

DISTRICT ONE



## Notes from the District Director

Dear District One Membership,

It's been a busy springtime for all of us and I would just like to highlight a few events and encourage everyone to please read the updates from both our District One State Association Presidents and many of our NATA District One Committee Chairs.

Over the past month, I have been fortunate enough to attend all six state association meetings. The CATA, Northern New England and RIATA/ATOM conferences were all quite successful. These meetings provided outstanding educational opportunities for members and I left these meetings with a sense of pride at seeing such passion and involvement toward the profession. Thank you to all our State Association leaders for developing and hosting these meetings.

I would like to thank the following committee chairs for their service as they finish up their terms in June: Alexandra Raifsnider (SLC), Denise Alosa (SSATC), Matt Campbell (PRC), Marc Wysocki (H&A Specialty Awards), Jamie Musler (GAC), John Rosene (PPEC), Kimberly Wise (PEC), Barbara Blackstone (ECE), Matt Rothbard (CPC), Molly Paturzo (COPA).

Welcome to the following members who have been appointed to serve on committees: Sergio Acuna (SLC), Valerie Webber (SSATC), Sarah Myers (PRC), Nairi Melkonian (H&A Specialty Awards), James Murdock (GAC), Christianne Eason (PPEC), Rachel Geoghegan (PEC), Susan Norkus (ECE), Jessica Barrett (CPC), Jennifer Tirillo (COPA)

Please join me in wishing our 2019 Quiz Bowl team good luck at the NATA convention. We hope they can bring the Eve Becker-Doyle Trophy back home to New England! The District One Quiz Bowl team is: Elizabeth Lewis (UVM), Christina Claudel (U of Maine), Jacquelyn Nolan (Merrimack); James Potter/alternate (Springfield).

Once again, our NATA Convention has broken attendance records. District One has 424 registered members to date and I look forward to seeing you soon in Las Vegas. Please plan to attend the **District One Member meeting on Tuesday, June 25 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in Mandalay Bay D**. We'll recognize all our award and scholarship winners, as well as outgoing and incoming committee members during our meeting in Las Vegas.

Please take the time to review information about a proposal for District Four to split into two districts, which is detailed below.

Thanks again and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

*Diane*

### District Four Subdivision Proposal

District Four has brought forth a proposal to the NATA Board of Directors to subdivide into two districts. I would like to commend District Four Director Craig Voll and the leadership of GLATA for their transparency throughout this process. They have been soliciting feedback and comments from members as they present this proposal at the district meetings throughout NATA. [Information about the proposal](#) is available on the District One website, and I'll address District Four's proposal in our membership meeting in Las Vegas. Please [contact me](#) with any feedback or questions you have in response to the proposal.



### From the District Secretary

Vicky Graham, DAT, LAT, ATC

Our membership remains strong, and we thank you for your support for the profession! Please join us at the District One Members meeting in Las Vegas on Tuesday, June 25 from 5:30-6:30 pm in Mandalay Bay D. We'll recognize District One award and scholarship recipients, and outgoing and incoming Committee Chairs for their service.



### From the District Treasurer

Julie Alexander, MEd, ATC

I am pleased to announce that District One continues to be financially sound with no liabilities. We are in the process of finalizing our FY 19-20 budget utilizing the services of Riley Accounting during this process. We are in constant communication with our financial adviser from Morgan Stanley. During our last discussion, our financial adviser stated that our investment portfolio is appropriate for our goals and that he would not recommend any changes to our profile at this time. I would like to remind all members to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to providing you with a detailed financial report at our business meeting at the NATA Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada in June of 2019.

### District at a Glance

Member Type	District Total
Certified Regular	1847
Associate	21
Certified Retired	88
Honorary	9
Student Undergrad	369
Student Graduate	34
Certified Student	168
Career Starter Cert	121
<b>Total</b>	<b>2657</b>

Members by State							
	CT	MA	ME	NH	RI	VT	Total
Certified Regular	445	775	196	197	110	124	<b>1847</b>
Associate	4	13	1	2	0	1	<b>21</b>
Certified Retired	15	41	11	10	6	5	<b>88</b>
Honorary	1	5	1	1	1	0	<b>9</b>
Student Undergrad	78	136	38	71	8	38	<b>369</b>
Student Graduate	3	18	1	8	4	0	<b>34</b>
Certified Student	45	78	16	17	7	5	<b>168</b>
Career Starter Cert	33	36	16	18	7	11	<b>121</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>2657</b>



NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION  
**70th CLINICAL SYMPOSIA & AT EXPO**  
 JUNE 24-27 • 2019 • Las Vegas!

