

DISTRICT ONE



# Notes from the Director

*A newsletter dedicated to informing District One members on Athletic Training news and events essential to the profession.*

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## Welcome from Westy

Dear District One Members,

It appears that spring has finally come to New England! Temps were 70 degrees yesterday in Maine while I was working a baseball game vs. the University of Southern Maine. I must say it was great to be outside for a change not wearing my hat, long coat and gloves.

In late March, I traveled to the University of Vermont for the VAAT Student Symposium, programing that has just been reintroduced. The educational programing was extremely informative, and UVM students did a fantastic job organizing and hosting the event. Last weekend, I spent a day at Keene State College for the NHATA Student Symposium, and a student-driven program of original research, posters, and case study reviews. I was truly impressed by the AT students at their respective symposia, not only by their knowledge, but their overall professionalism as well. I enjoy having the chance to meet and talk with our students from around the District at these events. The meetings also afford me the opportunity to speak with many ATP faculty regarding the challenges they face as we move toward the degree transition. I know planning and implementing the degree change will be a time-consuming and sometimes frustrating process. The effort being made during this transition is truly a credit to our AT Program Directors and AT faculty in District One.

Thanks to all of you who participated in NATM activities. This year's NATM was an enormous success, with events taking place both regionally and nationally. Fantastic job everyone!

I am off to Dallas next week for the spring NATA Board of Directors meeting. Please note that NATA Hit the Hill Day is coming up on May 16. As we move forward into the spring, I encourage you to attend your upcoming state association meetings. I will be attending the CATA and RIATA/ATOM meetings in May, and hope to see many of you at one of those daylong conferences. The Northern New England Conference in New Hampshire is coming up early in June.

Finally, on a personal note I would like to encourage you to donate to the NATA Foundation, and designate your donation to go to the Jack Baynes Scholarship fund. As many of you know Jack was a true leader in District One for many years, and was a mentor to many of us now "seasoned professionals." The scholarship will provide a true legacy in Jack's honor, and will benefit a student in District One or District Two (EATA). More information about the scholarship is on page 11.

Thanks,

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## District One News



### District One Election: Notice to Membership

District One will hold an election from October 1-15, 2017, for the following District offices: District Director, District Secretary, and District Treasurer. The current District Director and District Treasurer will complete their respective terms in June 2018; they are not eligible for re-election. The District Secretary's term ends in June 2018, and the Secretary is eligible for re-election.

A formal **call for nominations** will be issued by the District One Director **during the District One Business Meeting at the NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo in Houston, on June 27, 2017** (6:15-7:15 pm CST; location TBA). Nominations will be accepted until September 1, 2017. Additional information will be posted in the District One Director's Notes and on the District One web site. Please contact John Ryan, EdD, ATC, District One Nominations and Elections Chair, for more information: [jpryanlatc@roadrunner.com](mailto:jpryanlatc@roadrunner.com)

### Student Ambassadors Needed for 2017-18

District One is accepting applications from students interested in serving as District One Student Ambassadors during the 2017-2018 academic year. The purpose of the Student Ambassador Program is to provide a means for students in ATPs in District One to provide input to the District via the Student Leadership Committee representative, and to communicate information from the District back to their respective programs. The District One Student Ambassador Program will give students an opportunity to take on small but important leadership roles within the district, with opportunities for professional development and networking. Eligible students must be enrolled in a CAATE accredited undergraduate or professional Master of Athletic Training program in District One during the 2017-2018 academic year. More than one student from a program may apply; however, only one student from each ATP will be selected. **The deadline for applications is May 31, 2017.** [Click here for more information and the application.](#)

## May CE Events in District One

**May 9, 2017:** [32<sup>nd</sup> Annual CCSU Sports Medicine Symposium](#)

CCSU  
New Britain, CT  
(rescheduled date – **registration remains open**)



**May 18, 2017:** [CATA Symposium](#)

Radisson Hotel  
Cromwell, CT

**May 19, 2017:** [Polar Bear Sports Medicine Conference](#)

Bowdoin College  
Brunswick, ME



**May 25, 2017:** [ATOM/RIATA Annual Spring Conference](#)

Johnson & Wales University  
Harborside Campus  
Providence, RI



## Call for Nutmeg State Games Volunteers

The Nutmeg State Games will be held from July 15 – August 6, 2017 in New Britain, Connecticut. Team and individual competitions are held at sites around the state. Athletic Trainers and AT students interested in volunteering can register [HERE](#).

## Call for Bay State Games Volunteers

The Bay State Summer Games will be held from July 7 - July 29, 2017. Competitions are held at multiple venues in eastern and central Massachusetts. ATs and AT students interested in volunteering can register [HERE](#).



## News from RIATA



The RIATA has been working diligently with legislators to pass HR 5279 and S 305, bills proposed to make an AT available to all secondary school student athletes in the state of Rhode Island. On February 8, members testified before the House Health, Education and Wellness Committee, and on March 1, members testified before the Senate Education Committee. On March 21, RIATA Hit the Hill to promote HR 5279 and S 305 (photo, L). The annual

RIATA outing took place on April 2 at the Providence Bruins game, with our largest turnout of members ever! We're proud to note that Rhode Island is up to eight Safe Sport School Award winners!

