

NORTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

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NCATA ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

CHARLOTTE, N.C - The North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association held its annual meeting in Charlotte this past weekend in conjunction with National Athletic Training Month. The highlight of the weekend was the announcement of the annual awards presented by the association and the presentation of the Pioneers in Athletic Training award plaque and recognition.

The Pioneers in Athletic Training were those people who contributed significantly to the athletic training profession and helped spearhead the growth of athletic training in North Carolina in the 70's and 80's.

Athletic Trainer of the Year was presented in three categories:

High School - Mike Guerrero of Garner High School

College/University – Katie Walsh of East Carolina University

Clinical/Industrial – Aaron West of Carolina Family Practice and Sports Medicine

Mac Morris from Greensboro was named **Sports Medicine Person of the Year**. Morris is the Executive Director of the North Carolina Coaches Association and has been a strong supporter of athletic trainers in North Carolina. Morris and the Coaches Association annually support the NCATA Sports Medicine Symposium for Students, which is a clinic that provides a quality up-to-date educational program for secondary school students.

The Corporate Service Award was presented to **Carolina Family Practice and Sports Medicine** in Cary.

The Pioneers in Athletic Training include Herb Appenzeller, Warren Ariail, Ronnie Barnes (NY Giants), Ed Bartlett, Frank Bassett, Carl Blythe, Walter Bo, James F. Bowman, Basil Boyd, Tim Brayboy, Herman Bunch, Jim Burch, Phil Callicutt, Fred Cantler, Bill Church, Frank Clippinger, Rod Compton, Jack Cramer, Tom Couch, Max Crowder, Walt Curl, Otho Davis, Dave Diamont, Mary Edgerly, Bob Edwards, Bob Etheridge, Bert Fields, Frank Freeman, Paul Grace, Larry Graham, Chester Grant, Sally Gulley, David Harris, Dan Hooker, Fred Hoover, Hornsby Howell, Senator David Hoyle, Jim Hundley, Former Governor James B. Hunt, Monte Hunter, Skip Hunter, Tracy James, Bob Jamieson, Tyson Jennette, David Johnston, Ron Kanoy, John Lacey, Robbie Lester, Roland Logan, Thomas Lutz, Terry Malone, David Martin, Lewis "Doc" Martin, Charles McCreight, Merle McIntosh, Representative Ed McMahan, Michael McWhorter, Terry Middleswarth, Fred Mueller, Glenn Perry, Craig Phillips, Rod Poindexter, Bill Prentice, Al Proctor, Percy Quinlan, Ray Rhodes, Jay Robinson, George Roevere, Robert

Scott, Sue Halstead Shapiro, Craig Sink, John Spiker, Tim Taft, Henry “Buddy” Taylor, Rod Walters, John Wells and Steve Yates. Attending the recognition luncheon were Ariail, Barnes, Brayboy, Bunch, Callicutt, Curl, Diamant, Edgerly, Harris, Hooker, Hoover, Hunter, James, Kanoy, Proctor, Shapiro, Walters and Yates. Mrs. Betty Boyd was in attendance for her late husband, Dr. Basil Boyd.

Other awards presented included the longevity awards. Ten-year recipients include Vickie Biagini, Susan Edkins, Michael Flicker, Joseph Geck, Jean Genova, Matthew Gibbons, Joshua Herman and Bryan Housand, Jerome Isear, Miles Kliewer, Michael Sharp, Timothy Shore, Diane Stephenson and Dan Tarara.

Fifteen-year award recipients were Dan Hensley, Brad Mishler, Jonathan Schner and Jamie Warwick.

Twenty-year award recipients were presented to Tom Bartik, Lynn Bundy, Keith Luxton, Randy Pridgen and Debbie Sherman.

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