### REMINDER

NATA Foundation Pinky Newell Scholarship and Student Leadership Reception

Presented by the NATA Foundation and the NATA Young Professionals' Committee

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Free (pre-registration required)

## Congratulations NATA Award Recipients!

### Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award



Mary Barnum



Jennifer Brodeur



Susan Norkus



Tim "Westy" Weston

### Athletic Trainer Service Award



Christopher Rizzo



Kimberly Wise

### Stay Connected with District One



## District One Scholarships CONGRATULATIONS!

Cathy Horne Scholarship  
Julia Lener



Carl Nelson Scholarship  
Sergio Martin-Acuna



Charles J. Redmond Scholarship  
Sarah Booker



Daniel R. Sedory Scholarship  
Emily Guay



Dr. Kathleen Laquale Scholarship  
Alexandrya Cairns



Eduardo "Chico" Hernandez Scholarship  
Kimberly Buckholts



## Keep In Touch!



*Director*  
**Diane Sartanowicz**



*Secretary*  
**Vicky Graham**



*Treasurer*  
**Julie Alexander**





## President

Robert Colandreo, DPT, LAT, ATC

Our year started off with our state meeting at the EATA in Valley Forge, PA. After updating membership on news in the state, including our 2020 dues increase for certified members, we also honored a few of our members. Congratulations to the following:

**ATOM Scholarship:** Gale McCall (Bridgewater State)

**District One Charlie Redmond Scholarship:** Sarah Booker (Boston University)

**ATOM Athletic Trainers of the Year:** Nicolas Benitez and Jordan Knight (Harvard University)

**Brian FitzGerald Public Service Award:** Jamie Musler (Northeastern University)

**ATOM iLead Grant:** James Potter (Springfield College)

## Government Affairs News

Our bills for the session are as follows:

**H3483/S1338 An Act Relative to Athletic Training** (Rep. Coppinger/Sen. Rush): seeks to update our practice act language that has not been 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.

We are opposing H1873 An Act Relative to Safety in Youth Athletics which would add physical therapists to the list of providers who can make a return to play decision under the Massachusetts concussion law.

In March we signed with Tremont Strategies Group. Michael Morris is our lead lobbyist, and we are also represented by his partner Stephen Byrne. Over the past 45 work days, ATOM has been present in the State House or at legislative events on 20 of the dates, which is a significant increase from past years.

On April 22, 2019 the Massachusetts Athletic Trainers' Political Action Committee was formally filed with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance. This has been topic of discussion for a few years. Scot Spak and James Daly agreed to serve as Chair and Treasurer of the PAC.

Brett Winston and Bob Colandreo testified in support of **S329/H408 An Act Relative to Student Safety in Interscholastic Athletic Activities** on May 31. There was no opposition presented before the committee and we were received favorably. From our interactions with the committee to date we are being led to believe that this bill, which was sent to study by the committee last session due to funding concerns, is going to get serious consideration this session.

## Other notes:

ATOM partnered with the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office to host the 2019 Safe Prescribing Conference in April. This biannual workshop brings together pediatricians, nurses, pharmacists, guidance staff and athletic trainers who work in Norfolk County. Over half of the public high school athletic trainers attended.

On June 4, ATOM held its spring state meeting during the RIATA/ATOM conference at Providence College.

Congratulations to Kristen Sassanoff, ATC at Canton High School for being awarded Safe School Sports Award recognition. On May 10, 2019 she was recognized by State Senator Walter Timilty and State Representative William Galvin (photo).



Pictured L to R: State Senator Walter Timilty, Kristen Sassanoff, ATC, State Rep. Bill Galvin and Principal Derek Folan.



Larry Venis directing the finish line athletic trainers at the 2019 Boston Marathon.

Pictured right, L to R: ATOM iLead Grant recipient James Potter and ATOM President-Elect Brett Winston



Pictured below, ATOM Athletic Trainers of the Year Nicolas Benitez (L), Jordan Knight and ATOM President Bob Colandreo





## President

Gary Morin, ATC

The Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association (CATA) recently hosted over 100 ATs and students at its Annual Symposium. Highlights of the conference included the presentation of CATA awards. Recipients included three members who received President's Awards for their roles in saving

lives at their respective places of employment: Ashley Labrador was recognized for saving a spectator's life, and Caitlyn VanWie and Anthony Salvatore were recognized for their roles in the care of a UConn football player. The NATA District One Cathy Horne Scholarship was presented to Julia Lener of Southern Connecticut State, while the CATA Kathy Pirog Undergraduate Scholarship was given to Camryn Alkes of Quinnipiac University. The CATA Penny Dunker-Polek Scholarship was awarded to Catherine Heath of Central Connecticut State. CCSU had two additional scholarship recipients in Courtney Szabo, who was awarded the Elite Sports Medicine/CCMC Scholarship and Vinz Umali who earned the Select Physical Therapy Scholarship. Other award recipients are pictured on this page.

