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

Notes from
the Director

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Dear District One Members,

We have several items of interest in this post-NATA convention edition of Notes from the Director.

District One will begin accepting applications for **D1 Safe Sports School Award grants** effective immediately. Complete details are in this edition of the Notes. There are a number of time-sensitive nomination, abstract and comment periods currently open. A full list of pertinent deadlines is included in the Notes.

The NATA convention was very successful as more than 11,000 attended, including close to 8,000 AT's, making it the second highest attended meeting, behind only Las Vegas. We had nearly 500 District One members in attendance in Baltimore, which was tremendous. We took advantage of being close to Washington, D.C., by holding NATA Capitol Hill Day during convention. The day was a smashing success, other than a couple of bus breakdowns (fortunately, not the one with the Maine and Massachusetts AT's!) We had 48 states represented by 420 members, who attended a total of 1,100 congressional staff meetings. We had several very successful meetings with our New England congressional leaders, one of which was with Senator Edward Markey from Massachusetts, who agreed to be a co-sponsor SR 83.

Our work in D.C. paid off on July 13: the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act (H.R. 921) was passed unanimously at the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee full committee markup. The bill will move to the U.S. House next. HR 921 would protect athletic trainers and other sports medicine professionals who travel to other states with an athletic team to provide care for that team. I firmly believe having 420 members on Capitol Hill last month really had a meaningful impact on our legislators.

Highlights from the District One business meeting included the following: District One officially welcomed Vicky Graham as our new District Secretary and thanked Sue Guyer for her service. Sue will continue to serve the profession as Chair of the NATA District Secretary and Treasurer's (DST) Committee. We welcomed Valerie Webber as new RIATA President and thanked outgoing President Andy Llaguno for his service and leadership through some very difficult times for the Rhode Island membership. Congrats are in order for current ATOM President Dominique (Mathieu) Ross on her new baby. Thanks Robert Colandreo for serving as Dominique's proxy in Baltimore.

Our NATA award winners are listed in this addition. I am very pleased to say that District One had great representation during the Honors and Awards program at NATA convention. This comes as no surprise to many of us, and I want to congratulate the winners once again for their hard work and dedication to our profession. Special kudos to former District One Director and Suffolk University AT Jeff Stone, the Boston Celtics' Ed Lacerte, and Plymouth State's Marjorie King, who were honored with some of the most prestigious awards of the day.

NATA award season will be open starting August 1st! I would ask that you nominate a fellow colleague for an NATA award.

Finally, please join me in congratulating our District on Quiz Bowl team of Leah Dell (University of Southern Maine), Nicholas Tilton (Keene State College), Vanessa Yolen (Central Connecticut State University), and Alternate Laura Jassowski (Plymouth State, Graduate). They gave it the good fight but lost out to the team from District 10, who took home the Eve Becker-Doyle award.

Hope everyone has a great summer and is able to spend time with family and friends. Thanks again for your support, and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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District One News



District 1 Grant Program for Safe Sports School Award

District 1 will begin accepting applications for D1 Safe Sports School Award grants on July 16, 2016. The NATA established the [Safe Sports School Award](#) in 2013, to recognize secondary schools who have implemented best practices and recommended safety standards in their athletic programs. Over 800 schools around the country have received Safe School Sports Awards to date, and 28 of those schools are in District 1. The \$150 application fee, which covers the cost of a banner that is provided to the school, is an expense that keeps some schools from applying for the award. The D1 grant will cover the **full cost of the application fee** for 18 schools in the district (three grants for each state). The application deadline is December 1, 2016. D1 Secondary School AT Committee Chair [Denise Alosa](#) and Maine President [Chris Rizzo](#) can answer any questions about the grant program.

D1 Grant Procedures and Application



safe sports school
NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION
1st Team

Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award Nominations Are Open!

