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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.

## Upcoming Events

### Memorial Tree Dedication

November 18th, 2017

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### Save the Date for Spring 2018 NCATA Spring Symposium

[Abstracts are currently being accepted](#) for presentation at the 2018 NCATA Spring Symposium being held at the Wilmington Sunspree March 2-4, 2018. Abstracts for platform presentations, break out sessions, and free comm poster presentations are welcome. Deadline for abstract submissions is November 15, 2017. Decisions will be sent by January 15, 2018. Please direct questions to [Dr. Sharon Rogers Moore](#).



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## President's Message



Greetings Fellow AT's:

Fall is finally here and the temperatures are more in line with the real football season. I hope everyone has a successful fall sports season with as few injuries as possible. Please try to find a little time on the weekends, if possible, to have some quality time with family and friend.

The 2017 Election Results are official. I would like to congratulate Jim Bazluki

for being elected your President and TJ Morgan as your Secretary. They will officially take office at the Spring Symposium and Awards Meeting in Wrightsville Beach March 2-4, 2018. Please mark your calendars to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual NCATA Spring Symposium and Awards Meeting.

Nominations for a variety of NCATA awards will be due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit the NCATA website to review the criteria for the nominations. Please take time to nominate your peers who are deserving of this recognition.

The Public Relations Committee has been hard at work setting up a variety of event to highlight the NCATA and our athletic training profession. Then NCATA has partnered with the NC Museum of History and the Sports Hall of Fame group to host events in other parts of the state to promote athletic training. Please visit the

NCATA website to look for upcoming events. Your participation and attendance at these would be greatly appreciated.

Legislatively, things are a little slow at this time. Our lobbyists and governmental affairs committee are continuing to keep an eye on things going on in Raleigh and across the U.S. It is important for each and every one in our membership to connect with your local legislators to build friendly relationships. We need to continuously remind our legislators we are licensed healthcare providers who spend countless hours daily providing care for athletes of all ages across our state. You will never know when we may have to ask you to step up for a "Call to Action" with your legislator to support our profession.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me via phone or email.

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

Respectfully,

**Scott Barringer, M.Ed., LAT, ATC, SCAT, CAA**  
President - NC Athletic Trainers Association

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### Committee Chairs

Please click [HERE](#) for a complete list of NCATA Committee Chairs



## Vice President's Message

Nina Walker MA, LAT, ATC

Dear Colleagues,  
Hope the fall finds you well. We are so excited here at the NCATA to welcome our new President Elect Jim Bazluki and Secretary TJ Morgan. Both have had extensive experience serving our profession and look forward to their new ideas and energy as we look into the future of athletic training and the

NCATA. I could not be more excited to work by their side. I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank outgoing President Scott Barringer. He has done an amazing job leading the organization. I have learned so much from his compassion and care of the students we serve and the ATs of this state. Thank you Scott for your tireless work behind the scenes in order to grow this organization.

We are excited for some wonderful events, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> we will be at the NC School Board Association Conference advocating for hiring of ATs at all secondary schools. This will be a great opportunity to get in front of some stakeholders at their conference. On November 18, we will have a memorial tree planted in the Charlotte Greenway (see page 5 for more details). This event will include some family fun activities, a guest appearance by our favorite mascot, raffles, food truck and words from legislators and experts to raise awareness of catastrophic injuries and to memorialize our NC student athletes who have lost their lives playing the sports they love .

Our state has some amazing ATs that have faced many challenges this season. The athletes in NC are lucky to have you all. Sometimes, tough things happen and it is important that we stand by each other, reach out and help others with our expertise and insight. The NATA has a wonderful program [AT Cares for ATs](#) that have experienced crisis. Please also share with us any life-saving events by [emailing me](#). If an event fits [this definition](#) please report it to the [National Catastrophic Sports Injury Research Center](#). Be safe and take care everyone. Please continue with the outstanding service you give us all.

# *Congratulations!*

**President Elect Jim Bazluki & Secretary Elect TJ Morgan**



## Secretary's Message

Jim Bazluki, MAEd, LAT, ATC

Greetings to my fellow ATs and cooler weather. Happy to see you both! I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the recent elections. While turnout can always be higher, I hope that the process (electronic voting) has made your participation as simple as it can be. I would like to thank the candidates who took the time to step

forward and offer their services to the NCATA in various capacities. I would like to thank all those, who with their vote, expressed their confidence in me and my ability to lead the NCATA. I will be spending the next few months serving as president elect and learning from President Barringer some of the additional duties and responsibilities the office entails. I will assume my duties at the March meeting in Wrightsville Beach.

The spring annual meeting this year will be held at the Sunspree Holiday Inn in Wrightsville Beach the weekend of March 2-4, 2018. Jill Manners has graciously accepted the role of co-chair of the Professional Education Committee and is heading up the programming for this exciting meeting. In addition to EBP sessions, awards, and excellent talks, we have also secured an event on the battleship, USS North Carolina. While details are still being worked out – you are sure not to want to miss this exciting meeting and all of its events.