Our committees have been active over the last few months. The YPC is working to develop opportunities and mentoring programs that will help encourage more involvement professionally and assist the transition of younger athletic trainers into the profession. ATs interested in becoming involved should contact [Samantha Scarneo](#). The Governmental Affairs Committee has been monitoring legislative activity that could impact the profession. A bill extending liability protection to health care providers in the case of faulty AED's has been expanded to include ATs.

The Secondary Schools Committee under Jessica Testani worked to ensure that all high schools meet national and state requirements. Informative sessions regarding EAP's and standing orders were held across the state. Any ATs seeking additional information regarding licensure, the development of standing orders and EAPs can find templates and information on the [CATA website](#).

The Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA) retained the services of the The Clark Group Associates, Inc. to help assist in information and survey gathering for our Third-Party Reimbursement initiative in Connecticut. The CATA has received a matching grant offered through the NATA to assist us financially in this pursuit. The CATA will be meeting with The Clark Group, and our lobbyists to develop a strategic plan to pursue third-party reimbursement.

CATA recently met with leadership of the Korey Stringer Institute and the Sports Medicine subcommittee of the Connecticut State Medical Society. Issues directly impacting the healthcare of the secondary school athlete were discussed and plans to collaborate in the future were developed.



CATA Winners 2019



Jessica Testani Don Bagnall  
Secondary School Athletic Trainer of the Year



Catie Dann CATA Athletic Trainer of the Year



## President

John Ryan, EdD, ATC, LAT

The MATA has been very busy since the last update in January at EATA's. Bangor High School has been recognized as a First Team Safe Sports School Award winner. We are currently voting on revised MATA By-Laws, which is set to close on May 3rd. We are working with Pauline Riley to transition

us from a 501(c) 4 to a 501(c)6 tax status so that we are able to access NATA Grant funds. We have also worked with Sharri Jackson to update our [website](#).

Additionally the MATA Secondary School Committee has begun work on a Youth Sports Safety Campaign similar to the Campaign started in Oklahoma by the OATA.

In March, athletic training students representing UMaine and USM, as well as a handful of certified athletic trainers attended the Hall of Flags Day at Maine's Capitol, Augusta for the purpose of meeting with our elected state officials to further educate them on the athletic training profession and about Maine's four Athletic Training Education Programs. On March 22, we hosted our Annual Spring Conference and Awards luncheon at Jeff's Catering in Brewer Maine. Dr. Lincoln Avery was presented with an MATA Service Award, Kate Anagnostis was recognized as the Bill Cox Service Award recipient and Jan Salis was inducted into the MATA Hall of Fame. Chris Rizzo was also recognized for his service as MATA President. Nate Cook and Sergio Acuna were recognized as recipients of the D1 Carl Nelson Scholarship and the Wes Jordan Scholarship respectively.

In early April, Tim Weston, MEd, ATC and John Ryan, EdD, ATC represented Maine in Washington DC as part of the NATA's delegation for Hit the Hill. We were able to meet with representatives for Senators King and Collins as well as a representative for Rep. Pingree. During those meetings we encouraged our elected officials to support the PHIT Act as well as the Defense Authorization Act.

Finally, we are serving as Co-Sponsors with VATA, as the VATA is set to host the 2019 Northern New England Athletic Trainers Conference at Burke Mt., Vermont on June 1-2. Many of us are also gearing up to attend the NATA Convention in Las Vegas.



Pictured above, Deb Nichols, RN and Jackie Tourtelotte ATC present Jan Salis, PT, ATC with the induction as 2019 MATA Hall of Fame

Below, Kristen Bailey, MS, LAT, ATC presents Nathan Cook with the Wes Jordan AT Student Scholarship





## President

Sandy Snow, N.H.LAT, ATC

The NHATA started the year off strong with several events and initiatives. We continue to hold monthly board meetings online and in person. These meetings are open to NHATA members and we look forward to continuing to have members attend.

The Social Media Committee completed a successful **National Athletic Training Month** campaign on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram this past March with many great prizes. Thank you to our Social Media Committee and congratulations to all winners! Also of note, we'd like to acknowledge Emily Guay (PSU '20) for taking charge of helping three of the four NH AT Programs secure NATM Proclamations with their respective towns, as well as securing a Proclamation with the State. Well done!