Gatorade continues to support the profession, and particularly secondary school ATs, by sponsoring the Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award. The award recognizes an AT from each NATA district who "has made outstanding contributions in furthering his or her high school's athletic care program or the overall profession of secondary school athletic training." Individuals receiving the award will receive a prize pack which includes a \$1,000 grant toward the program featured in the winner's submission, numerous Gatorade products, and a full-paid trip to 2017 NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo (including flight, accommodations and registration). [Please click here for more information and to nominate a worthy colleague!](#) **The deadline for District 1 nominations is September 30, 2016.**

District 1 Members Honored at NATA Symposia in Baltimore

District 1 was well-represented when the NATA handed out awards at the 67th Annual Symposia & AT Expo last month in Baltimore. We are proud of all our honorees, who are listed below. We are especially proud that all three external awards went to D1 members this year, indicating they were recognized by those outside the profession for their outstanding accomplishments. Please extend your congratulations to your friends, colleagues, teachers and mentors for their work in advancing the profession!

External Awards:

NATA Hall of Famer, former District 1 Director, and current Suffolk University Head AT **Jeff Stone** was honored with the **2016 Gatorade Tim Kerin Award for Excellence**. The honor is awarded to an athletic trainer who embodies the "qualities of service, dedication and integrity." Without question, Stony is most deserving of this prestigious award!



Jeff Stone with Zibbie Kerin (Tim Kerin's widow)

External Awards:

Ed Lacerte, Head Athletic Trainer for the Boston Celtics received the **2016 American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine "Excellence in Athletic Training" Award**. The award is presented by AAPSM to an AT for "commitment and excellence in the field of podiatric sports medicine."



Ed Lacerte

Marjorie King, Director of Athletic Training graduate education at Plymouth State University, received the **2016 American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine Most Distinguished Service Award**. The award is presented by AOSSM to recognize "an outstanding individual whose professional accomplishments have improved the quality of professional practice in athletic training."



Marjorie King

NATA Awards:

M. Susan Guyer, Clinical Education Coordinator at Springfield College, received the **Gail Weldon Award of Excellence**, awarded by the NATA for "exceptional commitment to mentoring, professional development and life balancing for women athletic trainers or significant contributions to improve the health care of females provided by athletic trainers."



Sue Guyer with NATA President Scott Sailor

NATA Awards:

Athletic Training Service Award (ATSA) for contributions at the state and local levels:

Barbara Blackstone (ME)
John Gilmour (CT)
Vicky Graham (CT)
Kathleen Thornton (MA)

Most Distinguished Athletic Training Award (MDAT) for service and leadership activities at the national and district level:

M. Susan Guyer (MA)
R. Mark Laursen (MA)

NATA Fellow: Stephanie Mazerolle (CT)

Nominate a Deserving Colleague

Nominations for [NATA Honors and Awards](#) open August 1, 2016. Please take a moment to nominate a deserving colleague. We'd like District 1 members to continue to be recognized nationally for their leadership, service and other accomplishments.

RIATA Recognized for Legislative Advocacy

The **Rhode Island Athletic Trainers' Association** (RIATA) was honored with the NATA Governmental Affairs Committee **Dan Campbell Legislative Award**, for outstanding advocacy and legislative efforts in defending a threat to AT licensure in the state. Former RIATA President Andy Laguno led the way in working to stave off a potential crisis for ATs in the Ocean State.

Samdperil Receives BOC Honor

Sacred Heart University's **Gail Samdperil** was honored with the **BOC Dan Libera Award**, for her work with the Board of Certification.



BOC Executive Director Denise Fandel (L) and Gail Samdperil.

District 1 NATA Foundation Scholarship Winners

Jessica Barrett (University of Connecticut) - Frank George Scholarship
 Leah Dell (University of Southern Maine) - Larry "Stosh" Neumann Memorial Scholarship
 Bianca Grimshaw (Quinnipiac University) - CATA Penny Dunker-Polek Scholarship
 Yuri Hosokawa (University of Connecticut) - NATA Foundation Scholarship
 Jacob Teixeira (University of Connecticut) - Norm Mackie Memorial Scholarship
 Alex Wafer (University of Connecticut) - Rebecca Payne Memorial Scholarship

District One Bobby Gunn Award Winner

Chantel Hunter (University of Connecticut)

District 1 Committee Chair Changes

Many thanks to our outgoing Committee Chairs for their hard work on behalf of D1:

Chad Krawiec – Professional Development Committee (PDC) representative
Brian Vesci – Professional Education Committee (PEC) representative
Donald W. Bagnall - Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) representative
Jonathan P. (Jon) Reidy - Chair, Student Leadership Committee (Springfield College)
Chantel Hunter – Student Leadership Committee (University of Connecticut)

Welcome to our incoming D1 Committee Chairs:

Regina Kostyun - PDC representative
Kimberly Wise - PEC representative
Frank Mastrangelo - COPE representative
Shelby Watts - Student Leadership Committee (University of Southern Maine)

EATA Corner



EATA Nominations Open

The positions of **EATA President-Elect** and **EATA Treasurer** are open for nominations. Nominations are open until September 1, 2016. The election will be held September 15-October 7, 2016. If you would like to nominate someone for an EATA office, please complete the [on-line form](#) by September 1.

