

Greetings District III Members! I hope that you found some time for quality rest and relaxation this past summer and that the Fall season finds you busy, but realizing that athletic training is the best profession in health care. Serving as your District Director and representative to the NATA Board of Directors for the past year has been an honor; I thank you for that privilege. I've learned a great deal about the management and administration of our professional associations. I have never been this proud to be an athletic trainer. I hope you also feel the energy and progress we have made as a profession this year.

Technology allows us to be informed and the NATA consistently sends us the *Range of Motion*, NATA News, tweets and updates through the NATA.org website. Our MAATA e-blasts and newsletters are also ways in which we keep you informed on national, regional and local news. I encourage you to be aware and informed as the AT profession moves forward and read the notices sent to you, including this newsletter. To summarize since this summer, important initiatives of the NATA include:

- Our current Presidential Election. The two candidates are Russ Richardson, EdD, ATC, and Scott Sailor, EdD, ATC. You can view their full employment and volunteer history in the August/September NATA News, and watch them deliver their campaign speeches at NATA 2014 in this previous [blog post](#). A [webinar](#) has also been published to educate members prior to voting. I encourage you to make an informed vote in the month of September.
- Recognizing our secondary schools through the [Safe Sports School Awards](#).
- Registering ATs with the federal government by obtaining a National Providers Identifier number (NPI).
- Partnering with the NFL to provide secondary schools with AT services as announced by [President Obama](#).
- [Legislation](#) such as the Safe Play Act and the Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights.

I would also like to highlight DIII news since our spring newsletter:

- Our [annual meeting](#) in Virginia Beach in May was a great success. We look forward to returning to the Founders Inn and Spa next May 29-31, 2015.
- Updating the MAATA [Constitution and By-laws](#) will continue and we hope to have an updated and approved document intact on May 30, 2015.
- We welcome 5 excellent leaders who represent [DIII](#) on NATA Committees; all were in attendance in Indy for Committee Day (see their reports in this newsletter).
- We welcome Craig Clark, SCATA President, Jennifer Rheeling, DCATA President, and Ray Davis, District Treasurer to the District Council.
- I want to thank the Maryland ATA and the South Carolina ATA for allowing me to attend their state meetings this summer. I truly enjoy being at your state meetings and I always come away with a great respect for our state leaders (and a few CEUs!).

I'm looking forward to a great year for the NATA and MAATA. Again, thank you for allowing me to represent you on the NATA Board of Directors this past year. My first term ends in June 2015. I will run for re-election to serve a second term as your District Director. I promise that I will continue to serve the members of District III to the best of my ability.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



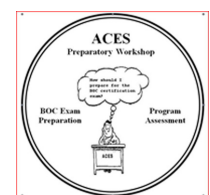
Patricia Aronson, PhD, ATC

2014 Supporters of the MAATA

The MAATA would like to thank the following companies for supporting our profession and our association. You may visit their website by clicking on their logo below.



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Director Aronson's letter continued from Page 1.

Please know that I am available for questions, concerns, suggestions, and general exchanges of ideas. I welcome your support.

Let's stay in touch,

Pat

Pat Aronson, District Director

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District Three Wins Safe Sports Championship

DIII Wins NPI Contest!

The NATA held a NPI contest this summer. The contest closed on August 31st and NATA is excited to announce the results. District 4 has the highest percentage of members with NPIs and District III had the largest percentage increase with a 4.202% increase in ATs with NPIs. DC leads state associations: 52 ATs with NPIs for 81.25% and also led states in percent increase during the contest with 28.6% increase. KUDOS DCATA!! Read [MORE](#)

Director Aronson congratulates state leaders in DIII for winning the 2 NATA contests

Dear District Council,

As state leaders I want to thank you for your leadership and hard work. District III won 2 NATA contests this summer: the NATA Safe Sports championship and the NPI number drive. Virginia (16 -way to go Loudoun County Public Schools!) and Maryland (4) greatly helped DIII win the SSS Award contest by adding schools during the contest. DIII had already represented 49% of all SSS Award recipients before the contest began. DC added 1 school to the awards roster during the contest for a total of 21 new awards in District III.

DC, Maryland, and South Carolina greatly helped DIII win the largest percent increase of members with NPI contest. I have witnessed the state leaders arranging for computers at state meetings and encouraging members to sign up (SCATA and NCATA impressed me greatly). DCATA is at 81% of ATs with NPIs; they are the leaders of all states.