Colby-Sawyer College hosted the **NHATA Student Symposium** on April 7. Students from Colby-Sawyer College, Keene State College, and University of New Hampshire AT Programs did an outstanding job presenting. Also, congratulations to Colby-Sawyer College for winning the taping competition and University of New Hampshire for winning the quiz bowl in a tightly contested affair.

On May 7, 2019, I met with the President of the **NH American Physical Therapy Association (NHAPTA)**, Mark Mailloux, to discuss the joint statement released by the NATA and APTA. We had a productive meeting resulting in discussion regarding how both organizations can work together and support each other moving forward. Overall, it was a positive initial meeting and outcome for both organizations.

On May 9, 2019, members of the NHATA Executive Board and **Government Affairs Committee (GAC)** participated in a NH Capitol Hill Day and circulated the NH State House with Bob Blaisdell, NHATA Lobbyist. On May 21, 2019, we attended a hearing with David Moreton, NH liaison to the NATA LGBTQ+ Advisory Council, for NH House Bill 608: Discrimination Based on Gender Identity.

NH had a strong presence at the **Northern New England Athletic Training Conference (NNEATC)**, hosted by the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers and sponsored by the Maine Athletic Trainers' Association at Burke Mountain Resort June 1-2. The NHATA held a state meeting followed by a social event for the membership. NHATA is planning to host NNEATC in 2020.

In other news, the NHATA Executive Board has been working diligently with an accountant the first half of the year to file past due taxes with a goal of reinstating 501(c)6 status. In the meantime, we are postponing the NHATA golf tournament fundraiser until we achieve non-profit status again.

We look forward to continuing to serve the NHATA membership and seeing everyone in Las Vegas!



2019 NHATA Scholarship Winners – Madeline Zimmerman (UNH), Emily Guay (PSU), Alexandria Raifsnider (PSU)



2019 NHATA Student Symposium – NATM Proclamations



2019 NHATA Capitol Hill Day – T. J. Smith (GAC), Steff Stiles (Secretary), Sandy Snow (President), Christine Reyes (Treasurer), Bethany Roun (President-Elect)



## President

Jeff Nadeau, MS, ATC

The RIATA recently hosted the annual RIATA/ATOM conference and state meetings at Providence College. Approximately 75 athletic trainers attended and of that, 50 were RIATA members. Special thanks to our Meetings Chair Kristian Keddie and members

of the Executive Board who helped her out, Val Webber (Past-President), Carrie Milner (RIATA Treasurer), Michelle Barber (RIATA Secretary), and Bernard Walls (Past-President).

During the state meeting the RIATA presented three different awards:

- The District One Kathleen Laquale Scholarship was presented to Alexandrya Cairns who is in her second year of the master's program at Bridgewater State University. *Pictured top*
- The newly renamed "Frank Murgo Service Award" was awarded to Representative Greg Amore for his support as an Athletic Director at East Providence HS and as the State Representative for District 65. *Pictured middle*
- This year, the RIATA Hall of Fame award was given to Russell D. Fiore. Russ worked at Brown University for 35 years where he was a mentor to many who trained under his guidance. *Pictured bottom L to R: George Finn, Frank George, Russ Fiore, Kim Bissonnette, John Rock. Kathy Laquale*

This year was the final year of a wonderful partnership with the Athletic Trainers of Massachusetts. It has been great to work with them over the years. We have formed a tight bond and wish them well in their future projects. The RIATA will continue to support the members of ATOM and invite them to any event we host.

The RIATA supported two different bills over this past legislative season. First, House Bill 5560 and Senate Bill 400, both named the Concussion Act. The main purpose of each bill was to require an athletic trainer in each of the secondary schools within the state. Currently there are 11 schools with no AT coverage. Unfortunately, the bills stayed in committee and did not make it to the floor. The RIATA is committed in continuing to pursue legislative support and give high school student-athletes access to care during sports.

During National Athletic Training Month, the RIATA worked with the organization, Ocean Clean. Five RIATA members and their families came to a beach in Portsmouth, RI and helped gather 357 lbs. of trash and debris. Also in March, the RIATA hosted a CEU event at Rhode Island College. The topics ranged from nutrition and rehab using different movement patterns. It was a successful event with

over 25 members in attendance.

