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DISTRICT III
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LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Katie Walsh Flanagan, EdD, LAT, ATC



Hello everyone, I truly hope you are all well and your loved ones are also healthy and safe. We have members who have lost their jobs, been furloughed, laid off, and those who are working from home, while teaching their children and maintaining the home. None of us know when this will end, or how it will look on the other side, but we all have hope. I know we will all see each other again, laugh and play again, and appreciate our athletes, students, and patients a little more. Thank you all for making do, volunteering, doing another job (but still in your skillset), and being patient. One positive thing we are bringing you is the member meeting, albeit in a different format.

In March, I was at GLATA when the COVID-19 began to cause shutdowns. My first calls were to MAATA leadership to assure everyone was checking in with their members. The MAATA Planning Committee, headed by **Scott Cook**, immediately gathered and started looking at alternate ways to offer our meeting in May. And, with a LOT of hard work, long calls, and open minds, we have come up with a wonderful and (until now) unique way to provide learning opportunities for all of our members. A super special thank you goes to **Kim Pritchard** and her team, as they gathered fantastic speakers who agreed to video their talks for us. Thanks to **Emily Hildebrand** and her positive crew, the student Quiz Bowl will happen, as will a few other events (look to their sections to see what is in store). Treasurer **Ray Davis**, Secretary **Jason Mitchell**, along with strong leadership and guidance from webmaster **Sharri Jackson** and parliamentarian **Marty Sataloff** for telling us what we could and could not do, the Business meeting and CE opportunities WILL happen in May. See below for details. We are SO fortunate for the Planning Committee and their teams of volunteers, as we are the first District to be able to offer the program described below, as four other Districts were forced to abruptly cancel at the beginning of the COVID-19 lockdown. It is our hope that these Video CE opportunities benefit not only our District members, but any other whose meeting was cancelled.

Business Meeting

We will have a virtual (live) Business Meeting Saturday, May 16th 12:30 – 2:30. Please read all about the on-line meeting and the FREE EBPs that follow the 30-minute meeting in Scott's section, below. Please read the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws that are on our website (www.maata.org) in the *Members Only Section* (Password: MAATA), as we will vote on them that Saturday. The March Eblast had a long list of volunteers who worked hard to make these documents support our wish for more leadership opportunities. We have many deserving members to recognize, and will do this in the Business Meeting, but also recognize their Honors next year in person (God willing).

There is a lot of great news and good stuff our members are doing in the pages that follow, please enjoy reading all about it below.

Stay safe and healthy

Katie

Katie Walsh Flanagan, EdD, LAT, ATC

FROM THE DISTRICT SECRETARY

Jason Mitchell, MEd, LAT, ATC



I hope this message finds each of you well, as we are continuing to "Improvise, Adapt, Overcome" the way we live due to COVID-19. I know I have already spoken with many of you, and I have heard a various array of situations that differ from geographical location, clinical setting, family dynamic, etc. Regardless of these differences, I have been impressed in that there has been one overall constant: the collective AT response and resolve to so many of these challenges has been herculean. Whether ATs are finding new ways to help their patients in the current national landscape, ATs acting as an accurate resource to patients/parents in a world full of misinformation, or countless of ATs taking **#HealthCareThroughAction** by getting involved with local hospitals & clinics to assist their communities.

I want to thank District Director Flanagan for her continued leadership, as her guidance and dedication to our District cannot be understated. Alongside her, I must commend the entire District Council's (pictured below) devotion to our District, even more so during the last few months. They continue to spend countless hours, leading the charge in these challenging times with a singular focus, taking care of our members! You, and your loved ones, are in my thoughts and prayers, wishing you all safety and good health. I feel that we shall come out of these events as a stronger Association, as stronger Athletic Trainers, and, most importantly, as stronger people.



I want to thank all of you who chose to renew your NATA membership for 2020! As of April, MAATA has **3916** members in good standing with the NATA.

Of our **3916** active members, here are some further breakdowns: **3039** Certified Professional members, **1** Licensed Professional member, **25** Associate members, **336** Certified Student members, **311** Student members, **191** Certified Retired members, **1** Retired member, and **12** Honorary members. Members by state are the following: District of Columbia – **74**, Maryland – **579**, North Carolina – **1286**, South Carolina – **680**, Virginia – **1060**, West Virginia – **237**.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your support, and I wish you good health! If there's anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me (d3sectry@gmail.com)

Jason -

Jason Mitchell, MEd, LAT, ATC

FROM THE DISTRICT TREASURER

Ray Davis, MSS, LAT, ATC



Dear Members of District III,

Once again, I bring you greetings from the Tar Heel State, Go Falcons!

