



NCATA 2022 Awards Winners

Renee Adamonis- Edward Block Scholarship, Jim Bazluki-HOF, Nina Walker MDAT,
Ray Davis- HOF, Jenna Tomlinson-Edward Block Scholarship



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nina Walker, MA, LAT, ATC

Dearest Colleagues,

Hope you are able to see the light at the end of the tunnel as the warmer weather approaches and the pollen decreases. We have had a wonderful quarter of conferences, awards, advocacy, and fellowship. It has been wonderful to see your faces in person. We have

enjoyed celebrating some great ATs and wanted to continue to congratulate our newest MAATA Hall of Famers **Jim Bazluki** and **Ray Davis**. We were also able to attend the NC Sport Hall of Fame Banquet and see one of our own **Ronnie Barnes** from the NY Giants get inducted for all the work he has done for the profession. It was very special since he is the only practicing AT to be honored this way.

We were able to re-release our beer "Wheat Keep you Berry Safe" at Armored Cow Brewing this weekend and share it with our MAATA family. We were also able to share info cards with the public from AT your own risk and encourage them to learn about what we do. It was a really fun campaign. If you are in the Charlotte area pick some up, they are sold in 4s or by the case.

Hope to see you in person at the NCATA conference in Philly, but if you are not able to do so please register for the online version. We all know how stressful it is to do it at the last minute, commit yourself this year to get them done early and really focus your learning on things that you don't know much about, maybe even dislike a little (cough cough modalities). Let's all commit to learning something new and strengthen our weaknesses not our strengths.

Please also make sure you head over to the [MAATA website](#) and check out the PowerPoint describing the potential changes to the dues. There is a survey at the end so you can vote and comment. Your voice is important, our Directors will vote according to our wishes and ask the questions that we have, so go and vote. Password can be found in Director Flanagan's email.

Last but not least a really special thanks to our hard-working governmental affairs committee (**Dan Duffy and Ashley Long**) that

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Since 1974, the NCATA has served to support athletic trainers, to promote and advance the profession of athletic training in North Carolina. The NCATA is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association (District 3) and the National Athletic Trainers' Association.



was able to quickly put together multiple sites for legislator visits as we were educating committee members who were potentially voting about our licensure. Thanks to the ATs that hosted and visited the legislators. It means a lot to them and us; so they can see what we really do.

Have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you in Philly!!

Thanks for the honor of being your President.

All my best,
Nina

Ronnie Barnes Inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame

NCATA Leadership was honored to not only be able to attend the banquet this year but also celebrate one of their own. Ronnie Barnes, senior vice-president for medical services, working for the Giants, was inducted for his achievements as an athletic trainer and leader in the NFL. Wilson, NC native he has paved the way for so many, a great night celebrating him with his NC family and entire Giants organization. Read about him and the other outstanding Inductees. [MORE HERE](#)



L to R: Lovie Tabron, Kevin King, Ronnie Barnes, Katie Walsh Flanagan, Nina Walker

NC ATs Meet with Legislators

Natalie Murdock visited UNC-CH on Thursday, 3/31. She toured the research labs and athletic training clinic. Visited for about 2 hours and left with knowledge about how ATs help athletes but also general public, as she learned about researchers work on osteoarthritis prevention and concussion work with the military.



Sen. Jeff Jackson visited Carolina Panthers medical facilities on Monday, 4/4. He toured the facility and learned from Head Athletic Trainer **Kevin King** about safety and NCATA initiatives.

Sen. Joyce Waddell had a surprise visit with **Jacqui Frithsen** at Ardrey Kell High School (Charlotte, Atrium Health) on Monday, 4/4. She arrived after school and saw a true scene of a day in the life of an athletic trainer. Sen. Waddell took a couple of pictures and seemed interested and enlightened by the role of the athletic trainer.

Each encounter we have with our legislators is special, please let us know if you are interested in hosting. It's great to have relationships before we need help fighting. Advocacy is every day.

L to R: Nina Walker- President, Meredith Petschauer-Vice President, Senator Natalie Murdock, Ashley Long-Governmental Affairs

Congrats to NC MAATA Award Winners!!

Wonderful year for North Carolina at the MAATA award ceremony, we Inducted 2/2 Hall of Famers, 2/4 of Scholarships went to NC and 1/3 of the MDAT. A wonderful testament to the outstanding work NC ATs do for the state, district and NATA. We are so proud of the legacy that these leaders and leaving for the younger professionals. Get involved! We will see your picture here soon. Nominations will be available in Aug. Who is up next?

