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President's Message



Greetings Fellow AT's:
Finally, the temperature is beginning to warm up a little and Spring sports are in high gear. Hopefully you will have a successful, injury free spring season.

The NCATA Spring Awards & Symposium meeting was held March 18th & 19th at UNC-Charlotte campus. A big "Thanks" to Jim Bazluki, Bret

Wood, Sharon Roger, Craig Eilbacher and the program development committee for putting together a great program. If you were unable to attend, you surely missed some excellent topics and speakers.

The student attendance was up again at this meeting and I greatly appreciate those who attended. Western Carolina students again had an excellent turnout with over 60 students out of the 96 total student attendees. Congratulations to all those that received an award at our Annual Awards Luncheon. All were very well-deserved winners.

The NCATA has recently partnered with the NC Sports Hall of Fame in Raleigh. On Sunday February 26th the NCATA participated in a ribbon cutting of "Athletic Training and Sports Medicine Display" at the NC Museum of History. This display will be open to the general public from February 26 through April 16, 2017. For more information, please visit the [website](#).

The NCATA membership was well represented by an exceptional number of athletic trainers present for this event. The NCATA Hall of Fame members were also recognized at the event and participated in the ribbon cutting.

Thanks to Nina Walker, Kevin King, Bobby Guthrie and the PR committee for putting together a great event.

Kevin King and the PR committee also did to an excellent job putting together the St. Patrick's Day Parade NCATA float along with the Discovery Place Sports Medicine Day event. Things have been very busy during NATM.

The NCATA Board of Directors continues to work with our lobbyists, NC Department of Public Instruction, NCBATE and the NC High School Athletic Association in order to continue to build stronger partnerships. Please continue to support these groups as we prepare for the upcoming legislative session. There are several legislative issues facing our professions one of which includes our right to maintain licensure in NC. If asked for a "Call to Action", please be prepared to step up and contact your local legislators. Thanks to Dan Duffy and Ashley Long for their hard work keeping eyes on the legislative bills affecting our profession

Thanks for your continued dedication and hard work for the athletes and individuals you as athletic trainers care for each and every day.

Respectfully,
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A Message from the Secretary

Jim Bazluki, MAEd, LAT, ATC

Wow!! What an incredible start to a year for the NCATA on several fronts. I couldn't be more proud of the members of the association for their hard work, dedication and willingness to get involved.

From the business side of athletic training, I would like to extend my thanks to our governmental affairs committee for their continued diligence in keeping up with the happenings in Raleigh and being proactive in addressing several situations that could have greatly impacted the profession in a negative way. While these issues are still ongoing – we are working with the sponsors and stakeholders to address our concerns.

As National Athletic Training month came to a close, I was astonished as I looked back at all the events across the state we held coordinated by our Public Relations Committee. In addition to the contests, facebook, twitter, instagram, etc posts, the NCATA opened a freaking Museum Exhibit!!! I have never heard of this anywhere in the country, but our committee pulled it off and it was a great exhibit. There was a float in the largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the state, a daylong "science of athletic training" exhibit at Charlottes Award winning Discovery Place and NCATA members attended a local radio station tour to learn about being better media advocates.

The NCATA hosted its annual spring meeting on the campus of UNCC. It was a great meeting with very nice facilities. The strong program put on by the education committee was capped off by a unique social in which the membership was hosted by Hendrick Motor Sports and was given an exclusive back stage tour of the race shops. I would also like to give a shout out to all the award winners who were recognized during the meeting. All richly deserve the recognition and to have it be in front of their peers.

On a personal note – I would like to thank the membership for their continued support of the association. We are always looking for volunteers to serve and work on committees. We are looking for nominations for awards to recognize those who deserve it in your local areas. We will be holding elections this fall for NCATA President and Secretary. While I will not be seeking an additional term as secretary, I will be running for office in hopes to continue my service to the NCATA.

Continued success and safety with your spring sports!



Your Protection is Our Priority

National Athletic Training Month is held every March in order to spread awareness about the important work of athletic trainers.

Click [HERE](#) to view all the NATM 2017 activities in North Carolina.

The NCATA Leadership Institute

We would like to congratulate our most recent class of Leadership Fellows who have met the requirements for successful completion of the institute. They include:

Julie Burton	Danny Enrique
Trent Hayes	Lindsey Schroeder
Corrie Struble	Brian Wheeler

They join a strong group of alumni that continue in service and advancement of the athletic training profession. Applications for the next class will close November 1, 2017. More information on this professional opportunity can be found at the NCATA website by clicking on "About Us", then "Leadership Institute."

Email Ashley Long at ashleylong111@gmail.com with additional questions.