NORMALLY I would I trust that the break in the winter weather finds everyone healthy in his or her spring seasons. However, that's not the case during this COVID-19 Quarantine.

And again, my HS Girls 2019-2020 Basketball team that has no one taller than 5'10" was able to win our NCHSAA 3A Regional Championship and was set to defend our title two days from our shutdown. And you now know the rest of our story!

I want to thank District Director Flanagan, District Secretary Mitchell, Past-Director Aronson and our District Council for their continued support. I also want to thank the membership for the opportunity to continue to serve as the District III Treasurer for the past three terms. I will always cherish the opportunity to serve you, our members.

I can't truly describe the work that has taken place prior to our annual meeting cancellation and the work that has gone on behind the scenes. The Annual Meeting Organization Committee primarily consists of Scott Cook, Kim Pritchard, Emily Hildebrand, and additionally Pat Lamboni, John Knaul and Bob Casmus have had input. Special thanks goes to Katie, Jason for their Leadership and Sharri Jackson for her direction with technology and website input. As we move forward over the next month, I want to urge everyone to register for our NEW VIRTUAL MEETING & EBP and the CEU opportunities the following weeks. So I hope I have the opportunity to see many of our District III members register and attend the virtual opportunities.

In closing I hope that you all continue to STAY SAFE If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Again, Thank you for letting me serve you, Our District 3 Members!

Stay Healthy!

Ray

Ray Davis, MSS, LAT, ATC

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ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

Scott Cook

Due to cancelling the Annual meeting in Charlotte (thanks to COVID-19), the Planning Committee has come up with several separate aspects of the usual meeting that will be offered on-line. I will discuss the Virtual Business Meeting (with FREE 1.5 EBP) and the On-Line Home Study videos (for up to 12 Category A CEUs). Emily will discuss the Student programming on [page 9](#) of this newsletter.

For the Business Meeting and 1.5 EBP CEUs

The virtual business meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. The business meeting will begin at exactly 12:30 PM and will be followed by a free 1.5 hour EBP session "EAP for Safer Sports" presented by Rod Walters, DA, ATC.

To register:

The FREE Business Meeting this year is limited to MAATA Certified and Certified Retired members only and includes a FREE 1.5 EBP CEU talk after the Business Meeting.

Registration will open on Monday May 11th and close on Thursday, May 14th (11:59 PM EDT). Those members eligible **MUST** register in advance to participate in the free EBP session. You will receive an email on Monday May 11th with a registration link. Please do not share or forward this link. If you do not receive a link, please email [Scott Cook](#), MAATA Meeting Planner.

Reminders:

Complete ALL information on registration form. This information is used to validate the vote of the By-Laws.

- After your registration is complete, you will receive a link to the Zoom meeting for Saturday, May 16th. Please save this link.
- On Saturday, the voting will begin for the revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws. Please note these revisions are posted, and a recording of the By-Law changes will be read aloud and posted on the website this week (and NOT read aloud during the Business Meeting).
- All registered members who would like to receive 1.5 free EBP CEUs must complete the online "EAP for Safer Sports" participant assessment to earn a statement of credit (Please allow two weeks for the certificate to be sent via email.)
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please email [Scott Cook](#), MAATA Meeting Planner.

E-Symposium / Home Study CEUs

There will be up to 12 one-hour videos for a total of up to 12 Category A CEUs; each CEU will cost \$15.00 if purchased individually or all 12 videos can be purchased as a package for \$150. **Which is like 2 CEUs for FREE!**

Registration will open on Monday, May 18th and will close June 7th at 11:59 PM EDT. Please find the registration link at [MAATA.org](#).

