

DISTRICT ONE



# Notes from the Director

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

## April 2018

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## Welcome from Westy

April 2018

Dear District One Members,

It's been a busy month for all of us, and I apologize for the delay in getting this edition of the Director's Notes out to you. Last weekend, I took part in two extremely rewarding experiences in Boston. I was invited by Varshini Balasubramanian, President of the Boston University Society of Athletic Training Students (BUSATS), to speak about leadership at the Boston Marathon Conference on Sunday. The BUSATS invites athletic trainers to present topics to local and out of town AT students and faculty who come to work the Boston Marathon. I was truly amazed by the organizational structure, professionalism and teamwork that the hosting BU AT students exhibited that day. They are a true credit to their program! Special thanks to Sara Brown, Mark Laursen, Chad Clement, Larry Venis and all the BU AT staff members and host AT students for making it a truly special day (photo below).



On Marathon Monday, I had the opportunity to work as part of the medical team for the Boston Marathon, something I have talked about doing for 20 years. Team Captain Larry Venis assigned me to the chutes, where I had the opportunity to assist rain-soaked runners as they crossed the finish line. I was amazed by how many participants actually thanked me! It was a very moving time mid-afternoon, when we paid tribute to those who were affected by the tragic events of five years ago. Thanks to Diane Sartanowicz and my other AT colleagues for taking care of this "rookie" medical team member that day. Special thanks to Chris Troyanos and Brian FitzGerald for allowing me to witness all the hard work and dedication that is put forth by the medical team for this remarkable event.



I would like to encourage each of you to save the date of July 13 for a summer golf tournament to benefit 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.” This tournament will raise funds toward the endowment of the scholarship, which will go to a student in EATA District One or District Two.

From left: Westy, Diane & Mass. Governor Charlie Baker at the 2018 Boston Marathon

A final thanks to everyone for participating in National Athletic Training Month (NATM). The month was a tremendous success again this year, with many events taking place both regionally and nationally. Diane and I spent time at the Good Morning America studio in late March, as numerous AT students and ATs from Districts One and Two traveled to New York City for GMA and the Today show.



From left: Westy, District Two Director A.J. Duffy, District One Director-Elect Diane Sartanowicz, and NATA HOFer Mike Goldenberg outside the GMA studios.

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**District One Director**



## District One News

### Call for District One Student Ambassadors

Applications are being accepted for District One Student Ambassadors for the 2018-19 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 District leadership and to communicate information to their respective programs. The District One Student Ambassador Program gives students an opportunity to take on small but important leadership roles within the district, with opportunities for professional development and networking. One student from each ATP in District One is selected to represent his or her program as a District One Student Ambassador. [Click here](#) for the application. **The deadline for applications is May 15, 2018.**

### Bernier Appointed District One Student Ambassadors Mentor

Julie Bernier, EdD, ATC has been appointed as the Mentor to the District One Student Ambassadors. Bernier is currently the Graduate AT Program Director at Plymouth State University.



### Sturtevant Named to LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee

Jennifer Sturtevant has been named the District One representative to the NATA LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee. Sturtevant is currently the Athletic Training and Wellness Coordinator at Hallmark Health Systems in Medford, MA, where she also serves on the LGBTQ Diversity sub-committee.



## CATA to Receive NATA-GAC Award

The Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association has been selected to receive the Dan Campbell Class I Award from the NATA Governmental Affairs Committee. The award is in recognition of the outstanding governmental affairs work undertaken on Connecticut over the past several years, culminating in passage of an updated practice act last year. The CATA will receive the award during the State Leadership Forum in New Orleans. Congratulations to all involved in legislative activities in Connecticut, including members who supported the efforts of the CATA-GAC during the long road to passing the practice act.

## Safe School Sports Awards in District One

Congratulations our latest Safe Sports School Award recipients, all 1<sup>st</sup> Team awards!

- ❖ Belchertown High School (MA) - Amelia Phillips, ATC
- ❖ Thornton Academy (ME) - Tony Giordano, ATC
- Cohasset Middle-High School (MA) - Steve Budrick, ATC
- New Hampton School (NH) - Adam Tyson, ATC

❖ = AT received a District One grant for the Safe Sports School Award

## Volunteers Needed for Bay State Summer Games

The Bay State Summer Games are seeking medical volunteers who are willing to support the Games and donate some of their time to assist athletes from across the commonwealth. Over 6,000 athletes will compete in 27 different sports from July 6-28, at multiple venues in eastern and central Massachusetts.



Medical support for the Summer Games is provided by over 100 Physicians, Certified Athletic Trainers, EMT's, and Athletic Training Students, all of whom volunteer their time. The Bay State Games provides medical kits and basic supplies. Volunteers can select the days, times, sports, and venues with which they would like to be involved.