Over the past six months, the RIATA has inquired about and is currently pursuing the Third-Party Reimbursement Initiative (TPRI). Although still in the fledgling stage, GAC Chair Shawn Petrucci and President Jeff Nadeau have been in talks with NATA representatives along with The Clark Simpson Group to discover how we need to proceed. We are pursuing the NATA TPRI Grant and will have our proposal submitted by the October deadline.

Finally, the RIATA has joined the helmet decal campaign. This campaign is for secondary schools and we are focused on making sure these schools who have an AT complete the ATLAS survey.





## President

Timothy W. Tourville, PhD, ATC, CSCS

**Legislative Activities:** After significant discussion and deliberation between the VAAT and the Vermont Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) over the past three years, OPR decided OPR to include various “housekeeping” items in the 2019 ORP

Omnibus Bill to more clearly delineate our practice setting language. The proposed language essentially “cleaned-up” the definition of practice settings (by eliminating it all together). Additionally, we wanted to expand our referring providers to include not only Allopathic and Osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, advanced practice registered nurses, dentists and chiropractors, and add Podiatrists, Naturopaths, Physician’s Assistants, and Physical Therapists. At the current time, PTs in Vermont are allowed “direct referrals,” so including them to our list of referring providers would allow ATs and PTs to refer patients between us without requiring an additional referral from a physician, thus providing the best care for all of our patients. These simple changes would enable ATs to start their own sports medicine clinics without the need for any level of perceived oversight, would truly allow ATs the ability to practice health care autonomously under our practice act, and would greatly smooth the referral process in orthopedic rehabilitation clinics. During a successful session in both the house and senate, our proposed language changes were supported by the OPR, as well as the VT Chapter of the APTA, and were virtually opposed. On May 23rd, Governor Phil Scott signed house bill H.104 (An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation), which will officially become law on July 1st! This is a huge step forward for us and continues to establish ATs in VT as leaders on this front. Thank you to everyone involved, including Mike Landsberg, Leo LaBonte, Molly Paturzo, our lobbyist Allison Crowley-DeMag, the NATA-GAC and Jamie Musler, our executive committee, and everyone else involved.

**Student Scholarships:** The 2019 VAAT/D1 Eduardo “Chico” Hernandez Scholarship was awarded to Kimberly Buckholts, ATC from UVM. The 2019 VAAT John Feenick Scholarship was awarded to Anne Guarino, ATC from the UVM. Many thanks to the VAAT Education Committee.

**Student Symposium:** Our 3rd Annual Vermont AT Student Education Symposium was successfully hosted by Norwich University in Northfield, VT on February 9th and included students, faculty, and clinical preceptors from Castleton University, Norwich University and the University of Vermont.

**Athletic Training Month:** We had a successful Athletic Training

Month in March. Students at Norwich University took part in the NATA-Student Leadership Committee (NATA-SLC) National Athletic Training Month video competition. Norwich's student video promoted this year's NATM theme "ATs are (Military) Health Care" by highlighting the opportunity at Norwich to work with a military population. Norwich University secured 3rd place in the competition gathering 344 likes, 112 shares, and over 7,500 views, and will be recognized by the NATA-SLC in the Cramer Student Lounge at the 2019 NATA National Convention in Las Vegas. Thank you to Greg Jancaitis for your leadership with these efforts.

Students from the University of Vermont raised over \$2000 for charities such as the Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sport Association, VT Wounded Veterans, and the VT Children’s Hospital at the UVM Medical Center, all while promoting the profession of Athletic Training through their fundraising and community outreach activities.

**Northern New England Athletic Training Conference:** The NNEAT Conference was held at Burke Mountain Resort on June 1st and 2nd. Thank you to the Maine Athletic Trainers’ Association for co-hosting this event, which was a more intimate gathering of attendees from ME, NH, Northeastern NY, and VT.

**Executive Committee Elections:** Greg Jancaitis has been elected to the position of President-Elect and will assume in January 2021; Kit Vreeland is our new Treasurer; and Lisa Hardy is our Secretary. Additionally, Vin Faraci has agreed to continue on the E-board as Member-at-Large to help with our legislative efforts and provide some senior leadership to help foster our newly elected committee members.

**Future Directions:** In addition to our continued legislative activities, the immediate future of the VAAT will include refining VAAT bylaws, obtaining BOC Approved Provider status, re-energizing committees, building our student symposium, and public relations and newsletters,

It is time for “new” blood to get involved in the organization and take the reins. In order to continue progressing the profession forward and moving our state association in new directions, we need the help of our members.



Stop the Bleed training at 2019 VAAT Student Symposium.



