

NCATA Sports Medicine Symposium for Students **Randy Pridgen MS, LAT, ATC**

The NCATA Sports Medicine Symposium for Students was held July 17-20 at Greensboro College. This summer's symposium was another success! We had 101 students from five different states attend this summer. Students attended from North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, Tennessee and Ohio.

We started our symposium with the second annual college fair during registration. Thirteen schools participated in this year's event including Barton College, Catawba College, Gardner-Webb University, Greensboro College, Guilford College, Lees-McRae College, Lenoir Rhyne College, Mars Hill College, Methodist College, NC Central University, UNC-Pembroke, Western Carolina University and Wingate University. Representatives from each school displayed admissions material during registration and were able to visit with students and parents attending the symposium.

Our teaching staff included **Greg Calone** (Elon University), **Mary Jones** (Campbell University), **Hugh Harling** (Methodist College), **Joe Ferraro** (Duke University), **Kim Keeley** (Gardner-Webb University), **Robin Kennel** (Mars Hill College), **Rob Dingle** (Catawba College) and **Heather Hartsell** (Barton College). Guest instructors included **Doug Black** (Duke University Sports Medicine), **Bob Casmus** (Catawba College), **Michelle Lesperance** and **B.C. Liscombe** (Greensboro College). Our guest speaker this year was **Mary Broos** from Guilford College.

Our counselors included **Jayne Beacham**, **Heather Byrd**, **Sara Fleming** (Barton College), **Jeff Smith**, **Mario Zaldivar** (Catawba College), **Ashley Carson**, **Aaron Johnson** (Lees McRae College) and **Amanda Upchurch** (East Carolina University).

Our administrative staff included **Katie Hanes** of Greensboro College and a long-time friend of the Sports Medicine Symposium for Students, **Zack McNeil** of Scotland High School.

At the conclusion of our symposium, we presented our annual awards to four very deserving students. The winner of the Bob Jamieson Student Assistant in Athletic Training Award was **Adam Wall** from Southeast Raleigh High School. The AI Proctor Student Assistant in Athletic Training Award was presented to **Ashley Badger** of Cary High School. The Shrine Bowl selections were **Ali Burcham** of North Davidson High School and **Brandon Dixon** of Green Hope High School.

Our symposium could not function without the staff, counselors and generous support from our sponsors. Sponsors who provided monetary contributions to our symposium included Murphy-Wainer Orthopedics (Division of Southeastern Orthopedics, Greensboro), Southeastern Orthopedics (Dr. Kevin Speer, Raleigh) North Carolina Coaches Association, Orthopedics East (Greenville), Raleigh Orthopedics and Rehab Specialist, Sports and More Physical Therapy (Flo Moses, Raleigh) and Dr. Robert Satterfield (Wilson Orthopedics Surgery and Neurology Center). Each of these sponsors generously provided monetary gifts ranging from \$200-\$2500.

Our sponsors who helped us with supplies for the symposium this year included Medco Supply (Matt Deeringer), Andover Products, School Health (John Miller), CFA Medical (Will Partin), Gatorade, Powerade, BioFreeze, Creative Custom Products, Performance Health Incorporated, Tape-O, Parker Laboratories, Kendall, Mueller, DonJoy, Board of Certification, Tylenol, Diversa Products, Amerisport, SAM Medical, Ambra Le Roy Medical Products, Bushwalker Bags and BSN-Medical. Please thank these vendors for helping make our symposium a huge success.

On behalf of the NCATA Sports Medicine Symposium for Students and the NCATA, I want to extend a very special thank you to all sponsors for their generosity and support. I would like to extend a very special thank you as well to Greensboro College for allowing us to come to their beautiful campus.

Next summer's symposium is tentatively scheduled for July 16-19, 2007 at Greensboro College so mark those calendars! We had an exciting time and it was great to see our numbers increase this year from the previous years. We would like to continue to see our numbers increase, so please promote our symposium to your students! If you have comments or suggestions regarding the symposium, please address those to Randy Pridgen at Barton College or contact your District Director. Please make your students aware of this worthwhile event and help us help you!