The Bay State Games provide medical staff with polo shirts, Bay State Games gift, lunch, and other amenities in return for volunteering. All medical volunteers will also receive free admission to the annual Boston Children's Hospital Division of Sports Medicine Micheli Medical Lecture on sports injury treatment and prevention. Continuing medical education credits are available to attendees. On-Line Volunteer registration is now open. Go to the following link for details:

<http://www.baystategames.org/summer-games-volunteers>

## Malignant Hyperthermia Association Grant Available

The Malignant Hyperthermia Association of the United States (MHAUS) is pleased to announce the establishment of an award in the amount \$1,500 to the primary author of a manuscript related to heat stroke or exercise-induced heat injury. This grant is supported by The Daniel Massik Fund at the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies in Buffalo, NY. The fund was set up by George Massik, one of the five founders of MHAUS, in memory of his son. The purpose of this award is to promote research and investigation into heat stroke and exercise-induced heat injury. The award will be given to the primary author of the best manuscript concerning heat stroke or exercise-induced heat injury. Click on the link to see the flyer:

<https://www.mhaus.org/blog/heat-and-exercise-induced-injury-daniel-massik-essay-contest/>

## EATA News



## Call for Nominations for EATA President-Elect

The position of **EATA President-Elect** is now open for nominations. Nominations will be open until September 1, 2018. The election will take place from September 15<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All nominees **MUST** be NATA members from **District One** and be in good standing. If you would like to nominate someone for this office, please complete the on-line form by September 1st. You can access the link [here](#) or by going to [www.goata.org](http://www.goata.org) and clicking on Pages/Governance, or contact Nominations Chair Barbara Hemphill at [bhemphill@govsacademy.org](mailto:bhemphill@govsacademy.org).

## National News

### NATA Early Bird Registration Closes April 30!

The early bird registration deadline for the NATA Convention closes on April 30. Make sure to [register now](#) for the discounted rate! Housing is filling up, but there are still rooms available. Click here for [housing information](#). We're looking forward to NOLA – don't miss it!



### Highlights of Recent NATA BOD Actions

- The NATA has hired a new Public Relations firm, The YGS Group. YGS will support NATA Marketing and Communications (MARCOM) with print, digital & media sales.
- Go4Ellis, an app for NATA members to assist in securing per diem work, launched a year ago. The lowest rate an AT was paid for per diem services during the first year of this NATA member benefit being offered was \$32.23/hour.
- "GATHER," a digital platform to communicate and share ideas with other NATA members, is currently being Beta-tested and will be a new member benefit when launched.
- The BOD charged the Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) & Professional Responsibility in Athletic Training (PRAT) with developing a sexual abuse education program and related resources.
- The BOD approved establishing a Third-Party Reimbursement Matching Grant Program.
- The Board of Athletic Training Specialties (BATS) is working with the Strategic Alliance on developing an Orthopedic Specialty Certificate.
- The BOD approved a networking reception in NOLA for Iota Tau Alpha, the Athletic Training Professional Honor Society.
- The BOD approved updated language to the membership standards and sanctions and ethics complaint process.



## Important Dates & Deadlines



### **Upcoming Events**

May 17, 2018: [CATA Symposium](#), Red Lion Hotel (formerly Radisson), Cromwell, CT  
May 18, 2018: [15<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Sports Medicine Conference](#), Brunswick, ME  
May 18, 2018: [NHMI Hot Topics in Sports Medicine](#), Manchester NH  
June 1-3, 2018: [Northern New England Athletic Training Conference](#),  
S. Portland, ME

### **Open now**

[District One Student Ambassador applications](#)  
[District One Grants for Safe School Sports Award](#)  
[BOC Paul Grace Leadership Award nominations](#)  
[Nominations for EATA President-Elect](#)  
[Bay State Games Medical Volunteer Registration](#)

### **Deadlines**

May 7, 2018: Deadline for nominations for BOC Paul Grace Leadership Award  
May 15, 2018: Deadline for District One Student Ambassador applications  
Sept. 1, 2018: Deadline for nominations for EATA President-Elect

### **Save the Date**

June 26-29, 2018: [NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo](#), New Orleans, LA  
July 13, 2018: Jack Baynes Scholarship Golf Tournament (9 a.m., in Central Mass.)  
July 21, 2018: 4th Annual NHATA Golf Tournament, Concord, NH  
January 10-14, 2019: EATA Annual Meeting, Valley Forge, PA



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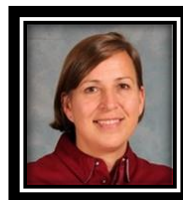
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