*Pictured 2022 Hall of Fame
Jim Bazluki and Ray Davis*



Night of Life Celebration

The NCATA hosted a Night of Life Celebration open to the public with targeted invitations to NC stakeholders. The night was dedicated to hearing the stories directly from ATs and survivors of catastrophic events, and how valuable the presence of ATs are in these situation. Links to the full presentation and panel can be found on [our youtube channel](#) and are linked [on our website](#). Enjoy our trailer for the event for an idea of how it went. We hope to see you at our next event. [Trailer](#)



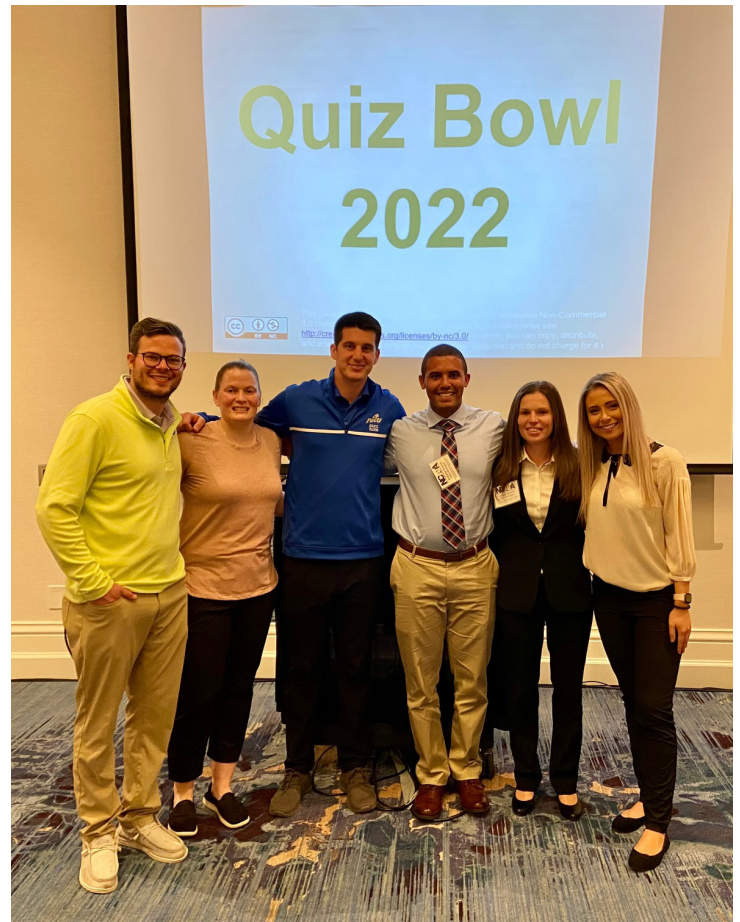
NCATA Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to this year's quiz bowl team winner from UNC Wilmington. Due to UNCW's graduation being the same weekend as MAATA, the team from UNC Greensboro represented NC at the MAATA student quiz bowl. Thank you to the volunteers who made the quiz bowl possible!

If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the volunteer form found [here](#).

Educator's Information

The NATA Education Advancement Committee is offering a Continuing Professional Development in Educational Scholarship Grant. More information and the application can be found [here](#). It is due June 13th. ATEC 2022 will be held virtually this fall. Proposals are due by May 22 and more information can be found [here](#).



Secondary School Information

Did you know that NCATA offers a grant for those applying for the NATA Safe School Award?! The [grant](#) is available to qualifying members as long as funds are available and are given on a first come first serve basis. Also, if you haven't filled out ATLAS yet, please do so [here](#).



MAATA Survey

The NATA Board of Directors will vote in June at NATA on a fee increase (up to \$30) as there has not been an increase in a decade. Please review the information posted on the member's section of the MAATA website (www.maata.org) as it lists the many things your association has done for our members, and why an increase is needed. There is a survey asking members their thoughts on how your Director should vote for D3 in June. The survey closes on Friday, May 20th at 4:00 EST.