## ATs Care

**Laura Darby McNally, LAT, ATC**  
District One Chair

We had a fantastic CSIM Training for Individuals in May and are now putting the finishing touches on our D1 Team. We continue to have requests for support, and we are now better positioned as a District to provide support to our members. The P&P for the District is almost complete. At NATA there is an opportunity to members who have done the Individual training to do Group training. For information about ATs Care in District One, please contact [Laura Darby McNally](#).



## Executive Committee for Education

**Barbara Blackstone**  
District One Chair

The Executive Committee for Education has been working on two major reports for the NATA Board of Directors and have sent the reports for approval. The first report is the Style Guide for Cultural Competency and the second report is AT Ethnically Diverse Student Report. Once approved by the Board of Directors, both reports will be available to the membership. If you have any questions before that please feel free to contact me. I would like to thank District One for the opportunity to serve as the District One representative to the ECE. It has been a great experience. I would like to welcome the next District One representative, Susan Norkus from Quinnipiac University.



## ICSM Update

**Robert L. Howard, PhD, ATC**  
District One Chair

The Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine (ICSM) has continued its work advocating for both student-athletes and collegiate athletic trainers. Last year the committee held a very successful Summit leading into the NATA Symposia geared toward athletic trainers working in the collegiate setting. Please join us in Las Vegas this year for our 2nd annual Summit that includes educational programming, directed discussions and peer-to-peer leaning opportunities specific to the collegiate athletic trainer. This [LINK](#) provides a complete overview and registration instructions

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 Berkstresser from Harvard, Jennifer Brodeur from UMass, Rick Burr from Babson, or me, Bob Howard from UConn.



## Council on Practice Advancement

**Molly G. Paturzo, M.Ed, ATC, OTC**  
District One Chair

It's been an exciting year for COPA! The COPA Council has completed its restructuring and expansion and is excited for the involvement of more leaders in representing additional settings and committees focused on the growth and evolution of the profession. More details on the reorganization can be found [here](#).

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

The council will still have district-based representation but seeks to bring together the content experts and most active and progressive members involved in each area above. The Council is always looking for those interested in contributing to projects or future open committee seats! If you have talents and experience in one of the areas above and interested in serving the profession, please send a letter of interest and your CV/resume to [jessicah@nata.org](mailto:jessicah@nata.org)

Coming to Vegas?? We'd love to see you at the **COPA Networking Reception Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in Banyan B of Mandalay Bay!** Light refreshments will be served, as well as great comradery and opportunities to connect with those in your practice area or area of interest

Keep in touch with COPA all year round!

- Receive the quarterly e-blasts for the Emerging Settings – subscribe [here](#)
- Follow us on Twitter [@NATA\\_COPA](#)
- Connect on Facebook [@NATACOPA](#)
- Join the NATA Emerging Settings Athletic Trainer Group on LinkedIn [here](#)

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to the membership and District One leadership for the support since I've been involved with COPA the last four years. I'll be rolling off as the District One Chair in Vegas and am so grateful for the opportunities this service has given me. Please continue to reach out by email to [molly.g.paturzo@hitchcock.org](mailto:molly.g.paturzo@hitchcock.org) if I can be of any assistance in the future. I leave in the very capable hands of Jenn Tirillo, who I know will be an excellent representative to the District.

Look forward to seeing you in Vegas!



## NATAREF Update

Edward Lacerte, DPT, ATC, CSCS  
District One Chair

District One is well represented with the NATA Research & Education Foundation programs this year. One of the Foundation's coveted research awards, *The David H. Perrin Doctoral Dissertation Award*, has been presented to **Matthew Harkey, PhD, ATC**, who is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at University of Massachusetts Medical School.

There are 5 NATA Foundation scholarship recipients representing District One:

- Morgan Adams, Salem State University
- Julie Burland, University of Connecticut
- Steven Davi, University of Connecticut
- Casey Fusco, Quinnipac University
- Kelsey Rynkiewicz, University of Connecticut

Twenty-nine submissions from District One to the Foundation's Free Communications Program will be presented during the NATA Convention in Las Vegas, via poster, oral or rapid fire.

The NATA Research & Education Foundation is the ONLY charitable nonprofit who exists only to advance the athletic training profession. Gifts strengthen the Foundation's global efforts to support athletic training and prepare for tomorrow's educational and research needs. When Athletic Trainers support the Foundation, their investment yields great returns:

- It will ensure practical research and education programs that will benefit them personally.
- It will give them the tools necessary to provide the best care possible.
- It will meaningfully help to solidify the athletic trainer's role as the healthcare provider or choice for the physically active.