Your information will be sent to the EATA Nominations Chair, Barbara Hemphill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara at bhemphill@govsacademy.org or by phone at (978) 270-6958.

EATA Research Committee Call for Abstracts

The EATA Research Committee has issued a [call for abstracts](#) for the 2017 EATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium, January 6-9, 2017 at the Loews in Philadelphia, PA. The deadline for abstract submissions is 11:55 p.m. on October 1, 2016.

National News

FSLA Rule Change May Affect Some ATs

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FSLA) "Overtime" Final Rule was released on May 18, 2016, will take effect December 1, 2016. The rule increases the standard salary threshold under which white collar workers are eligible for overtime pay; additionally, it increases the annual salary threshold above which Highly Compensated Employees (HCE) are exempt from overtime pay. The Final Rule also establishes a mechanism for automatically adjusting these threshold rates every three years. Members are encouraged to work with their Human Resources Departments to determine how the FSLA Overtime Rule affects them. More information can be found [here](#) on the NATA website.

The CAATE Wants Your Feedback on Educational Content

The "open comment" period on the [CAATE Curricular Content Standards Draft](#) closes August 1st, 2016. According to the CAATE, "these Standards, once revised and adopted, will comprise the new content that must be taught in all professional programs." The CAATE is asking for your feedback, and this is your opportunity to provide it!

CAATE has stressed that this process is fully open, transparent and they will accept any and all comments. CAATE reiterated that the standards are in draft form and could potentially change after the process. The NATA asked its committees to provide input and comment on the standards during their respective meetings in Baltimore. Committee feedback will help shape the association's official response. **Note** that the open comment period for Operational Standards closed on July 1. Please scroll down on the CAATE web page hyperlinked above for the ongoing open comment period for the Curricular Standards Draft (deadline Aug.1, 2016).




Call for Nominations

Nominations for the NATA Foundation Board of Directors are being accepted until August 15, 2016. The nomination packet is [here](#).



Donate a Photo & Support the NATA Foundation!


J&J is donating \$1 for every photo **posted by July 31**, to the NATA Foundation. They will donate up to \$15,000! We're at just under 4000 photos (that's \$4000), so far. Put all those photos & selfies to good use! You can post a picture a day! [Download the app and get started now!](#)







You can help support the NATA Foundation with your photos.


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For every photo uploaded using the Donate a Photo app, Johnson & Johnson will donate \$1 to the NATA Foundation up to \$15,000.



How it works

-  Download the free Donate a Photo app from the App Store or Google Play
-  Select the NATA Foundation as the cause you'd like to help
-  Take a picture or use one from your phone
-  Share it! You can participate with one photo per day June 15-July 31.



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For more information, visit www.donateaphoto.com/en_US.

Recap: Important Dates & Deadlines

Open now:

[CAATE Curricular Standards Open Comment](#) period
[Nominations for NATA Foundation BOD](#)
D1 Safe Sports School grant applications
[Nominations for EATA President-Elect and Treasurer](#)
[Applications for the D1 Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award](#)
[EATA Research Committee call for abstracts](#)
[Donate a Photo to support the NATA Foundation](#)

August 1: NATA Honors & Awards nominations [open](#)

Deadlines:

July 31: **Last day** to Donate a Photo to support the NATA Foundation!
August 1: CAATE Curricular Standards Open Comment period **closes**
August 15: Nominations for NATA Foundation BOD **close**
September 15: Nominations for NATA Honors & Awards **close**
September 15: Nominations for EATA President-Elect and Treasurer **close**
September 30: Applications for the D1 Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award **close**
October 1: EATA Research abstracts **deadline** @11:55 p.m.
December 1: Applications for D1 Safe Sports School Award grants **close**

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