I also want to give a huge shout out to the Public Relations Committee. They have some exceptional ideas and projects in the works across the state in the next 6 months. Please pay attention to these events and volunteer and participate when you can.

As cooler weather signals the changing of our sports seasons, it also starts the season of thanks and giving. As many of our colleagues across the country have dealt with severe weather and its related hardships, many of us were spared and life went on as usual. While I did lose a few dear friends over the year, I also had an exceptional professional year. I give thanks for being honored as NCATA Educator of the Year, NATA Service Award, and NC Shrine Bowl AT, I also know that I must give back to the profession that has been so good to me. I will do my best to give back to my profession as I continue my service to the NCATA as your next President. I encourage all members to take a few minutes and find a way to say thanks to those who have served and find a way to give back.

Keep 'em healthy!

Jim Bazluki, MAEd, LAT, ATC



## Great Work Out on the Coast!



Congrats to Kelly Daniels who was recently surprised with a recognition from the NCHSAA for her service to Perquimans High School. This recognition came on the heels of enacting a collaborative emergency action plan with EMS for an athlete with a neck injury that had to be flown to ECU. Great Job with your care of these student athletes!



On July 10th, the NCATA in partnership with the Museum of the Albemarle and Sentara Orthopedics and Sports Medicine hosted a reception to celebrate the opening of the NC Sports Hall of Fame Athletic Trainers exhibit, currently on tour around the state. The evening was attended by local physicians, athletic trainers, and community members, including NC Sports Hall of Fame member Jerry McGee, and celebrated the role of athletic trainers in protecting athletes everywhere and in the Albemarle region today. Statements by local Sentara physician Dr Jared Miller and athletic trainer Kelly Daniels highlighted the growing sports medicine program in Elizabeth City serving five high schools, two universities, and the community as a whole.



The photos on this page are the athletic trainers/schools involved: Kelly Daniels, Perquimans County High School Courtney Martin, Gates County High School April Johnson, Pasquotank County High School Bernie Stasko, Camden County High School Meaghan Minori, Northeastern High School Courtney Bunch-Phelps, Currituck County High School





# Memorial Tree Dedication

A NCATA Memorial Tree Dedication Event

Dedication for Student-Athletes who have Died  
Through Participation in Athletics

November 18th, 2017  
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Charlotte, North Carolina  
Stewart Creek Greenway/Seversville  
Park Area  
Seversville Park, 530 Bruns Avenue

## Speakers

- North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association Representative
- Omar Carter Foundation Founder
- North Carolina High School Athletic Association- Ken Brown
- Politician: TBA
- Catastrophic Sports Injury Research Center- Representative
- Gfeller Center: TBA
- Carolina Medical Center: Leigh Ann Caldwell
- Athlete: Marquise Gaddy Former Wssu Athlete

## Release Of Luminaries

Memorial sky lanterns released in memory of athletes lost.  
Reading of brick script:

Dedicated In Honor Of The North Carolina Athletes Who Lost  
Their Lives Through Athletics. May Their Passing Be Honored  
And Remembered Forever. Caring For Athletes Is The Cost Of  
Athletics. A Solemn Duty of Athletic Training.

## Additional

- Omar Cater AED/First Aid Session
- Free Raffle! Items include Two Panthers Game Tickets & UNC Charlotte Football Tickets
- Infographics & Literature regarding Appropriate Medical Coverage
- Food Truck, Dogs, Games, Blue Blaze Brewery
- Mascot(s) and Live Music (Cory Wells)



## NCATA PR Committee

Kevin King, MA, ATC

### PR Opportunities

#### St. Patrick's Day Parade in Charlotte

The NCATA is asking for participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Charlotte on March 17th. You can sign up [HERE](#).

The details are below:

I am soliciting assistance for a public relation project on behalf of the North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association. We are securing an entry and float for the **2018 Charlotte St. Patrick's Day Parade and Charlottes Goes Green Festival schedule for Saturday, March 17, 2018**. We feel this would be a great way create awareness and advocate for athletic training during National Athletic Training Month! **This year, we would like to decorate the float and tailgate/cookout before at the float before the parade beginning at 11:00 AM.**

We would like to acquire participants (students/staff) from your university to participate in this event. The parade begins at 11:00 AM and ends early afternoon. I would ask for participants to meet in a location (to be determined- most likely Bank of America Stadium) at 9:45 AM. Please **reply by email before February 23rd with names and contact information of participants**. We will need to notify Parade organizers the size of our party.

Over 70,000 spectators watched Charlotte's Eighteenth Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade as it marched through the heart of Charlotte to the sound of pipes and the cheers of the spectators lining the streets. The combination of flags, floats, kids, and pipe band music made everyone smile and be Irish for a day. The parade has grown to be one of Charlotte's biggest & best. The parade will step off at 11:00 A.M. at N. Tryon St. and 9th Street in uptown Charlotte. It then marches south to 3rd Street where it takes a left and marches down 3rd St. to Caldwell.