I could not be more proud of all our members that have taken the effort to move the Athletic Training Profession forward.

THANK YOU and KUDOS!

Pat

Attention DIII!

Now that DIII has won the Safe Sports Challenge **AND** the NPI contest, let's win the Triple D Challenge!

The NATA Foundation "Triple D Challenge" (Double your District Donors) is in full swing. The Triple D challenge is a friendly challenge between districts to double the amount of donors to the foundation as compared to last year's donations. Please be a part of the challenge. Donate to the Foundation and help your district with the "Triple D Challenge." [Learn more here.](#)

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MAATA News

This electronic newsletter is published twice a year by the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association, for its members. For information contained in this newsletter or to submit articles/ideas, please contact the MAATA Secretary:

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Special Thanks to **Brandy Jones**
for her contribution to the newsletter
and editing services.

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2014 NATA Convention Highlights

To view video highlights of the 2014 NATA Convention in Indianapolis, link [HERE](#).

This year at the NATA Convention in Indy, the J&J Feature Presentation was entitled, "Does Protective Headgear Make Contact Sports Safer? Current Trends in Prevention of Sport-Related Concussions," and was delivered by three famous District III researchers:



Pictured Left to Right:
Tom Bowman PhD, ATC, PES, Lynchburg College
Jason Mihalik PhD, CAT (C), ATC, UNC at Chapel Hill
Kevin Guskiewicz PhD, ATC, FNATA, UNC at Chapel Hill

Photo Credit to: Renee Fernandes/NATA



Mark Your Calendar!

MAATA

2014

- AUG 15 - NOV 1 MAATA Honors and Awards Nominations open
- OCT 1 MAATA Grant Applications Due
- NOV 1 Deadline for MAATA Honors and Awards Nominations
- NOV 30 Deadline for MAATA Honors and Awards Advocacy Letters

2015

- JAN 9-10 Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Symposium
- FEB 23 "Hit the Hill Day" in Washington D.C.
- MAR 6-7 West Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Symposium
- MAY 29-31 DIII Annual Symposium and Business Meeting, [Founders Inn and Spa](#), Virginia Beach

2016

- MAY 20-22 DIII Annual Symposium and Business Meeting, Founders Inn and Spa, Virginia Beach

NATA

2015

- FEB 27 - MAR 1 2015 Athletic Training Educators' Conference and iLEAD Athletic Training Student Leadership Conference, Dallas, TX.
- JUN 23-26 [Clinical Symposia & AT Expo](#), St. Louis
- JUL 10-11 BOC Athletic Training Regulatory Conference, Omaha, Nebraska

NATA FOUNDATION

2014

- Oct 1 Nominations Due for [NATA Foundation Distinguished AT Research Medal](#), [New Investigator Award](#), [Doctoral Dissertation Award](#)
- Oct 1 Scholarship Applications for 2015 Posted on NATA Foundation Website
- Oct 1 NATA Foundation Athletic Training Student Challenge Begins
- Nov 1 NATA Foundation Service Award Nominations for 2015 Due
- Nov 15 Free Communications Program Abstracts for 2015 Due

2015

- Feb 15 NATA Foundation General Research Grant applications due for [General Grants](#), [Outcomes Grants](#) and [New Investigator Grants](#). Pre-Proposal Submission Form required
- Feb 15 NATA Foundation Annual [Doctoral Grant Applications](#) due
- Feb 15 NATA Foundation Annual [Master's Grant Applications](#) due

From the District Treasurer

Ray Davis, MSS, LAT, ATC



I am very honored to have the opportunity to serve the membership as their Chief Financial Officer. I will be ending my 16th year as the NCATA Treasurer in December and have been busy closing their books. Therefore, if you have a request I will attempt to answer you in a timely manner. With all new positions comes a learning curve and I am very grateful for Bob Cable's willingness to assist me with questions.

He continues to be very patient. Thanks Bob!

I was able to attend the district treasurer's meeting in Indy and had the opportunity to meet quite a few interesting ATs. The meeting was intense but extremely informative. I'm hopeful I can serve you as well as the other district treasurers represent their members.

Finally, I am working on a budget to be presented at our annual business meeting in May. I invite you to attend so that you can vote and approve the budget for 2015.

