cost: \$195.00 EATA Member; \$350 Non-Member (buffet dinner included)
5 EBP credits available • REGISTER NOW – SEATS LIMITED!



Keynote presentation with **Dr. George T. Chiampas**,
Assistant Professor and Attending Physician,
Dept. of Emergency Medicine and Dept. of
Orthopedic Surgery, Northwestern University
and Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Athletic Trainers, Physical Therapists, Nurses, Researchers, and Students

TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

Pre-Hospital Care for Exertional Heat Stroke, Pre-Hospital Care for Cervical Spine Injuries, Sport Cardiology, Advanced Wound Care and Trauma Management for Athletes, Emergency Airway Management

PLENARY LECTURES

- Dr. Doug Casa, *University of Connecticut and Korey Springer Institute*
- Mr. Darryl Conway, *University of Michigan*
- Dr. David Shipon, *Jefferson University*

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- Dr. Doug Casa, *University of Connecticut and Staff from the Korey Springer Institute*
- Mr. Darryl Conway, *University of Michigan* and Mr. Ed Strapp, *Maryland State Police*
- Mr. Francis Feld, *University of Pittsburgh*
- Dr. Erik Swartz, *University of Massachusetts @ Lowell*

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SUMMIT SCHEDULE

2:00 – 3:00 pm	Registration
3:00 – 6:00 pm	Plenary Lectures
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Buffet Dinner & Keynote Presentation
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Breakout Interactive Workshops (Four 30-minute rotating sessions)



2020 Educator & Preceptor Summit

Innovative Approaches to Address the 2020 Standards: From Content to Andragogy

Friday, January 10, 2020; 8AM-3PM
 Foxwoods Resort and Casino - Mashantucket, CT
 Costs: NATA Members \$195 Non-members \$350
 Limited to first 200 attendees - 4 CEU Credits

TARGET AUDIENCE: Athletic Training Educators, Administrators, and Preceptors.

- 8AM-9AM Dr. Jill Manners: *Manual Therapy & Joint Manipulation of the Spine: Clinical Skill Acquisition, Teaching Tools & Tips*
- 9AM-10AM Dr. Darius Greenbacher & Dr. Jessica Barrett: *Dislocation Reduction: Clinical Skill Acquisition, Teaching Tools & Tips*
- 10AM-11AM Dr. David Wilkenfeld & Mr. Ed Strapp: *Medication Administration: Clinical Skill Acquisition, Teaching Tools & Tips*
- 11AM-12PM (Concurrent Session) Dr. Nancy Groh, Dr. Jill Manners, Dr. Matthew O'Brien, & Dr. David Wilkenfeld: *Immersive Clinical Education Roundtable* aimed at Coordinators of Clinical Education (and Program Directors) and implementing immersive clinical education experiences into the athletic training curriculum.
- 11AM-12PM (Concurrent Session) Dr. Luzita Vela: *Methods for Demonstrating Contemporary Expertise*
- 12PM-1PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Dr. Craig Denegar: *One of These Things (Does Not Look Like the Other)*
- 1PM-2PM Mr. Dan Strohecker: *Advanced Wound Closure Techniques: Clinical Skill Acquisition, Teaching Tools & Tips*
- 2PM-3PM *Model Practice Showcase:* (Six speakers selected from abstract submissions)
- 3PM-4PM *Poster Session:* (Various speakers selected from abstract submissions)