Registration Reminders and Steps:

- Go to [MAATA.org](#) and click on the registration link. Complete with all your information
- After you register, you will receive a confirmation email with your login and temporary password. This will allow you access to the site to choose the video/s you wish to watch (worth 1 CEU each)
- After choosing the video/s and paying online, you will receive a confirmation email with a link on how to access the secure home study website. **Please save this link to access the home study website.**
- Complete the home study courses and associated participant assessments to earn statements of credit.
- **The link has ALL 12 videos posted, regardless of how many you paid for, but you ONLY get CE credit for the specific video(s) that you registered and paid for; and**
- **Participants MUST fill out the participant survey after each video in order to receive CE credit**
- **Participants may ONLY receive CE credit for the videos paid for and assessments of the paid videos by the June 14th (11:59 PM EDT) deadline.**

Participant assessments will not be reopened after June 14th; if assessments are not completed by this deadline, participants are not eligible to claim CEUs for the home study courses.



EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAM
COMMITTEE
Kim Pritchard



E-Learning *TENTATIVE* Offerings

#1. Covid-19: Using the Failure Mode Effects Analysis (FMEA) as a Planning Tool

Andrew N. Massey, MAT, ATC & Sara M. Massey, CFRE

#2. Openly Teaching Closed Reductions of the Shoulder, Finger, and Patella

Cynthia Wright, PhD, ATC

#3. Implementation of External Focus of Attention in Assessment and Rehabilitation

Danielle M. Torp, MS, ATC & Luke Donovan, PhD, ATC

#4. A Web-Based Tool to Forecast Wet Bulb Globe Temperature for Outdoor Athletics

Ferdouz Cochran, PhD & Dr. Charles (Chip) Konrad

#5. Patient Assessment During Dynamic Functional Movements

Justin Goins, PhD, SCAT, ATC, CSCS, USAW

#6. Developing the Kind of Leadership Needed to Navigate the Complexity of Healthcare

Matt Kutz, PhD, ATC

#7. District Lecture Series: The Athletic Trainer's Duty to Report

Michael Porters, MAT, ATC

#8. District Lecture Series: Quality Improvement in Athletic Training

William Adams, PhD, LAT, ATC

#9. Emergency Preparedness for Mental Health Conditions

Zachary K. Winkelmann, PhD, SCAT, ATC

#10. Demystification of the Committee on Professional Ethics Process

Suzanne Konz, PhD, ATC, CSCS & Zach Garrett, DHSc, ATC

#11. District Lecture Series: Best Practices of Appropriate Medical Care in Secondary Schools

Bart C. Peterson, MSS, AT & Larry Cooper, LAT, AT

#12. Common Pediatric Fractures

Sara Pittelkau, MA, LAT, ATC



HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Bob Casmus

We are pleased to recognize that the MAATA Hall of Fame class for 2020 includes outstanding athletic trainers and educators. The MAATA HOF inductees for May 2020 are

Jim Berry, Renee Cork, Peter Kotz, Beverly Westerman and Mark White. The MAATA Most Distinguished Athletic Training Award recipients for 2020 are **Andy Carter, Ray Davis, Mike Goforth, Sheila Gordon and Alice McLaine.** The MAATA Service Award recipients for 2020 are **Jolene Henning, Maggi Souris, Donita Valentine and Jamilla Watson.** Please congratulate these outstanding award winners as they are most deserving of their recognition. As we are not meeting in Charlotte this coming May due to the Corona Virus pandemic, we will have an appropriate recognition for these award winners in May 2021. I will be sending an e-mail to our 2020 MAATA HOF inductees, MAATA Service Award winners and MAATA MDAT recipients with some additional information.

A special thank you goes out to **John Bielawski** (HOF sub-committee chair), **Nancy Burke** (MDAT sub-committee chair) and **Sherry Summers** (Service Award sub-committee chair) for their work on behalf of District III. I also want to say thank you to the anonymous members of the scoring groups for their participation in the awards process. As a quick reminder to all members of the MAATA – please consider making nominations for the 2021 District III Honors and Awards after August 1st, 2020 as found [HERE](#).



LGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ami Adams, MS, ATC, CES - D3 Rep

Hello District 3

We hope everyone is well and staying safe and healthy. It seems so surreal since the last time we had sent out the E-blast last month. In this uncertain time, it is important that we: 1) take care of ourselves and 2) continue to show care and compassion for those that may need some additional assistance as they navigate the day-to-day changes in their lives. We felt this tweet from our fellow committee member summarized our current status.