## Two Vermont Schools Receive Safe Sports School Awards

Colchester High School (Colchester, VT) is the sixth school in Vermont to receive a Safe Sports School Award. Congratulations to **John Burke, ATC**, on the **1<sup>st</sup> Team SSSA**, and on receiving a **District One SSSA Grant** to support his application.

**Caitlin Roberts, ATC** and U-32 Middle & High School (East Montpelier, VT) are a **1<sup>st</sup> Team Safe Sports School**. The school's award was renewed for another three years, after having received their initial award in 2014. Congratulations on your continued excellence!



## Grants Are Still Available for Safe Sports School Awards

District One has awarded fifteen SSSA Grants since the inception of the grant program in July 2016. **Three grants are still available** from the initial block of funding approved by the District One Executive Council. The remaining grants are open to members from any state in District One. Grants cover the cost of the application for the Safe Sports School Award. Grant application materials are [here](#).



## UVM Students Host VAAT Student Symposium

University of Vermont Athletic Training Program students developed and hosted the first annual Vermont Athletic Training Program Educational Symposium, which was held at the University of Vermont in collaboration with the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers (VAAT). The objective of the symposium is to provide a yearly

educational seminar that brings AT

students together from Vermont's three ATPs (Castleton State University, Norwich University, and UVM). The program included presentations from NATA District One Director Tim Weston, MEd, ATC; District One COPA Chair Molly Pasturzo, MEd, ATC, OTC (pictured, left); UVM AT faculty member Jeremy Sibold, EdD, ATC; and District One Secondary School AT Committee Chair Denise Alosa, MS, ATC.



## NATM & Service at UVM



UVM students participated in several community outreach projects in recognition of National Athletic Training Month. Third-year students provided an athletic training skills seminar for secondary school students enrolled in the Burlington Technical Center Medical & Sports Sciences Program (photos, below). Students volunteered with Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports, working with children with disabilities at Bolton Valley Resort (photo, R). They'll continue their good works in April, hosting a Vermont Disabled Veterans Field Day, also in conjunction with Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports.



## NHATA Student Symposium

The annual NHATA Student Symposium was held on April 9 at Keene State College. More than 75 students from New Hampshire's AT Program attended the event. District One Director Tim Weston and HNATA President Ben Towne led off the day, followed by students presenting original research, case reports and posters. **Briana Ferullo and Amanda Matuszek** shared their experiences at this year's iLEAD conference. Teams from UNH won the Quiz Bowl and the Taping Contest. NHATA Student Scholarships were awarded to **Amanda Matuszek** (Colby-Sawyer College) and **Jillian Lotito** (Springfield College).



2017 NHATA Quiz Bowl Winners **Erin Carroll (1<sup>st</sup> place)**, **Christine Gagnon** and **Kali Cook**, of the University of New Hampshire (photo L).

Taping Contest Winners (photo R): Morganne Rothweiler, Courtney Kenefick, Erin Carroll (team from UNH).



Student presenters at the NHATA Student Symposium were: Rachel Balzich (Keene State), Amanda Matuszek (Colby-Sawyer College), Jessica Monday (CSC), Meghan Castellano (CSC), Hannah LaRoche (CSC), Kira Paulin (Plymouth State U.), Briana Ferullo (PSU), Jenna Janadi (PSU), Katherine Parmelee (PSU).



## Ferullo Receives District One NHATA Daniel R. Sedory Scholarship



**Briana Ferullo (Plymouth State)** is pictured with Dan Sedory (L) and District One Director Tim Weston (R), after receiving the District One scholarship at the NHATA Student Symposium.

## MATA Spring Conference



The Maine Athletic Trainers' Association (MATA) recently celebrated record-breaking attendance at its annual spring conference and awards ceremony at the Double Tree Hotel in South Portland. The conference boasted a total of 176 attendees, comprised of Athletic Trainers, AT Students, and Physical Therapists. The theme for the conference centered on hip-related pathologies. In addition to the educational sessions, the MATA celebrated the

accomplishments of local professionals and students during the awards ceremony.

**John Ryan, EdD, ATC** was inducted into the MATA Hall of Fame. **Rich Garini, ATC** received the Bill Cox Service Award. **Kaitlin Dow**, from the University of Maine at Presque Isle received the Wes Jordan Scholarship while **Nathan Oakes** received the District One Carl Nelson Scholarship. **William Heinz, MD** received the first-ever MATA Service Award.

Secondary School Athletic Trainers continue to successfully meet the criteria for the Safe Sports School Award. Maine now has a total of nine 1<sup>st</sup> Team Safe Sport Schools.