You can support the NATA Research & Education Foundation by:

- Joining the Circle of Champions, with a monthly gift, ensuring financial sustainability. No gift is too large or too small. [NATA FOUNDATION](#)
- Bidding on items in our silent auction. [SILENT AUCTION](#)
- Donating a photo daily June 16<sup>th</sup> – August 16<sup>th</sup> via the *Johnson & Johnson* Donate-A-Photo App. The NATA Foundation will receive \$1 for every photo donated (up to \$15,000). [NATA FOUNDATION](#)



## NATA GAC Update

Jamie L. Musler, LPD, ATC  
District One Chair

The NATA GAC recently announced the 2019 GAC awards winners. This year's organizational and individual honorees include:

- Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Award Class I West Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association
- Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Award Class I District of Columbia Athletic Trainers' Association
- Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Award Class II Oregon Athletic Trainers' Society
- Impact Advocacy Award - Johnnie Jo Hudgings
- **William T. Griffin Award for Outstanding Leadership in Legislative Advocacy**  
**Michael Landsberg (D1)**
- William T. Griffin Award for Outstanding Leadership in Legislative Advocacy - Rob Rehberg

All recipients will be honored at the NATA annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV

## NATA GAC Legislative Grants

We are coming to the end of a successful 2018-19 legislative grant cycle. District One state Governmental Affairs Committees were awarded over \$68,231 to support state legislative efforts.

Applications for 2019-20 discretionary grants will be accepted by the District One GAC Representative between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Matching grants will be accepted between Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> and Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information regarding NATA grants and the application process, contact [Jamie Musler](#), GAC District One Representative or [Jim Murdock](#), incoming GAC District One Representative.

## Federal Advocacy

**Coalition to Preserve Rehabilitation** - NATA recently signed a letter expressed concern that the CMS' proposal to expand the sale of health insurance across state lines through health care choice compacts would leave adults and children, particularly those with disabilities and chronic health conditions, with less comprehensive coverage, limited or no in network access to specialized care providers and higher out of pocket costs

**Health Care Professional Advisory Committee** - NATA representatives participated in the spring meeting of the American Medical Association Health Care Professionals Advisory Committee. NATA's participation in the event ensured the profession is represented in all coding and billing discussions.

**Capitol Hill Day 2019** – Eighty-one athletic trainers representing 31 states traveled to Washington, D.C. for NATA's 2019 Capitol Hill Day on April 3. Over the course of the day, athletic trainers attended more than 235 meetings with legislators and their staffs to advocate for the profession.



## LGBTQ+ AC

Jennifer Sturtevant, ATC  
District One Chair

The NATA LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee (LGBTQ+ AC) continues to fulfill our mission to advocate for an environment of inclusion, respect, equity and appreciation of differences in both Athletic Trainers and their diverse patient populations. Please check out our new professional interest group page, where you can access resources, connect with representatives and subscribe to our newsletter!

One of the most exciting things to announce is that we now have state ambassadors for each state in District One. I'm really excited to work with this group to continue to be a resource and advocate for our members. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your state ambassador with any questions!

Massachusetts: [Rob Kearney](#)

Rhode Island: [Jessica Barrett](#)

Vermont: [Kit Vreeland](#)

Connecticut: [Caitlin Chaput](#)

New Hampshire: [David Moreton](#)

Maine (2): [Anna McKeown](#) and [Laura Chandler](#)

Going to Las Vegas? We have two great sessions happening:

### Tuesday, 6/25 "LGBTQ+ Town Hall Meeting" 7pm – 9pm

Open to all who want to come, meet the committee members, hear about our mission, goals and projects and then have a social hour to network with other attendees.

### Wednesday, 6/26 "Safe Space Ally Training for Athletic Trainers" 5:15pm – 7:15pm

This will be an official safe space training. Attendees will receive a certificate and a safe space indicator to display in their facility. If you are interested in learning more about the LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee or ways you could be involved, please [email me](#).

Also, follow us on Twitter [@LGBTQNATA](#) to stay updated on what we are doing!

**NATAPAC Breakfast**  
**Tuesday, June 25**  
**7:00 - 9:00 AM**  
**South Seas H**



## NATAPAC Update

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

The NATAPAC Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 from 7:00-9:00 AM in the Mandalay Bay Hotel during the NATA 70th Clinical Symposia & AT Expo in Las Vegas. This year, Ronnie Barnes will be the breakfast keynote speaker. We are looking forward to an exciting event and hoping to see many of our District One Members in attendance! Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased during your NATA registration. By purchasing a ticket, you are making a donation to the NATAPAC to help support the future of athletic training.