**we are all in the same boat.
we are not all in the same storm.**

for some people its sprinkling. this is a break. It's a breather. It's a rest. It's a pause. A time to reconnect with their families. Honestly, it's kind of peaceful.

for some it's storm. It's a bit scary. Its disruptive. It's enough to make you stay up and watch the news and worry, a bit.

for some, it's a damn hurricane. It's tearing at boards. It's pulling off roofs. It's washing them out to sea. It's dark and unknown. It's life changing.

its not WRONG to be enjoying a sprinkle or enduring a storm. But please don't negate the difference. Rest with your family. But don't minimize the hurricane engulfing your neighbor. Laugh at a meme, but get on your knees for your friends.

Now is the time that we as athletic trainers continue to build on our "knowledge tool belt". Check the inclusion tab on the NATA website, sign up for the e-newsletters and connect with us. This is a challenging time for many athletic trainers, so please remember, self-care is healthcare. NATA and the ATs Care also have a phenomenal resource for those who need help.[VIEW HERE](#)

Stay Well!



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Adam Weyer

Greetings from Greenwood, South Carolina. I pray that all of you are staying safe and adjusting to the new normal. If I have learned anything from this unexpected break, it is how much I love my job

and this profession. My heart broke a little when I realized that I wasn't going to see any of my student-athletes for five months and August can't get here soon enough. And that is something that I usually am not saying at the end of May. With that being said, the last three months have been pretty busy for the Scholarship Committee as we reviewed all of the outstanding applicants for this year's scholarship competition. It was not an easy task but one that the members of my committee did extremely well and I would like to thank each of them for their time, expertise, and patience as we transitioned to an electronic format. The members of the committee are: **Sharon Rogers Moore (NC), Karla Schoenly (MD), Tracy McCallister-Gill (WV), and Sara Pittelkau (VA)**. Please join me in thanking them for their service to District 3. If you noticed, we are missing a representative from SC and the District of Columbia. If you are interested in serving on this committee and you are from these two parts of our district, please reach out to me via e-mail at aweyer@lander.edu. Thank you.

2020 MAATA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

I am excited to present to you the winners of the 2020 MAATA Scholarships. If you know these deserving winners, please contact them and express your congratulations.

William Prentice Scholarship

Marissa Lucas



Bobby Gunn Student Leadership

Grace Mills



Edward Block Scholarship

1st Place – Morgan Keimig (left)

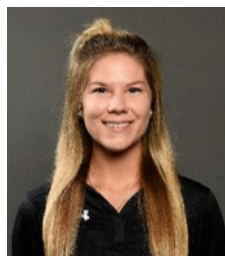
2nd Place – Kaitlyn Whipp (right)



A.C. "Whitey" Gwynne Scholarship

1st Place – Madison Hauge (left)

2nd Place – Mary Avey (right)



Larry Sutton Scholarship

1st Place – Melanie Hux (left)

2nd Place – Kelsey Tanler (right)



DISTRICT THREE





STUDENT SENATE COMMITTEE

Emily Hildebrand

First, I would like to recognize your student senators who, since August, have been working to develop an exciting student program and continue to show their leadership capabilities as we revise this year's program: **Grace Mills** (Liberty University, VA; president of MAATA Student Senate), **Zach Kelly** (Towson University, MD; secretary), **Elissa Roblero** (West Virginia University; public relations chair), **Mana Gould** (Western Carolina University, NC; oversaw planning for interactive student events), **Anna Smith** (Erskine College, SC; service project chair and liaison to the YP Committee), **Kait Whipp** (Towson University, MD), **Kim Hill** (Marshall University, WV), **Janese Malone** (Shenandoah University, VA), **Anthony Pereira** (East Carolina University, NC), and **Rachel Gordon** (University of South Carolina). Additionally, **Emily Meyerl** (GA at George Mason University, VA), the junior faculty advisor, has served as an incredible mentor while revamping this year's program. I am proud to advise this group of individuals who especially over these recent weeks have continued to rally and find ways to engage and support all students in District III. I would encourage you to visit the [student section](#) of the MAATA website and review the monthly newsletters.

Second, by now you have heard this year's program has been revised to offer virtual learning opportunities. The Student Program will include the following virtual programming:

1. District III Quiz Bowl – May 15th
2. Young Professionals Committee Career Workshop – May 17th
3. Student Free Communications

Please follow us on all social media platforms as we get closer to each event so you can participate in these professional development opportunities. The District III Quiz Bowl will be a virtual competition between **Towson University** (MD), **Bridgewater College** (VA), **East Carolina University** (NC), **University of South Carolina**, and an ATP from WV! Tune in to social media for live updates and who will be crowned this year's District III champion.