Stay Healthy!

Ray

Ray Davis, District Treasurer

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From the NATA

2015 Presidential Election Open, Three Weeks Left to Vote

The 2015 Presidential Election is now open for all certified members! Check your email for a message from elections@vote-now.com containing your secure registration code and instructions for voting online or using a phone ballot. (If your member profile does not include an email address, you will receive a postcard this week.) If you prefer to vote using a paper ballot, the email or postcard will provide a phone number to request one. Take this opportunity to make your voice heard in the future of your association! [READ MORE](#)

Update on Meaningful Use

Health care systems and private clinics are in the midst of Stage 2 Meaningful Use implementation of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Incentive Programs. As hospitals and private clinics navigate these requirements, many questions arise around the athletic trainer and their role in the ever-changing landscape of health care. As an athletic trainer, you should be prepared to talk to your current or potential employer about this issue. NATA has developed resources to help educate and support you in these conversations. [READ MORE](#)

Grants Offered by EDAC

NATA's Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee offers grant proposals for Diversity Enhancement Grants up to \$5,000. Grants are awarded to those developing programs intended to recruit, retain and educate current or future ethnically diverse ATs or to those developing research related to the health care conditions relevant to the ethnically diverse population. The third grant category includes the development of programs to enhance the professional develop of ethnically diverse ATs. There are two grant cycles each year, and the next deadline is Oct. 1. [READ MORE](#)

Student Membership Campaign Offers Cash & Prizes

The NATA Student Membership Campaign benefits both students and their athletic training educators! Cash and other prizes will be awarded to qualifying participants and can be used to benefit the ATP or athletic training student group. [READ MORE](#)

2015 MAATA Annual Symposium

Founders Inn and Spa

Virginia Beach, VA May 29 – 31, 2015

Hi Everyone,

I wanted to take a moment to remind you that our Annual Symposium will be held at the Founders Inn again this year. The Founders Inn created a wonderful venue for our Symposium this past year. Next year, we hope to improve upon our Symposium by adding several Evidence Based Practice (EBP) presenters. We will need your help in accomplishing this. If you are interested in becoming an EBP presenter or know someone who would be interested in speaking at our meeting in May, please contact the Program Chair, [Lori Bristow](#).



Lori Bristow

In addition, the date is at the end of May, specifically, **May 29-31**. So please mark your calendar with the new date!

Registration will open October 1, 2014.
Check out the MAATA website for updates.

Our hotel room block is NOW OPEN!
Reserve your room, NOW.



STUDENTS

Student Senate Update

Andi Bender, MS, LAT, ATC



See page 13 for scholarship information

Welcome Back Students!

The Student Senate would like to welcome the following new Junior Senators for 2014-2015 academic year:

Maryland

Julie Kuhlman, Towson University

North Carolina

Kelsey Holcomb, Western Carolina

University

South Carolina

Hannah Zech, Charleston Southern

University

West Virginia

Devon Brosh, West Virginia Wesleyan College

We currently have a vacancy for the junior senator position representing the state of Virginia. If you are an ATS enrolled in an accredited AT program in Virginia, currently hold junior academic status and have an interest in serving in this leadership role please complete an [application](#) and submit it to [Andi Bender](#). The deadline for submission is **September 30 by 11:59pm**. Approved candidates will be voted on by the current student senators and notified of the election results the following week. Please check the website for updates and be on the lookout for newsletters emailed to you from your State Senators each month.

We would also like to pay respect to a wonderful young woman we networked with this past spring with the Penny Wars donation. Olivia Naples Bostic, the founder of the LivOn Foundation, lost her battle with Colon Cancer earlier this summer. She was a powerful advocate for women and those suffering with colon cancer. The MAATA helped to raise over \$400 at the annual symposium in May that was donated to her foundation. Please keep her mission to educate and promote awareness for early detection of Colon Cancer in mind as you interact with patients, friends and family this year.



Bottom row, from left: Kara Broughman, Olivia Naples Bostic, Alyssa Fisher; Back Row, from left: Katie Taylor, Julia Greiner, Andi Bender, Elena Keretses, Alessa Lennon, Kaitlyn Maloney, Danny Amacher

DISTRICT III STATES



Greetings from Washington DC by Valentin Porter:

First off, we would like to say thank you to ALL of the members who have helped with the revitalization of the DCATA by volunteering and filling leadership positions! Secondly, we congratulate Jennifer Rheeling. She was the recipient of the 2014 MAATA Service Award. The Service Award is a district award, which reflects dedication to the Association and the field of Athletic Training on the district level, state, and local level.



