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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Bazluki, MAEd, LAT, ATC, EMT



Greetings NCATA –

As one of my first acts as your new president, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to Mr. Scott Barringer for his many years of service to the NCATA. Under his leadership we continued to grow and develop into a more mature and experienced association starting to recognize as worthy of “sitting at the big table” as decisions are being made. I hope to continue this progress and advance our causes.

I would like to express my thanks to Jill Manners and the entire professional development committee for an outstanding spring symposium this year in Wilmington, NC. This was Jill's last meeting in this role as she is leaving her position at Western Carolina and moving to the University of Georgia. I would also encourage everyone to attend OUR state meeting as it's an excellent and low-cost way to earn CEU and EBP credits as well as interact with our outstanding membership. This committee will now be chaired by Meredith Petschauer at UNC. The committee will be in great hands and we look forward to future meetings. These meetings are planned as Concord NC 2019; Wilmington NC 2020; Asheville 2021; and Wilmington NC 2022. And speaking of meetings – the MAATA will be coming to Charlotte NC for the years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Also coming out of the MAATA meeting in Ocean City, MD were a few by-law changes to clean up some items, and a request to increase the District 3 dues from \$10 to \$25. This was passed at the business meeting. The registration for the district meeting will be reduced from \$170 to \$100 – hopefully allowing more to attend the meeting (especially as it comes to NC). The MAATA has been frugal with our dues and the increase will bring us up to the national average. The dues increase will not affect students.

Congratulations to all our NCATA award winners who were presented in Wilmington NC. Add to the list of award winners who received MAATA awards including Marty Baker inducted into the MAATA Hall of Fame and TJ Morgan – Most Distinguished AT. On the NATA level we will recognize Grady Hardeman and Carla Stoddard with NATA Service Awards. Remember to nominate NCATA members for local, state, district and national awards. We have a great membership filled with worthy candidates!

Speaking of awards – Congratulations to our Public Relations Committee who AGAIN have received the NATA's Best Public Relations Effort by a state association in the nation! This is an incredible feat by an outstanding group of tireless workers including Nina Walker, Kevin King, Nancy Groh, Jim Hand, Ally Connally and Pamela Dixon. They helped pull off a great event on the USS North Carolina during the NCATA Spring Symposium.

In closing – I would like to thank the membership for their vote in confidence in my ability to undertake this position of being YOUR President. I will work hard to earn your trust and keep the membership in mind in the decisions we make for the good of the membership and profession. Please feel free to reach out to any of the leadership and committees if you have a concern or suggestion. As your seasons change, make sure to take a little time for yourself. You can't keep writing checks from your bank account unless you take time to make a few deposits in your personal health and wellbeing.

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.





Vice President's Message

Nina Walker MA, LAT, ATC

Dear Colleagues,

Wow what a quarter! We have had such an outstanding time celebrating all of the great things that our ATs have done. Congrats to all the winners of the NCATA, MAATA and NATA Awards. We really have the best here in NC! With an ambitious National Athletic Training Month schedule we created and solidified more allies, stakeholders and advocates. We are so proud of our partnerships with the NC Sport Hall of Fame (NCSHOF) and were honored to be asked to represent the NCATA at the head table of the NC Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony with over 1000 NC attendees. We are looking to expand that with our states athletic directors, who are also partners with the NCSHOF. We had an event with the Wake County EMS, Code: Celebrate and appreciated the inclusion from EMS in this inspirational interprofessional event! We

had a great time on the float of the St. Patrick's Day Parade which brought students from around the state together for tailgate before sharing information with thousands of parade watchers. Our friends in Wilmington were fantastic hosts to our conference and a special treat of getting a welcome message from not only the Mayor Bill Salvo but also Governor Roy Cooper. Please go to our website to hear their message and see some of the other amazing events that occurred. The fact that both know who athletic trainers are and respect what we do is a huge win for our profession. We have also left a beautiful tree and plaque to recognize our life saving ATs in Wilmington's Legion Stadium home of the Sharks and Hammerheads.

It was really exciting to find out that our PR committee will be recognized at the NATA Symposium again as reigning champions of Best State Effort for NATM for the 3rd time in a row!! Great Job to all the hard working volunteers on our PR committee under the leadership of Kevin King and Nancy Groh. But no rest for the weary, our work is not done yet!! Over the summer we will recharge and reload as we represent our state at the MAATA, NATA, and various other educational and leadership opportunities. We are committed to providing great programming, legislative advocacy, public relations and diverse inclusion. If you are interested in being a part of any of the committees we have or events we are doing please let us know. The association is only as strong as our wonderful members. Have a wonderful and restful summer!!