The Young Professionals Committee is developing a sign up for students to work virtually with committee members on their **interview skills** and **resumes**. This is always a popular annual event and through this medium participants will get firsthand experience of how to approach a phone/virtual interview which is a very common first step in the hiring process. The student free communication abstracts are currently being peer reviewed and accepted presenters will record their research endeavors so you may explore case studies and action research at your leisure. Lastly, don't forget to donate to our service project. We continue to raise funds for a high school AT in each state of District III and cannot thank those who have donated to date. Please consider supporting our ATs via **Venmo @MAATA Student Senate Service** and don't forget to comment which state AT you are helping!

As the academic semester winds down, we would like to complement the athletic training students who have been flexible and creative in this learning environment and the faculty and preceptors who have modified content to ensure competencies are accomplished. Congrats to the Class of 2020, student scholarship winners, and newly certified ATs! Stay tuned for all that is to come including a call for new student senators, a survey on future student programming, and of course this year's student program events. We are here -- let us know how the Senate can support you.



FREE COMMUNICATION

Jena Hansen-Honeycutt

Due to the cancellation of the on-site 2020 MAATA Annual Symposium. We are excited to offer the Free Communications program online free to all MAATA members. Please

access on the MAATA.org website under [RESOURCES](#).

There will be over 2 hours of content available starting May 16th. We're excited that these members can still disseminate their research amongst our members during this challenging time.

NATA COMMITTEE NEWS



EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Lindsey Schroder

The Education Advancement Committee (EAC) is offering \$1,000 Professional Development in Educational Scholarship grants to help educators and researchers develop skills to pursue educational research. The deadline is June 1, 2020 and details can be found [HERE](#).

Additionally, the EAC is working on several new initiatives, including 1) Centralizing educational resources, 2) Developing the next Education Research Forum in conjunction with ATEC, 3) Pursuing learning communities for athletic training educators, and 4) Helping educators implement and assess educational techniques.



NATA FOUNDATION

Marty Baker

The primary goal of your NATA Research and Education Foundation is to champion research and support the next generation of athletic trainers by providing scholarship assistance to offset the costs of education. Assisting athletic training students with educational costs by awarding scholarship assistance is especially important in these unique times.

The NATA Foundation has just announced this year's scholarship recipients and once again students from DIII garnered a great many prestigious awards which speaks volumes about the educational experience and mentoring students in our district are receiving.

For a complete list of NATA Foundation scholarship recipients please [CLICK HERE](#).

Students of the MAATA that are honored as recipients of this year's NATA Foundation Scholarships are:

Mary Avery, USC
PFATS Jerry Rhea Scholarship

Alexandra Dejong, UVA
Ronnie Barnes Scholarship

Nicole Fashner, USC
Andrews Sports Medicine and
Orthopaedic Center Scholarship

Madison Hauge, USC
PFATS, William Tessendorf

Emily Meyerl, George Mason
PBATS President's Scholarship

Aliza Nedimyer, UNC
PFATS Larry Neumann
Scholarship Scholarship

Danielle Torp, UNCC
PFATS Robert H. ("Bobby") Gunn Scholarship

Ashley Sutfmiller, ODU
Blynn DeNiro Memorial Scholarship

John Wise, Lynchburg
Jeff Snedecker Memorial Scholarship

In addition students of the MAATA also received the following specialty awards:

Erica Allen, George Mason
Student Writing Contest
Best Case Study

Chaselyn Trentley, Lynchburg
Free Communications Award
Pre-Professional/Professional
Student Award

Stephanie Stephens, ATC, UVA
Free Communications Award
Post-Professional Advanced
Clinical Track Student Award

UNC Greensboro's Randy Schmitz, PhD, ATC is the recipient of the Foundation's Free Communications Established Career Award.

The MAATA has a storied history of contributing to the efforts of the Foundation. For those of you that provide assistance to the Foundation I hope you agree that your funds are going to a great cause and the athletic training students of our district are certainly the beneficiaries. If you are not currently gifting to the Foundation please take a moment and consider a pledge. Whether it is a monthly contribution to become a member of the *Circle of Champions* or a one-time gift please think hard on contributing to the future of the greatest profession on earth, being an athletic trainer.