Jennifer Rheeling

Preparation for Football:



In preparation for the upcoming 2014 Football season, The Howard University Sports Medicine Staff had an in-service with its athletic training students and Intern Athletic Trainer on splinting and spine-boarding with one of their team physicians, Dr. O. Filani. In addition to spine boarding and splinting, the students had an opportunity to participate in a class focused on First Aid, CPR and AED training.



The DCATA would like individuals who are eligible for membership in the DCATA to do the following:

1. Log on to www.dcathletictrainers.org/join
2. Then select the membership that fits you
3. Complete the membership application
4. You will be sent a confirmation email

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Greg Penczek

Dear MAATA Members, Friends, and Colleagues, I hope that each one of you has had a great summer with plenty of time to spend having fun with friends and family, and getting recharged for the upcoming year. As many of you know, the summer period is a time for the state and district organizations to reflect on the past year(s), and look forward to the future, developing plans for how we can improve our profession and grow as individuals.

The MATA started the summer off with our Annual Business Meeting & Clinical Symposium. We were very excited to have District Director Aronson in attendance. The highlight of the weekend's activities was the Honors and Awards Reception on Friday evening, at which time we were able to honor many deserving athletic training and allied health professionals who have made integral contributions to the profession within our state.

The following awards were presented:

Athletic Training Service Award:

Maureen Thompson and Dan Lopez

Pioneer Award:

Dr. Terri McCambridge and Dr. Richard Hinton

Presidential Award of Merit:

Sylvan Levin and Dr. Andrew Tucker

The 2014 MATA Symposium showed record attendance in a great venue at Towson University. We hope to grow this meeting and will be offering MATA registration rates to any member

of the MAATA in the coming years. During our Saturday session we were able to host the Annual MATA Athletic Training Student Quiz Bowl. I am proud to announce that Towson University won the 2014 MATA Quiz Bowl and will be representing our state at the 2015 MAATA Symposium. Congratulations Towson!



The summer has also allowed our new Secretary Maggie Souris, and Treasurer, Wendy Fabriziani, to take office. I am very excited to have them aboard as they have some great vision for the MATA and the profession. I would like to thank outgoing Secretary Amy Magladry, and outgoing Treasurer Maureen Thompson for their years of service to the state and the profession! I could not have survived the past 2 years without them. I would be remiss

if I did not mention that our Education and Research Committee has a new chair. Kelly Fiala from Salisbury University took over this position at the end of the spring and will be partnering with faculty at the other Athletic Training Education Programs within our state. I am very excited to see what this committee brings forward.

As the MATA moves into the 2014-2015 year our organization has set many goals. We have identified 3 key areas to focus on outside our normal goals of promoting the profession and educating the public. First, we have formed a work group to examine the feasibility of getting athletic trainers into all secondary schools throughout the state. We know that this will be a daunting task, however there has been great positive press in Maryland and many groups outside the profession will be in support of such an initiative. Second, we are looking to change language within our regulations that could significantly affect the populations we come in contact with, as well as where athletic trainers are employed. To piggy back on this, we will be looking to add athletic trainers to COMAR as School Health Providers. This will be an important step in solidifying the secondary school employment setting. The third and final goal is to begin examining third party reimbursement for athletic trainers in Maryland. This will be a long, drawn out process, so expect updates on how this transpires.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who continue to promote our profession and set a high standard for athletic training professionals not only in our district, but throughout the country. I wish all of you the best throughout the Fall and Winter and as always, Keep 'Em Healthy!

Greg

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THANK YOU MARYLAND!

Dear Maryland Athletic Trainers,
 Thank you for your hospitality at your June MATA meeting. I was able to reconnect with several Lynchburg College alumni, as well as with Dr. Richard Hinton, an old UVA classmate. I was impressed with your state leadership and Greg's excellent business meeting. I took the train from Lynchburg to Baltimore and back and truly enjoyed the adventure; I look forward to doing that again soon.