Upcoming Event

Omar Carter Foundation Community Awareness Day

Charlotte, NC - South Park Mall- Microsoft Store

July 20th 10 AM till 3:00 PM

Contact [Kevin King](#)



NCATA Award Winners



Congratulations to the following NCATA Award Winners!

Athletic Trainer of the Year:

Secondary Schools Outreach – Nick Martin, Carolina's Healthcare System

Clinic/Emerging Practices – Dr. Ashley Long Sweeney, Mt. Olive Family Medicine Center

Concussion Clinic

The Educator of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Sharon Rogers Moore of East Carolina University

Ron Butler of Pitt County Schools was named **Sports Medicine Person of the Year**. Butler was hired as the county Athletics Director for Pitt County Schools in 2008 following the tragic death of Jaquan Waller. He has developed ingenious strategies intended to affect community education and awareness related to sport-related head injuries.

Sentara Sports Medicine and Orthopedics of Elizabeth City was recognized with the **Corporate Service Award**.

The Presidential Scholarship for Leadership was presented to Samantha Milbourn, a first year graduate at University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The Hall of Fame Scholarship for Academic Excellence was presented to Markel Cureton, a junior at University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

The Lifesaver of the Year Award was presented to Emily Gaddy from Orange High School in Hillsborough for her management of traumatic brain injuries.

Lifesaver Recognition Award was presented to Kelly Daniels from Perquimans High School in Elizabeth City for her management of a traumatic cervical spine injury.

The NC Collegiate Athletic Training Quiz Bowl winners were the students from Western Carolina University.

MAATA Hall of Fame was awarded to Marty Baker.

Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Thomas "TJ" Morgan our NCATA Secretary.

NATA Service Award Winners Carla Stoddard and Grady Hardeman.

NATA Honorary Membership to Sharri H. Jackson, our web master.

NATA Foundation Award Winners: Brittany Williams (WCU), Ke'La Porter (WCU), Melissa Kay (UNC-CH), Megan Simon (UNC-CH)

Secretary's Message

TJ Morgan, MS, LAT, ATC



Colleagues,
I wanted to take a moment to reach out and say hello to all of you. I am excited to have landed in such an athletic trainer friendly state and now to participate in this state as a member of the board of directors. I have watched, over the many years of my career, the great things done here in NC and I am excited to be a part of that. I have a

long history in District III, working in Maryland and serving as a member of their executive board for 13 of my 18 years there and know well, the culture excellence in the district and state of North Carolina. I look forward to serving each of you with distinction. I hope to see many of you in OCMD for the District meeting as one of our own, Katie Walsh Flanagan, presides over the meeting as District Director. The meeting location is a first class establishment and as someone who vacationed in OCMD yearly, I can clue you in on the places to go and things to do at night. Well, I will keep this submission brief as I am still learning the ins and outs of our association but wanted to drop a hello. That being said, I wish you health and happiness as we enter the warm weather. Take some time, relax, enjoy your family and value your health as much as you do your patients. You can't take care of others when you need to be taken care of yourself.

Yours in Health,
TJ Morgan

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Athletic Training Student Assistant Olympics 2018

Eric C Hall, MAEd, LAT, ATC, Cary High School

Cary High School hosted the 15th Annual Athletic Training Student Assistant Olympics this past March 2018. This annual event focuses on high school students with an interest in sports medicine or the medical / healthcare field to learn about athletic training thorough short hands on activities. The students learned and practiced casting with Carolina Family Practice & Sports Medicine and participated in spine boarding with the Cary Area EMS. The students also competed in a knowledge, skills, relay, 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 Apex Friendship High School for winning this year! Thanks to all that participated.





NATM 2018

The NCATA had a wonderfully successful National Athletic Training Month 2018, including some new events that occurred all over the state. Some new additions to this year's events, were messages from Governor Roy Cooper and Mayor Bill Saffo, Event at the Cary Theater with Wake County students, Event on the USS Battleship including special guest Miss North Carolina, Kite Contest and lifesaver tree dedication. NCATA continued with its partnerships and events at the Discovery Place Science of Sports Day, Charlotte's St. Patrick's Day Parade and NC Sports Hall of Fame Display. The NCATA was awarded with its 3rd designation in a row of NATA Best State Effort in the NATM PR Contest. This award will be given to the PR committee at the NATA Convention and Symposium in New Orleans in June.

**MORE NATM
2018 EVENTS...**
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On May 5th the NCATA leadership was invited to attend the NC Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet as guests at their head table in appreciation of their partnership. The NCATA also had a table at the event that included local ATs and members of the board. (Pictured above)

US Senator Thom Tillis honored the request of the North Carolina Athletic Trainers Association and had a flag flown over the US Capitol in recognition of the student-athletes that have died in North Carolina participating in athletics.