NCATA PR Committee

Nina Walker, MA, ATC, CSCS

Kevin King, MA, ATC

Co-Chairs

Hello Colleagues!

Your NCATA PR Chairs are big smiles after an amazing PR effort during National Athletic Training Month. Please enjoy all of the wonderful pics and videos from our events all over the state. Visit our [website](#) and social media for photo albums of the events. Thanks so much to our volunteers that have made these events so special we couldn't have done it without you. Special thanks to our friends from University of South Carolina who came up for the Parade!! We are so excited about some of the new partnerships this month has created with the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame and the Omar Carter foundation to name a few. Please continue to be diligent about following and sharing our social media and promoting positive stories about athletic training online. Every profession has it challenges, let make sure the public is seeing the best we have to offer! Enjoy a wonderful Spring Season and keep sharing all the great work you are doing.



Nina Walker and Kevin King

ATNCPAC Update

Mark White MS, ATC, LAT

ATNCPAC Director

First, I would like to thanks everyone that donated to the ATNCPAC the weekend of our NCATA State Meeting in Charlotte. Thanks for supporting the ATNCPAC with your dollars. There are fewer and fewer opportunities to meet face to face to provide support for your PAC. I strongly encourage you to take a moment and donate today. Those of you that would like to donate please click on the link below for a form to do so.

Your ATNCPAC donations at work.

The ATNCPAC along with the Governmental Affairs Committee were very active in 2016.

These committees worked diligently to educate legislators and the public regarding the importance of state licensure for athletic trainers. State licensure for athletic trainers is a means to ensure the public that qualified healthcare providers, working under a defined scope of practice are being regulated by the state. As law makers investigate the future of state licensure, it is imperative that we continue to work in 2017 to educate legislators regarding our role healthcare in N.C. 2017 begins a new two year legislative session in N.C. A new session in the general assembly brings some new legislators from the November 2016 election; as well as new laws and amendments to existing laws. Our work to educate legislators and the public about our profession will be imperative in 2017. Your donations do make a difference for you, our profession and our patients throughout the state.

Again, take a moment and click on [HERE](#) to support your PAC.



NCATA 2017 Award Winners



NCATA 2017 AWARDS

The most prestigious of the awards was the presentation of the **Bill Griffin Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer**, which was presented to **Dan Duffy** for his extensive work with legislative affairs.

Athletic Trainer of the Year was presented in four categories:

- **Secondary Schools** - Courtney Bunch Phelps, Currituck County High School
- **Secondary Schools Outreach** – Stephanie Bowman Sousa, Carolina's Healthcare System at Myers Park High School
- **Clinic/Emerging Practices** – Meghan Fulton, Sport Clubs at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- **College/University** – Brandon Auton, Catawba College

The **Educator of the Year Award** was presented to **Jim Bazluki** of **University of North Carolina at Charlotte**.

James Kirby II from Greensboro was named **Sports Medicine Person of the Year**. Kirby is a certified athletic trainer with **Pardee Hospital** which is part of UNC Health Care Systems and serves as a lead Athletic Trainer. He has been an integral part in the employment of other athletic trainers in not only the high schools but also the middle schools.

Architech Sports of Charlotte was recognized with the **Corporate Service Award**.

The **Presidential Scholarship for Leadership** was presented to **Katy Rogers**, **University of North Carolina at Wilmington**.

The **Hall of Fame Scholarship for Academic Excellence** was presented to **Lindsey Honkomp**, at **Appalachian State University**.

The **Lifesaver Recognition** was given to **Stephen Digh ATC** of Tuscola HS and **Jennifer Frey ATC** of Pisgah HS worked together to revive the head soccer referee who had collapsed of an apparent heart attack

