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North Carolina Athletic Trainers Association Selects Petschauer and Rehbock for the 2022 Hall of Fame

North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association (NCATA) inducted Meredith Petschauer, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and James Rehbock, retired into its prestigious Hall of Fame during the annual Clinical Symposium and Business Meeting in Wrightsville Beach on March 5th, 2022.

The NCATA Hall of Fame is the highest honor an athletic trainer can receive. Honorees exemplify the mission of NCATA through significant contributions that enhance the quality of health care provided by athletic trainers and advance the profession. Since inducting its first class in 2000, only 27 other athletic trainers have been inducted into the NCATA Hall of Fame.

Meredith Petschauer has spent her entire career at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill where she currently serves as a teaching professor, Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Exercise and Sports Science, and Director of Undergraduate Research and Honors Program. Petschauer also serves as the head athletic trainer for the UNC women's volleyball team. Petschauer's leadership has been instrumental in the development of athletic training and exercise and sports science students at UNC. She has been recognized several times for excellence in teaching, including the Scholar Athlete Impactful Faculty Member (2017), Johnson Teaching Excellence Award (2014), Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching (1999, 2014, 2018) and the NCATA Educator of the Year in (2013). Professionally, Petschauer has been very active on the national, regional and state levels. She served on the Professional Education Committee for the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA), a site visitor for the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Symposium and Business Meeting Planning Committee, NCATA Professional Development Chair and most recently elected as the incoming NCATA Vice-President elect. Petschauer is a revered author involved in many publications and abstracts for the betterment of athletic training education. Petschauer has dedicated her life and service to the students she has taught and the athletes she has served while at UNC. She continues to have an immeasurable impact on the growth and development of the athletic training profession through her leadership and service. Petschauer has been a very active member of the faculty at UNC. She has served on many committees across the college of arts and sciences as well as in her department. Service to the profession of athletic training, the university and her community are important components of her life. Petschauer graduated from The College of Wooster (Ohio) with a Bachelor of Arts in Sports Medicine/Pre-Physical Therapy in 1993. She received her Masters of Arts degree in Physical Education, Exercise and Sports Science, Specialization in Athletic Trainer (1996) and her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Exercise and Sports Science with an emphasis in biomechanics (2006). She and her husband Greg have two children, Madison and Grant.

James Rehbock has come full circle since entering the athletic training profession in North Carolina. Rehbock is best known for his time at NC State University during the Valvano years working side-by-side with Jim Valvano on his bench as his athletic trainer. Rehbock is currently retired after many years of dedicated service to the student-athletes at the collegiate and high school levels where he has faithfully served. He started his career in athletic training as a graduate assistant at James Madison University and took his first full-time position at the University of Arkansas in 1979. After a year in Arkansas, Rehbock moved back to begin a 12-year stint at NC State University, serving the first six years as an assistant and moving to the Coordinator of Sports Medicine position his last six years there. He primarily worked men's basketball and was a part of the 1983 men's basketball national championship team. After leaving NC State, Rehbock spent the next two years furthering his education becoming a Physician's Assistant. He spent the next 4 years as a physician assistant in NC and in Florida. Rehbock spent the next 10 years in Florida serving in several public relations, sales, and medical management positions. Once again, Rehbock moved back to NC serving as an outreach athletic trainer through Select Medical and OrthoNC. He has a passion for governmental affairs and has supported the NCATA with his interests. In retirement, Rehbock serves as a medical observer for the Atlantic Coast Conference in football. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Physical Education (1997) from Bridgewater College. He received his Masters of Science in Health Education in Health Education from James Madison University (1998) and a Masters of Science, Physician Assistant, from the University of Detroit-Mercy in 1994. He and his wife Pam reside in Raleigh.

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About NCATA: North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association

Athletic trainers are healthcare professionals who specialize in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries and sport-related illnesses. They prevent and treat chronic musculoskeletal injuries from sports, physical and occupational activity, and provide immediate care for acute injuries. Athletic trainers offer a continuum of care that is unparalleled in health care. The North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports 1,500 members of the athletic training profession. For more information, visit www.ncathletictrainer.org