On May 22nd the NCATA was invited to honor the lifesaving efforts of South Carolina State's AT Tyler Long and NC State AT Austin Frank, as well as the efforts of NC State's John Garcia ATC and Dr. Jacobs, at the Wake County EMS sponsored event **CODE: CELEBRATE**. This event honored the 120 lives saved by Wake County EMS in 2017, with emotional thank you from survivors of cardiac arrest. This is the first time a non- NCATA member has gotten the distinction of lifesaver. Great job to Tyler and the entire NC State athletic training and medical staff.



MAY EVENTS

NCATA COLLABORATION ACHIEVEMENTS

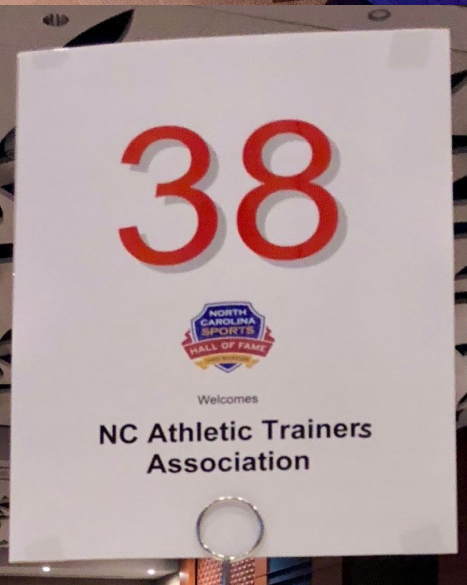
Kevin King - Public Relations Co-Chairperson

The fortitude and virtue of the North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association is illustrated in our organization ability to secure affiliations with like missions and collaborate with organizations and community institutions. By connecting with these groups, Athletic Trainers are able to huddle small amounts of funding and personnel into programs that promote Athletic Training, Clinicians and our interest protecting our patient population.

This year, we continue to cultivate our collaboration that address issues vital to athletic trainers and our patient population. Hopeful this article will discuss benefits of these efforts and encourage our members to avoid silos as we discuss a few of our collaborations and partners.

Organizational Partnerships

Omar Carter Foundation: The Omar Carter Foundation mission is to advocate, empower and serve our communities through CPR and AED education.



The North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame: This partnership is expanding the reach of Athletic Training through programs promoting Athletic Training History in North Carolina, signage in the museum educating visitors about the profession and people and representation at the annual Hall of Fame induction event.

Discovery Place Museum:

The NCATA was able to hold its second annual Science of Sports / Athletic Training Day at the Discovery Place Museum in Uptown Charlotte. It was a daylong event utilizing Athletic Trainers, students and others to educate the public about the role of Athletic Trainers in various aspects of healthcare / sports medicine, examining the resources and issues in sports medicine.



Miss North Carolina USA

The NCATA has worked with the Miss North Carolina USA for the past four years. Each of these title holders has shared their time and visited our conference and/or athletic training events throughout the state of North Carolina. This past year, Miss North Carolina USA 2018, Caelynn Miller-Keys was able to speak athletic trainers on the USS North Carolina Battleship at an athletic trainer advocacy event. She earned First Runner Up for Miss USA! (See pictures next page.)



Governmental Partnerships

North Carolina Governor, Roy Cooper, had a video recorded, in which, he praises the efforts athletic trainers during National Athletic Trainers Month.

Wilmington Mayor, Bill Saffo, had a video created welcoming attendees to the North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association Business Meeting and Symposium

US Senator Thom Tillis honored the request of the North Carolina Athletic Trainers Association and had a flag flown over the US Capitol in recognition of the student-athletes that have died in North Carolina participating in athletics. (See page 7.)



North Carolina State Senator Jeff Jackson participated in our **Memorial Tree Dedication** in Charlotte last Fall. He shared his thoughts about the importance of appropriate healthcare for our student-athlete.



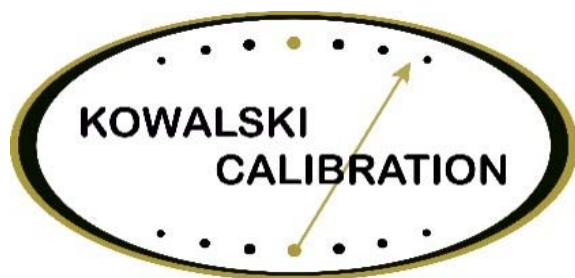
North Carolina Representative Harry Warren also participated in our **Memorial Tree Dedication** in Charlotte last Fall. He spoke to the assembled group about the value of protecting youth and the importance of healthcare.

North Carolina Department of Transportation is working with the NCATA to secure specialty license plates.



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