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LIFESAVERS RECOGNIZED AT NC ATHLETIC TRAINERS CONFERENCE

Wrightsville Beach, NC- North Carolina Athletic Trainers Association honored 8 certified athletic trainers at their annual awards ceremony, on March 5, 2022, for their participation in actions that saved the lives of 7 individuals in North Carolina this past year. On average, 1-2 athletic trainer lifesavers have been reported to the NCATA in a calendar year. This recognition of their heroism has highlighted the need for qualified healthcare providers at all events, not just football games. Certified athletic trainers are uniquely qualified for on-field management of acute injuries and illnesses as well as traditional evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation of sports related injuries and conditions. All seven athletes had cardiac emergencies. All had positive outcomes due to the specialized training and rehearsed emergency action plans of the athletic trainers. The following individuals were recognized:

***Stefanie Jo Mansfield** of Pinehurst was covering for a local private high school when a senior student went unresponsive. CPR and AED was performed to resuscitate the athlete.

***Eric Hall ATC** of Cary High School assisted in a save for a spectator at the Wake County Cheerleading Championships by assisting a Cary police officer, who was performing CPR, in applying the AED to the spectator.

***Stephen Borchik** of UNC-Greensboro successfully resuscitated a basketball player after collapsing after conditioning and went into cardiac arrest.

***Katie Hanes-Romano** of Atrium Health was working at Atkins HS in Winston-Salem when a soccer player collapsed at practice. She administered CPR and the AED while waiting for EMS to arrive. Because of her actions, this athlete is alive and well today.

***Frank Sanchez and Morgan Krout** of Pinecrest HS saved the life of a cross country runner from Jack Britt HS. CPR was performed on site and the athlete was placed on a ventilator at the hospital, eventually recovering.

***Makayla Lawlar** of Jack Britt HS successfully saved the life of a student-athlete in October of 2021. After coming back from football practice, she was alerted to an incident in the gym where a basketball player collapsed. She started CPR and used the AED to help save this athlete's life.

***Stacy B. Davis** of Alexander Central HS was covering football workouts when she took action with an athlete who was slowly diminishing with response to her. She began CPR and her quick actions in activating EMS and her emergency preparedness helped save that athlete's life.

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