Thanks very much for the invitation and accommodations,
Pat

Patricia A. Aronson, PhD, ATC
 District III Director



Vince Stilger

WVATA Annual Sports Medicine Conference

The WVATA state meeting will be held March 6-7, 2015, in Flatwoods, West Virginia. Marshall University Athletic Training Program will host the conference. All athletic trainers and athletic training students in the state are encouraged to attend. We hope to see everyone for an educational weekend.

Take Your Legislator to Work Day

West Virginia is continuing to pursue licensure for athletic trainers during the 2015 legislative session. Athletic trainers in West Virginia are encouraged to take their legislators to work for a day this fall. This will help educate them on the importance of advancing our profession and allow them to see firsthand what we do as athletic trainers. [Locate your legislators](#) and be a part of progressing athletic training in the state of West Virginia.

WVATA Getting Support from Physicians

The state association is in the process of creating a position statement, garnering support from physicians in the state, to facilitate the pursuance of licensure. Membership will receive more information as things are finalized.

WV Legislative Interim Sessions

Athletic Training Programs in the state of West Virginia are traveling to Charleston during different interim sessions this fall. The purpose is to meet with state legislators to promote and advance athletic training as we strive for state licensure. If any programs are interested, please contact President [Vince Stilger](#).

Athletic Training Testimonies

Student athletes and parents have been speaking out about their personal interactions with athletic trainers. When you visit our state association's website (wvata.org), you will have a chance to read how our athletic trainers are representing our profession and impacting the athletic community.

West Virginia Safe Sport Schools

Congratulations to this year's award winners for achieving Safe Sport Schools status!

1st Team:

Hedgesville High School-John Grove ATC/R
Musselman High School-Doug Wilson ATC/R
Ripley High School-Steven Lough ATC/R
Spring Mills High School-Kayla Johns ATC/R

2nd Team:

Martinsburg High School-Lauren Taylor ATC/R

Pictures and Spotlights

Any pictures or events that are happening in West Virginia, that deserves to be highlighted, please send via email to wvatad3@gmail.com. Let's try getting more stories and pictures that promote our profession and state organization as a whole.

Vince

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Jay Sedory

Greetings District III Members,

I hope this message finds you well and in good health. There are a number of updates we would like to share with you.

We look forward to seeing you at the VATA annual meeting, January 9th-11th, 2015 where we will be able to offer two Evidence Based Practice units thanks to the efforts of Joe Hart (University of Virginia) and Kim Prichard (Annual Meeting Chair).

Of the approximately 200 secondary schools that have earned the Safe Sports School award in the nation, Virginia has 51 schools!



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HB 190 went into effect on July 1st 2014. Licensed athletic trainers in the state of Virginia may use oxygen under protocol of their physician. The VATA is developing resources to help members use oxygen appropriately. Check the website for more information in the future.

Mike Puglia (GAC member), Jay Sedory (VATA President) and Becky Bowers-Lanier (governmental affairs advisor) witnessed Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe sign HB 410 that expand concussion policies to non-scholastic youth sports programs using public school property and increasing the return-to-learn protocol following concussions.

Congratulations to Neal Glaviano for receiving the Graduate Student McCue Society Scholarship by the McCue Society on Friday June 6th.

Congratulations to GMU senior student Cheryl Hairston on being awarded a National Athletic Trainers' Association scholarship for \$2,300. She received the "Cramer Cornerstone Scholarship", sponsored by "Cramer Products" and was recognized during the Pinky Newell Scholarship & Leadership Breakfast at the NATA Convention in Indianapolis. Cheryl is the first GMU ATEP student to receive an NATA scholarship.

Breanne Piatt, MS, ATC, Brookville High School, Lynchburg, Va. and Michael Shetley MS, ATC, CSCS Appomattox (Va.) County High School were awarded an honorable mention in the Training and Conditioning magazine for the "Most Valuable Athletic Trainer" award, listing them both in the top 22 of the nation.

Congratulations to Virginia's own Jon Almquist, NATA Hall of Fame 2014 inductee. With a lifetime commitment to the profession and the state organization, we honor you!

We would like to encourage members to periodically check the www.vata.us site as well as the social media (www.facebook.com/virginiaathletictrainers and twitter: https://twitter.com/VATA_PR) for updated news and announcements for the membership. We would like to spotlight any events that have happened as well as advertise your upcoming events. Even a small event in your area is important in educating the public about athletic training. Share your efforts and activities with other athletic trainers. Reporting of events in your area may be sent to Public Relations Chair [Michael Shetley](#).