COMMITTEE ON PRACTICE ADVANCEMENTS

Andy Carter

To begin, I would like to share some of the accomplishments and work still ongoing within the Council on Practice Advancement (COPA) and

its 10 committees over the last few months. As a Council, we have monthly conference calls and had a face-to-face meeting in January in Dallas at the Joint Committee Meeting. Some of the council-wide initiatives include:

- **Transition to practice:** COPA was tasked by the Transition to Practice Workgroup with identifying existing resources that would be beneficial for an athletic trainer to use when beginning to work in a particular setting. Where gaps exist in this information, our committees will look to develop documents, tools, and guidelines to aid in the transition to practice process.
- **Education:** Traditionally, COPA workgroups, particularly those formed around a specific practice setting, have been very prolific in the production of educational materials for the membership. These educational initiatives have come in the form of webinars, videos, NATA sessions, and even pre-conference symposia. Our education team continues to push the committees of COPA for content and you can expect to see a robust menu of educational material for members and students alike coming out of COPA moving forward.
- **Social Media:** COPA's social media presence and engagement is and will continue to be strong. We have established an Instagram account to broaden our social media reach.
- **COPA Liaison:** Because of the diversity of work settings, there are likewise a laundry list of organizations outside of the NATA whose interests align with our membership. To connect our council members with these groups, COPA has created a COPA liaison to work with the NATA liaison office to enhance the value of these collaborations.

Likewise, each of the 10 committees holds monthly conference calls as well. I serve as the Chair of the Community Outreach Committee. The following are some of the projects and initiatives of those groups. Some of their respective work includes:

- **Analytics and Outcomes:** Developing surveys to analyze data collection and reporting trends and barriers in athletic training and athletic trainers' perceptions of their value and worth
- **Armed Forces:** Working to enhance job opportunities within the military setting through inclusion of athletic

trainers in the National Defense Authorization Act.

- **Community Outreach:** Working on ways to identify and engage ATs in this employment setting regardless of clinical setting. Creating opportunities for collaboration with groups within NATA (ICSM, SSATC) and groups and associations outside of NATA
- **Health care Administration:** Working to build a database of ATs in the healthcare administration setting
- **Occupational:** Working on educational materials for ATs in the occupational health settings related to OSHA reporting, injury prevention, and ergonomics.
- **Performing Arts:** Working to update and expand their database of ATs in the performing arts setting to include those working on college campuses
- **Physician Practice:** Published Physician Practice Value Model and developed video of FAQs about ATs in the Physician practice setting to be released on social media.
- **Private Practice/Emerging Settings:** Gathering information about opportunities and barriers to ATs in business ownership, working as an independent contractor, and working for an AT-owned business.
- **Public Safety:** Developing a Public Safety Value Model as well as some social media content regarding ATs in the public safety setting.
- **Rehabilitation Clinic:** Working to identify initiatives to support the AT who works in a rehabilitation clinic setting beyond the traditional issues of third-party reimbursement and coding

Also, I would like to acknowledge some of the many ATs that have been redeployed in new roles as part of the COVID-19 response.



Pictured above is Sean Burton & Mike Mosciano screening patients & visitors at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Virginia.

Continued...



Pictured above, Tara Chase of Ergo Plus screens workers as they enter a manufacturing facility in South Carolina.

I write this report today as proud as ever to be an athletic trainer. When I began my term on COPA representing District 3 back in the summer of 2019 (seems like a million years ago), most of us were doing our jobs, the way we were trained, knowing what we signed up for, and in the setting in which we were comfortable. Now, in the face of a global pandemic, many of us are using our skills, knowledge, and passion to help others, but without knowing what is next, receiving on-the-job training, and working nowhere near anything that feels comfortable. Athletic trainers in the traditional settings are finding creative ways to connect and provide care to their student-athletes from a distance, using technology to bridge the gap. Athletic trainers in other settings, those that typically identify themselves with COPA, are also using their creativity to find a way to serve, show their value, and stay employed during this tumultuous time. As I screened patients entering a medical center for my hospital system last week, I saw the same look of relief on the faces of the staff and patients that I do when parents thank us for being on the sidelines.

I wish you all health, continued gainful employment, and a rapid return to normalcy and I hope to see you soon.



ETHNICK DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Brittany Brown

Happy April MAATA Members!
I hope that everyone is staying safe during this COVID-19 pandemic. I want to thank all of the Athletic Trainers who have volunteered and been deployed onto the front lines in order to protect the health and safety of those around us.