NATA - ICSM UPDATE

In Loving Memory of Tracy D'Errico

1/11/1988-5/6/2020



The North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association has gifted a tribute to Tracy Yoshikawa D'Errico. A tribute bench is being constructed and placed within the JC Raulston and will contain a plaque with the following inscription:

In Love, Adoration and Appreciation of Tracy (Yoshikawa) D'Errico
Beloved Wife, Daughter, Friend, and Athletic Trainer of East Carolina and NC State University



Always demonstrating an unrelenting level of Strength, Pure Love for others, Teamwork, and Compassion

"I know for certain that we never lose the people we love"

Members of the NATA-ICSM, representing all levels of collegiate athletics are currently working together to develop and complete a "Bias Response Action Plan" resource template. The purpose of the Action Plan template is to provide awareness and identify resources on campuses for student-athletes in association with negative communication and/or actions experienced pertaining to bias, social and DEIA-related issues.

Chairs of each level of the NATA-ICSM will be meeting the week of May 16th to review current projects and plan future projects. The ICSM will identify relevant, timely issues in the field of athletic training and collaborate with various organizing bodies of collegiate and intercollegiate athletics to improve student athlete safety, well-being and healthcare by influencing policy and providing resources. Links below provide contact information for individuals you may contact if you have questions or would like the ICSM to consider projects you feel are important to the membership.

[Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine-Division I](#)

[Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine-Division II](#)

[Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine-Division III](#)

[Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine-NAIA](#)

[Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine-Two Year Institutions](#)

2022 NCATA LifeSavers

After coming back in from football practice **Makayla Lawler** was alerted to an incident in the gym (basketball workouts). An athlete collapsed and Makayla provided CPR and applied an AED that helped save the athlete's life.

In August of 2021 Stacy B Davis was covering football workouts as usual when she took lifesaving action to an athlete who was slowly diminishing in response. He was sweating profusely and his breathing was becoming labored. She decided to activate EMS and her quick actions and the care she provided helped save the athlete's life.

During the Wake County Cheerleading Competition at Green Hope High School, a spectator began to feel ill. He left the gym and went into the hallway where he collapsed. Officer Brian L. Smith of the Cary Police Department witnessed the collapse and responded to the victim. He activated EMS and started performing chest compressions. **Eric Hall**, athletic trainer from Cary High School who was working the event, was summoned and assisted Officer Smith by applying the AED (automated external defibrillator). After the AED analyzed the patient, "no shock was advised" and moments later, the spectator regained consciousness and was transported to the local hospital.

Stephen Borchik, UNCG, was present on Dec 30, 2021 when a male basketball player collapsed after the conclusion of conditioning. While the SA initially was breathing and had a pulse, the situation quickly changed and Stephen activated our EAP with the assistance of our S&C coach, James Diaz. While Stephen attached the AED and began CPR, Athletic Training Student, Kinley McKay arrived to assist. Stephen performed multiple cycles of CPR (including shocks with the AED) to the SA who began breathing again on his own just prior to EMS taking over care. He was transported to the ED shortly thereafter and was responsive to paramedics prior to being taken to the ambulance. James and Kinley assisted by gathering the necessary equipment and supplies to aid in carrying out the EAP. The SA was released from the hospital 5 days later and has since returned to school. While he will no longer play sports, he will remain an important part of

the team.

Morgan Krout and **Frank Sanchez** saved the life of Juliette Suh, a cross country runner for Jack Britt HS during a meet. She collapsed near the finish line. They began chest compressions and activated EMS. The athlete was taken to hospital where she was placed on a ventilator and recovered. She went on to have a defibrillator implanted. Suh's mother credits Sanchez and Krout for saving her life.

On 3/2/21, **Katie Hanes-Romano**, a Wake Forest Baptist Health Athletic Trainer and the Head Athletic Trainer at Atkins High School in Winston-Salem, NC was leaving the athletic training room to get the golf cart and head to a WLAX game when she was summoned to the baseball field by two soccer players who stated that one of their teammates had passed out. As she began running towards the baseball field, another soccer player said that the player was unconscious and not breathing. The athlete was lying in centerfield of the baseball field and Head JV Soccer coach, Dylan Collier, was performing CPR. The athlete was unresponsive except for gurgling sounds. She asked if anyone had called 911 and two of the Varsity players were on the phone with EMS at that point. She checked his pulse and it was absent. She got the AED ready to use. She turned the AED on and applied the pads to his chest. She followed the instructions and stood clear while his rhythm was analyzed and a shock was advised. One shock was given from the AED, and she began compressions. Then EMS arrived and took over care. The athlete was placed on a stretcher, alert, and responsive and placed into the ambulance. He was transported to WFBH Brenner's Children's Hospital and was released.