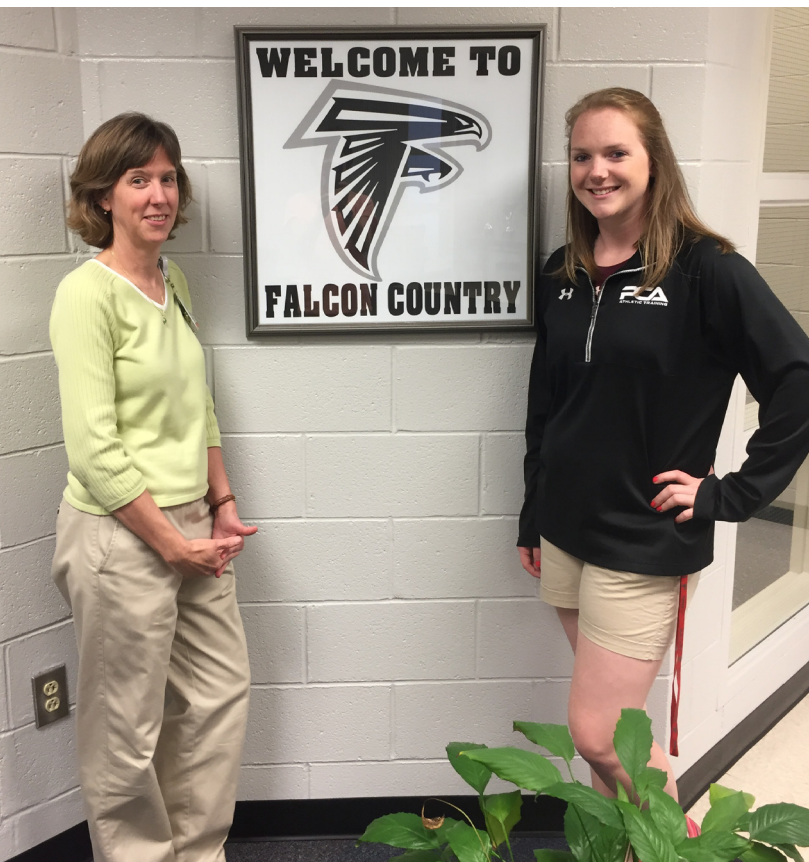
The NC Collegiate Athletic Training **Quiz Bowl** was held with eleven teams participating representing colleges across the state. The schools participating were Appalachian State University, Campbell University, Catawba College, Greensboro College, High Point University, Lenoir Rhyne, Methodist, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro and Western Carolina. **UNC-Chapel Hill** team of Destinee Grove, **Courtney Martin**, and **Leslie Sierra- Arevalo** were victorious and will be representing North Carolina at the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers Association District Athletic Training Quiz Bowl in Virginia Beach in May.

To view pictures of all the winners, please click [HERE](#).

14th Annual Athletic Training Student Assistant Olympics



ABOVE: Cary High School hosted the 14th Annual Athletic Training Student Assistant Olympics in February 2017. This annual event focuses on high school students with an interest in Sports Medicine or the medical field to learn about Athletic Training. The day consisted of short presentations by medical professionals, guest speakers, and a knowledge, skills, and taping competition between other area Wake County high schools. The goal is to promote Athletic Training in a fun and positive way by having students meet and work together. Congratulations to Cary High School for winning this year



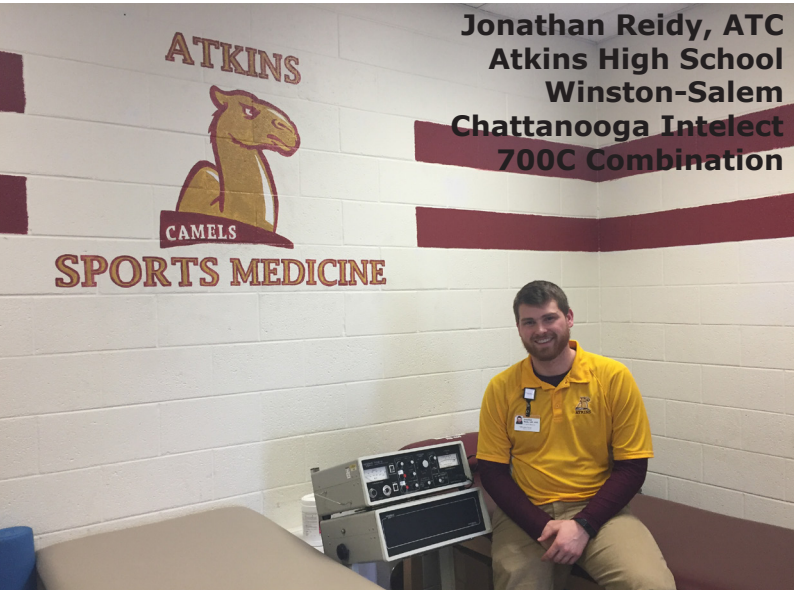
ATs Giving Back

Jennifer Spaugh, LAT, ATC partnered with the school nurse at South Central High School in Winterville, NC to organize a fundraiser to support an athlete hospitalized with a life-threatening prolonged illness. Their campaign raised more than \$1500.00 to be used for medical expenses. Spaugh shared, "Words can't explain how amazing it was to see an entire school rally around one student."

I am so impressed by this graduate student who took such interest in her school and its athletes, and built such a strong relationship with the school's nurse. This effort is above-and-beyond her duties and worthy of recognition but especially this month! #NATM2017



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