If you are looking for other ways to contribute to the NATAPAC, please considering signing up for a recurring monthly gift to help make a positive difference in your profession. Visit <https://www.natapac.org> for more information about the PAC and to make a donation. Please feel free to [email me](#) at with any questions, comments, concerns, or ideas for future NATAPAC fundraisers.



## Young Professionals Committee

Dominique Ross, PhD, ATC  
District One Chair

Hello YPs!

The Young Professionals Committee is gearing up for Las Vegas and have a line-up of events we'd love for you to join.

- **Young Professionals Social:** Wed. June 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7p at the Mandalay Bay South Convention Center- Breakers J
- **NATAPAC Breakfast:** Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-9a in the Mandalay Bay Hotel.
- **NATA Foundation Pinky Newell Student Leadership and Scholarship Reception** (Reservation Required): Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30- 7:30 at the Mandalay Bay- South Seas J
- **Your Best Yes: Embracing a Life of Service and Addressing Barriers to Volunteering:** Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-12, location TBA
- **YPC Career Skills Workshop:** Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:30 at the Mandalay Bay- Oceanside G

We've also been busy working with the Student Leadership Committee on a survey to examine the needs of students and young professional members. Please be on the lookout for this survey and give us your feedback! Your thoughts and opinions will help shape our committees for the future. Thank you in advance! See you in Vegas!

## Massachusetts Forms AT PAC

The newly formed Massachusetts Athletic Trainers' Political Action Committee (MA ATPAC) would like to thank long-time athletic trainer, past president of the Athletic Trainers of Massachusetts, and former District 1 Director, Jeff Stone (center) for his years of service to the profession and for his strong support of the PAC. Also pictured are the MA ATPAC Board members, Treasurer James Daley (left), and Chairperson Scot Spak (right).



*Photo Courtesy of Chrissy Landreth/ATOM*

## District One Legislative Workshop Held at Springfield

District One sponsored a Legislative Workshop which took place on June 11 at Springfield College. The event brought state leaders in District One together to discuss legislative strategies to protect and advance the profession. The event was sponsored by District One and organized in conjunction with the CATA-GAC. Speakers were members of Gallo & Robinson, the lobbying firm that has represented the CATA for the past 10 years. We received positive feedback about the event, and hope to continue to support state associations by providing resources that will benefit both the states and our mutual members. Special thanks to Gary Morin and CATA-GAC, Sandy Snow and NHATA for providing CEUs, and Brett Winston and Sue Guyer of Springfield College for hosting us in the beautiful new Learning Commons on campus.



## Vermont City Marathon 2019

A record number of AT's (16) and AT students (20) volunteered for the People's United Vermont City Marathon. New England's second largest marathon (you know the first) took place on May 26 in Burlington, VT. Temperatures were in the mid 70's with moderate humidity. This created a challenge right off, as a thunderstorm rolled across Lake Champlain at exactly race start time, prompting the evacuation of 15,000 runners and spectators into area hotels, parking garages and churches. The EAP worked flawlessly, and the race started 45 minutes later. The Burlington EMS community has embraced best practices for treating exertional heat illness and uses ice water immersion tubs and rectal thermometry to treat and monitor patients. There were 7 exertional heat stroke cases, with approximately 200 patient interactions for the collaborative team of physicians, ATs, nurses, paramedics, and AEMTs. Congratulations to Vermont City Marathon Medical Coordinator Denise Alosa, ATC and the entire medical team in Burlington on a job well done!





## 2019 Bay State Games Medical Volunteers Needed

The 2019 Bay State Summer Games are seeking ATs and AT student volunteers to assist with medical support for events being held from July 6-27, at multiple venues in eastern and central Massachusetts. Click [HERE](#) for information.

Jack Baynes was a Hall of Fame Athletic Trainer, a friend and mentor to many and even more impressive as a person. To quote his daughter Sharon, "he was the kindest, gentlest, sweetest man ever." He helped guide countless individuals throughout his career, and as a colleague there was none better. It was an honor and a privilege to call Jack a friend, and you were a better person for it. Please join us for a day of golf to celebrate and honor his life, preserve the scholarship in his name, and continue his legacy.

# 2nd Annual Jack Baynes Memorial Golf Tournament Friday July 19th

All levels are welcome.

The tournament will be in a scramble format and limited to 27 foursomes.

The cost is \$125/golfer which covers:  
18 holes with a cart  
drinks on the course  
appetizers after the tournament

Crystal Lake Golf Club  
100 Broncos Highway  
Mapleville, RI

Schedule of Events:  
8:00AM Shotgun Start  
Appetizers, Raffle Drawing to follow

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