Stephanie Jo Mansfield was covering last minute for a local private high school basketball game when a senior athlete became unresponsive. CPR was performed and an AED applied to resuscitate the athlete who was sitting up and asking questions by the time EMS arrived. He was transported to the hospital along with the AED which showed he had gone into atrial fibrillation before the shock was advised. A defibrillator was inserted a few days later.

NCATA Honors and Awards

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO NOMINATE

We have so many Certified Athletic Trainers' and other Healthcare Providers/Organizations that are well deserving of honors and awards...Don't Delay...Nominate Today. Nominations are due on January 1st, 2023.

NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Presidential Award:

This award recognizes any business, medical practices, organizations or individual that have supported healthcare services above and beyond the expected in support of athletic trainers and the athletic training community.

AT Service Award

This award recognizes NCATA members for their service and contributions to the athletic training profession. ATSA recipients are involved in the local and state associations, community organizations and other services that represent the AT profession.

Bill Griffin Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award

This award recognizes NCATA members who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to leadership, service, advocacy and professional activities as an athletic trainer. The DAT recognizes NCATA members who are involved in service and leadership activities at the state, district and national level.

To nominate someone today visit [HERE](#).

Want to highlight an athletic trainer, organization, business for all they are doing in the community. Email [@ncatahonorsandawards@gmail.com](mailto:ncatahonorsandawards@gmail.com) Let's continue to highlight all the great things that our healthcare professionals are doing.

NCATA Scholarships

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

The NCATA offers three College scholarships (@ \$1,500 per) for current athletic training students enrolled at a college or university in North Carolina.

To be eligible for consideration of an NCATA scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Be a current member of the NCATA, applicant must provide a copy of current NATA membership card
2. Be currently enrolled in a CAATE accredited professional athletic training education program (ATEP) in North Carolina
3. Must have earned a minimum of 2.5 overall GPA, and a 3.0 in ATEP courses
4. Three letters of recommendation from the following sources:
 - ATEP Director
 - LAT, ATC clinical supervisor (must be different from program director)
 - one additional letter from: MD, instructor or Athletic Trainer

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5. An official sealed transcript
6. An unofficial transcript with ATEP classes highlighted
7. An essay that must be typed, 10-point minimum, addressing future and goals for achievement.

The application is completed online. All other supporting documentation must be emailed together and received by February 1st, except for the Official Sealed Transcript, which should be **postmarked by February 1st, 2023**. Please provide this email address, ncatascholarships@gmail.com, to those submitting a Letter of Recommendation. The Subject Line should contain your Full Name.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE?

Honors and Awards are looking for individuals to help support in the following areas

Honors and Awards Committee

Your responsibility will include helping review applications and being a part of the selection of the Honors and Awards recipient. We meet quarterly and our heaviest months are November-March.

Criteria: Honors and Awards Committee

- Must be BOC ATC in good standing
- Must be a member of the NCATA
- Must have at least 1 year experience in the Athletic Training Profession

Scholarships Committee

Your responsibility will include collection, helping review applications, essays and being a part of the selection of the Scholarships recipient. We meet quarterly and our heaviest months are November-March.

Criteria: Scholarships Committee

- Must be a BOC ATC and in good standing
- Must be a member of the NCATA
- Must have at least 1 year experience in the Athletic Training profession
- Must be a non-faculty member

NCATA Hall of Fame Committee

Your responsibility will include gathering all important information of our Hall of Famer. We meet quarterly and our heaviest months are November-March.

- Must be BOC ATC in good standing
- Must be a member of the NCATA
- Must have at least 1 year experience in the Athletic Training Profession





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Young Professionals

For all the young professionals, we now have updated our mentor list! We have a great group of mentors dedicated to being resources for those new to the profession or about to enter the profession. You can find different settings along with their contact info on the NCATA Young Professionals Committee page. Our mentors are looking forward to hearing from you!

MAAATA Student Senate

The Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association Student Senate has been working hard throughout the school year to put on the Student Symposium at this year's District 3 Conference. The first in-person District 3 conference had a fantastic student turn out and was a great success. The weekend kicked off with a Meet and Greet for students where they were able to connect with other students from across the district. Other events included the AT Olympics, where teams raced through a relay to win a trophy, and Mentor's Breakfast, where students were able to talk to esteemed mentors from across the district.