(Above) MATA President Chris Rizzo (L) with 2017 MATA HOF inductee Dr. John Ryan

## District One NATA ATLAS Update



### Preliminary Statistics for District One (through April 10, 2017)

- 59% of public and private high schools in District One (674/1135) have Athletic Training services (either Full or Part-time)
- Of the 674 schools with AT services, 49% (n=329) receive Full-time AT services while 51% (n=345) receive Part-time AT services

**NOTE: There are two parts to ATLAS: Mapping & a Survey:**

#### **ATLAS Project Mapping Progress:**

- Four of six states in District One are 100% mapped (CT, ME, RI, & VT)!
- NH has just **nine** schools left to map!
- MA has 167 schools left to map.

#### **ATLAS Project Survey Participation Progress:**

- Vermont is the first state in the nation to be 100% surveyed!
- ME (96%), NH (60%), MA (45%), RI (43%), and CT (31%) surveyed

If you're a secondary school AT, please complete the **ATLAS Survey**! It is not the same as completing the map. Your responses to the survey are important!

**Note to District One:** If we hurry, we could be the first NATA District to be 100% mapped. You can help by looking at your state map to identify the unknown "black dots" on the map: <http://ksi.uconn.edu/nata-atlas/>

Email [robert.huggins@uconn.edu](mailto:robert.huggins@uconn.edu) or [sarah.attanasio@uconn.edu](mailto:sarah.attanasio@uconn.edu) with the answers to the following questions:

- 1) Does the school has an athletics program?
- 2) Does the school have Athletic Training Services?

## EATA News



### Jack Baynes Scholarship Endowment

The **Jack Baynes Scholarship** has been established with the NATA Foundation. Approximately \$10,000 has been raised to date, toward the \$50,000 required to endow the scholarship. The \$50,000 total must be reached within the next five years. Once endowed, the scholarship will be awarded to a District One or District Two athletic training student in a professional (i.e., “entry-level”) program.

Donations can be made via the [NATA Foundation](#) web site. When you donate, indicate in the comments section that the donation is **in memory of Jack Baynes** so it will be counted toward the endowment of the Jack Baynes Scholarship. Jack Baynes was a former District One Director, and member of the NATA and ATOM Halls of Fame.

#### General Announcements (previously posted):

[RFP for Continuing Education Host Vendor](#) – proposals due May 1, 2017

[Nominations are open for EATA Secretary](#) – nominations close September 15, 2017

## National News

### NATA-GAC Announces Impact Advocacy Award

The NATA Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) has announced the **Impact Advocacy Award** to “recognize outstanding service to Athletic Training through professional advocacy in state and local governments by Athletic Trainers beginning their careers.” The award will recognize ATs who have been practicing for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination. The deadline for nominations is **April 30, 2017**. Nominations must be made by the state GAC Chair (or equivalent). If you know of a worthy candidate, please contact your state GAC Chair regarding nominating the member. [Click here](#) for eligibility criteria and additional nomination information. If you have any questions, please contact District One GAC Chair [Jamie Musler](#).

## April 30 Early Bird Deadline for NATA 2017

The [68th Clinical Symposia & AT Expo](#) is in Houston, from June 26-29, 2017. **Don't forget to register by April 30 for early bird rates!**

Download the [NATA 2017 app](#) to view the preliminary program.

Looking for something to do while you're in Houston? The Astros are home at Minute Maid Park - walking distance from the convention center!



## News from the CAATE

The CAATE 2017 Update: ***Shaping the Future of Athletic Training Education*** presentation is being given at each of the NATA District Meetings in 2017, and was also presented at the Athletic Training Educator's Conference and the NATA Joint Committee Meeting earlier this year. The CAATE has posted the [presentation on Vimeo](#). It includes an update on the next phase of public comment on proposed changes to educational standards. Please take the time to watch the video, and share with your colleagues!



The Spring 2017 edition of the **CAATE Insight Newsletter** is [HERE](#).

### CAATE Open Forums in Houston

The CAATE will hold Open Forums to discuss new Standards and Curricular Content during the NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo. Check the NATA program for locations.

Tues., June 27, 2017	9:00-10:30 am
Tues., June 27, 2017	1:00-2:30 pm
Wed., June 28, 2017	10:00-11:30 am



## Important Dates & Deadlines

### **Upcoming Events**

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(rescheduled date)

May 18, 2017: [CATA Symposium, Radisson Hotel, Cromwell, CT](#)

May 19, 2017: [Polar Bear Sports Medicine Conference, Brunswick, ME](#)

May 25, 2017: [ATOM/RIATA Annual Spring Conference, Johnson & Wales University](#)

### **Open now**

[EATA Request for Proposals for Online Education](#)

[Call for nominations for EATA Secretary](#)

### **Deadlines**

April 30: **Early bird deadline** for 2017 NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo

May 1: EATA Online Education vendor proposals due

Sept. 1: Nominations for EATA Secretary close

### **Save the Date**

June 16-17, 2017: Northern New England Athletic Training Conference, Concord, NH

June 26-29, 2017: [NATA 68<sup>th</sup> Clinical Symposia & AT Expo](#), Houston, TX

July 14-15, 2017: [BOC Regulatory Conference](#), Omaha, NE

October 13-15, 2017: [CAATE Accreditation Conference](#), Tampa, FL

January 5-8, 2018: EATA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA



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