After the parade, there will be an event held referred to 201\* Charlotte Goes Green Festival. There will be something for people of all ages to enjoy. The Festival is located on S. Tryon St. between 3rd St. & Stonewall St. The festival hours are 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and features Irish music, Irish dancers, bagpipers, Irish/Celtic and other vendors, a children's amusement area and plenty of

food & beverages. There is no admission fee to attend. Folks are welcomed to stay for fellowship the free event.



#### NCATA Kite Challenge during National Athletic Training Month

The NCATA is developing a contest to create awareness and promote athletic training and foster school pride while in Wilmington during the annual NCATA symposium in March in conjunction with National Athletic Training Month.

We will be awarding prizes for the kite(s) that are best able to represent a school/university's athletic training program and athletic training month. Additionally, we expect the kite be able to fly.

The contest will take place at the Holiday Inn in Wrightsville Beach during the conference. A member of the school's ATEP or clinical staff is encouraged to be present. However, the kite creator can designate someone to fly/manage the kite during the event.

I will send your program a blank, white kite to decorate for the contest. Just email your request to the following address: [kevin.king@panthers.nfl.com](mailto:kevin.king@panthers.nfl.com).

This is an opportunity to highlight some of the unique attributes of our state while celebrating National Athletic Training Month. Imagine the wonderful photo of the various athletic training kites from across the state flying high above our beautiful coast in March. Be apart of the fun!

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### Call for Photos

The NCATA is in the process of collecting photos of athletic trainers in action from across the state of North Carolina. These photos will be used on our website, social media platforms and for outreach campaigns. If you have a photo, please email me at [kevin.king@panthers.nfl.com](mailto:kevin.king@panthers.nfl.com).

### North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association License Plate Project

The NCATA is tackling an ambitious project of offering specialty North Carolina license plates to interesting parties. We are currently working to secure the necessary paperwork and legislative sponsorship. What we currently need is individuals willing to commitment to purchase a specialty plate.

We have been instructed that our cost will be \$10. If you are interested, please complete the following application and return it to Kevin King at the following address:

800 South Mint Street Charlotte, NC 28202 or email [Kevin King](mailto:Kevin King)

The instructions for Completing the Application for a New Special License Plate (Athletic Training) [Application Here](#)

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| <b>Name of Organization:</b>      | <b>North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association</b>   |
| <b>Name of Contact Person:</b>    | Kevin King   |
| <b>Address of Contact Person:</b> | 800 South Mint Street, Charlotte, NC 28202   |
| <b>Phone Number(s):</b>           | (704) 358-7438   |
| <b>Standard Special Plate:</b>    | \$10.00  |
| <b>Personalized Fee:</b>          | \$_____. If you choose to request a personalized plate text, there is an additional \$30.00 fee. |
| <b>Choose Plate Background:</b>   | First in Flight or First in Freedom  |
| <b>Total Fees Remitted:</b>       | This amount is the total of the Standard Special Plate and the Personalized Fee, if desired.     |

If are pursuing Personalized Plate Text, please utilize the 4 spaces for Option 1 and for Option 2. Lastly, please fill out the Personal Information, Vehicle Registration Information and the Owner's Certification of Liability Insurance section.

Thanks for participating in a project that will be help bring awareness to athletic training. We are confident that these license plates will assist in sparking conversation who we are and the healthcare we can provide the community.

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
SPECIALIZED LICENSE PLATES STANDARDS TEMPLATE



## ATNCPAC Fall Update

I hope everyone has had a productive and safe fall season. As we roll toward the end of the calendar year, I just wanted to remind you that with the 2018 renewals by the NATA and NCBATE and others make sure you do not forget about supporting your State PAC. With the climate in Raleigh being uncertain at this time, growing the PAC will have value in case we need it for our lobbying efforts. To donate to the ATNCPAC click [HERE](#) and mail in your contribution. Keeping our license as Athletic Trainers is priority one. Donate Today!

## Honors & Awards

Do you know a Certified Athletic Trainer who has done exemplary work and should be recognized for their achievements and hard work?

Nominate that Certified Athletic Trainer- nominations for the following award categories are available:

- College University
- Elton Hawley Secondary School (outreach)
- Elton Hawley Secondary School (employed)
- Bill Griffin Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer
- Educator of the Year Award
- Clinical and Emerging Practices

Click [HERE](#) to see the award criteria and nominate TODAY

**\*Don't delay get your nominations in early\***

## Scholarships

The NCATA offers 2 College scholarships (@ \$1,500 per) for current athletic training students enrolled at a college or university in North Carolina.

For information on scholarship criteria click [HERE](#). All submissions are due by February 1, 2018

**\*Don't delay get your applications in early\***

## Time is Running Out!

Time is running out to get in your application for the North Carolina Leadership Institute! This learning opportunity is for any licensed AT in North Carolina, from newly certified to long-time practitioner. We are looking for individuals interested in improving their leadership skills, examining themselves as clinicians and leaders, and interested in advancing our profession through volunteerism in the NCATA. Please find the application on the NCATA [Website](#). Applications are due November 1.

## Thank You Corporate Sponsors

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