We had amazing Student Senate and NC representation at the MAATA Honors and Awards. Renee Adamonis from Western Carolina University and Jenna Tomlinson from High Point University received the 1st and 2nd place Edward Block Scholarship Awards, respectively. Congratulations to this year's Quiz Bowl winners, Team Maryland!

The Student Senate will be sending out a call for senator applications as we will be recruiting for 1st year MSAT students from each state in District 3. Please look for that information to come in August and share with any interested students.

Dry Needling Course Series 2022

Elon University
July 9-10
Course 1 of 2
Aug 13-14
Course 2 of 2
Elon, NC

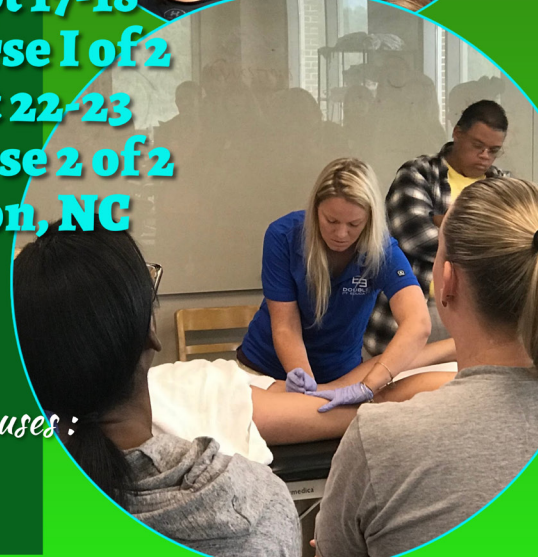
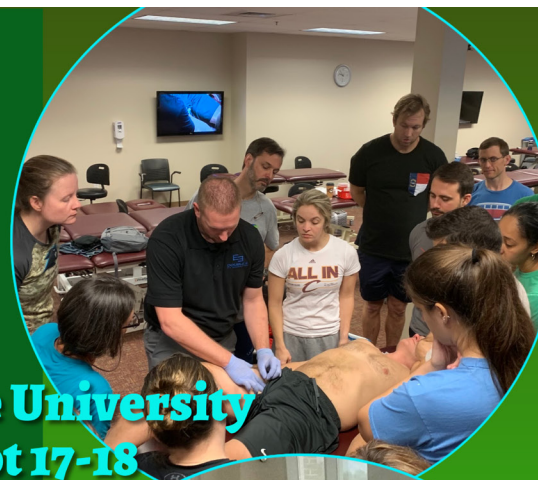
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Program Development

We were very excited that so many people attended the conference in March and we would like to thank all of the speakers, vendors and volunteers who helped us put together a successful event. The new committee chairs are Erica Thornton and Ashley Thrasher. They will do an amazing job! Make sure you complete the survey that was emailed to you to obtain your CEU's. Finally, do not be alarmed when you enter your CEU's into your BOC account. You will see we are expired. It does not affect the CEU's in March and will not in the future as we will be reapplying.

North Carolina Athletic Directors' Association (NCADA) Conference

NCATA had a vendor booth in which we were able to talk to ADs from our public schools about the differences between first responders and athletic trainers. For those schools without an AT, we provided educational materials for them to take which further explained the value of employing an AT. We also looked up ATLAS registrations and encouraged ADs to register if they hadn't done so already as well as update those outdated profiles.



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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

May 17th: We hosted the next event in our Can We Talk series celebrating the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia! Dr Tara Peterson of Western Carolina facilitated

a conversation centered on providing trans affirming care and discussing current legislative challenges to trans access to healthcare. Our Can We Talk series is an open forum format on a variety of topics; Keep an eye on our social media account [dei_ncata](#) for information on upcoming events!

DEI Committee Announces topics for our Summer Educational Series. This year, we will be hosting educational events in July and August on topics including Neurodiversity, Disabilities and Impacts on Communication, and Social Justice Burnout. Stay tuned to our social media for further details including dates and how to register!

Mark Your CALENDAR

VIRTUAL EVENT TO CELEBRATE
INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST
HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, AND
BIPHOBIA

MAY 17TH

7:30PM ON ZOOM

Join us for an open forum facilitated by Dr Tara Peterson. Topics will be centered on gender inclusive healthcare, providing affirming care to the trans community, and legislation impacting access to healthcare for trans people

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