Our EDAC committee has been working diligently to finalize events for our 2020 NATA Clinical Symposia & Expo in Atlanta. Our educational session this year is focused on leadership and diversity and will be held on Friday June 19th from 8:10-9:05am. Come out and listen to our great guest speakers which include Lyn Nakagawa, MS, ATC, CSCS, from the University of Hawaii and David Gallegos, MA, ATC, Cert. MDT from Southwest Sport and Spine Center. Our annual community service project will be held on Wednesday June 17th from 8:00-12:00pm. More information on this event will be coming in the following weeks. Lastly, our Town Hall and social will be held on Friday June 19th from 6:00-8:00pm. We look forward to seeing you at all of our events.

We want to welcome our new state representative for South Carolina, **Kenya Moore** who is the Head Athletic Trainer at Colombia College. If you are someone who is interested in volunteering at the state level, EDAC is looking for a West Virginia state representative. If you are interested in applying please follow the instructions on the website [HERE](#) and email your resume and cover letter to d3sectry@gmail.com.



WES ROBINSON
PRESIDENT

In the midst of the global pandemic and a shortened legislative session the Maryland Athletic Trainers' Association gets **SB732 passed** thru a very challenging legislative sessions. The MATA Started work in the 1980s on initial licensure for Athletic Trainers in Maryland and received licensure in 2009. This year the MATA completed a multiple year campaign to update that initial licensure for Athletic Trainers in Maryland. The MATA was able to work closely with various other allied health care groups in developing a new practice act which better reflects the Athletic Trainers' skills and education.

In this time of health care shortages and limited access for many, expanding the health care options for Marylanders has never been more important. Athletic training is recognized by the American Medical Association (AMA), Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as an allied health care profession. Today's landmark legislation was unanimously approved through the Maryland General Assembly to remove antiquated restrictions and allows companies and public safety departments to hire athletic trainers to support their employee's health and wellness.

The sports medicine model was developed on the sidelines of sporting events around the world and has expanded since its inception to care for any active individual who is injured. In addition to the traditional sports roll, today's ATs work alongside physicians in clinics and operating rooms, in employee health programs focused on care and prevention in the work place, and on site with many fire departments, law enforcement agencies, and emergency medical services around the country. This legislation now allows that to occur here in Maryland. The new practice act will increase access to quality health care which is paramount in workplace safety, health and wellbeing. Whether on the sidelines or on the front line, we owe it to all Marylanders to have access to a wide variety of healthcare choices and allow the consumer the ability to choose the provider who best meets their health care needs.

The MATA is grateful to have worked closely with Delegate Karen Lewis-Young and Senator Clarence Lam, who both championed this legislation and moved it swiftly through a challenged 2020 legislative session. Without the work of the MATA Government Affairs Committee and the dedication of our legislators, we could not have gotten

to where we are today.

Additionally, we are faced today with the Global COVID-19 Pandemic. We are seeing the abilities of ATs who are being tasked with new roles within the healthcare community to work in triage and urgent care settings to provide care. The recognition for Athletic trainers in a wide variety of environments is the key to this legislation and a very exciting time for Athletic trainers here in Maryland and around the country.



BRAD DRAKE
PRESIDENT

Greetings from South Carolina!
I hope this finds you, your families, and loved ones healthy, safe, and well.

First, I want to say thank you to all the ATs who are serving on the front lines of healthcare through this pandemic. I believe that it is no coincidence that the slogan for this year's National Athletic Training Month slogan was ATs IMPACT HEALTHCARE THROUGH ACTION. Even though our normal routines are disrupted, what an opportunity to impact our communities through our actions.

I'd like to recognize our members here in South Carolina who are impacting their communities.

To those at Palmetto Health-USC Orthopedics, Prisma, and Spartanburg Regional we could not be more proud of your service! Thank you!!

- [View Facebook Pictures Here](#)
- [Athletic trainers on front lines of war against coronavirus](#)

It is my sincere hope that we can all gather at our annual meeting in July and give you a standing ovation.

Finally I want to recognize TJ Marsh for her actions on March 8, 2020 On that day, TJ was able to provide life saving care for a student-athlete. She will tell you that she was just doing her job and would rather not be in the news. We all know that sometimes these stories don't always have a happy ending. That being said, on behalf of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association thank you for being prepared and stepping into action.

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