Upcoming event: The UVA athletic training faculty and doctoral students will be taking part in the Unity Way's Day of Caring on September 17th .

On behalf of the VATA leadership,
Jay
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Scott Barringer

Greetings,

Summer has flown by and finally the fall sports season is back into full swing. The temperature has been very favorable so far and a little wet in some areas of the state. Don't forget the importance to spend some time with family and friends and for yourself throughout the season even if it is only for one day over the weekend.

The 7th Annual Summer Symposium in July was a well attended summer program with over 100 participants. If you didn't attend you definitely missed some great topics and speakers.

Our 3rd Annual Fall Business Meeting in Raleigh will be on November 22nd. Check out the NCATA [website](#) for more information. This is our Annual Business meeting and we will be electing our next vice president and treasurer positions. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, a candidate must have served on the Board of Representatives or as a committee member within the immediately preceding 5 years. Please contact Grady Hardeman, NCATA secretary, if you are eligible and interested in running for one of the executive board position.

Congratulations to Marty Baker for receiving the NATA Service Award and Jill Manners for receiving the NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award at the NATA Annual meeting in Indianapolis. Dan Hooker also received the MAATA Hall of Fame honor at the MAATA Annual Business meeting in May.

If any NCATA member receives recognition or an award throughout the year, please let me know so we can share this information with our membership.

Please take time to reach out to your local state representatives and invite them to come visit you at your place of employment. Let them see first-hand what a licensed athletic trainer does on a daily basis. It is our responsibility as members of our profession to educate the public on the importance of hiring highly qualified healthcare professionals to take care of our student athletes. The certified/licensed athletic trainer is the most qualified person to fill this role.

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 care for on a daily basis.

Scott
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South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association



Craig Clark

The South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association held its annual symposium July 17-18, 2014, in Columbia, South Carolina. A record crowd of 358 participants attended this year's symposium. In attendance were also 26 vendors who assist in making our meeting a success.

After eight years of dedicated service, President Bill Warren presided over his final business meeting, while welcoming a new Executive Council:

President: Craig Clark
President-Elect: Sheila Gordon
Secretary/Treasurer: Brad Drake
Past President: Bill Warren

SCATA also recognized several award winners at the annual business meeting:



SCATA Founders Award

Kevin Ennis
 (pictured left)

SCATA College/University Athletic Training Staff of the Year

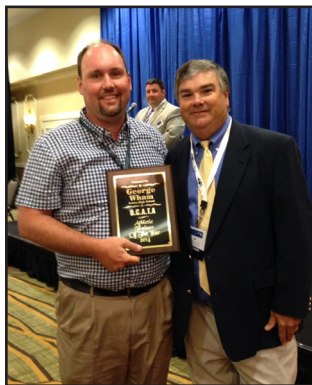
North Greenville University

SCATA/SCACA High School Athletic Trainer of the Year

George Wham
 (pictured right)

NATA-Eve Becker-Doyle Leadership Award

Kent Falb



NATA Service Awards

Kevin Herrod
 Jerome "Raz" Razayeski
 Bill Warren



SCATA also awarded the following scholarships:

Terry Lewis Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

Julia Greiner, Winthrop University
 (pictured left)

Terry Lewis Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Michael Brown, Clemson University

Hannah Sobeski Memorial Scholarship

Michael and Clayton Bullock, twin sons of Donna Bullock,
 Clemson University
 (pictured below)



During the business meeting, SCATA's membership also unanimously approved the formation of a historical committee to begin collecting/documenting the history of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association.

Please note next years' SCATA Annual Symposium will be held **July 9-10, 2015** in Columbia, SC.

Craig

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Congratulations to USC's Rachel Sharpe, MS, ATC for being published in the [CATS Newsletter](#) (Page 4).

THANK YOU SOUTH CAROLINA!

Dear South Carolina Athletic Trainers,
 Thank you for your wonderful hospitality in July at the annual SCATA meeting. I enjoyed meeting many of you and getting to know old friends better. Your program, as last year, was excellent and I appreciate the CEUs. Also, thank you for an evening of fun and laughter; "Casino Night with SCATA" is one of my summer highlights!

With many thanks,
Pat

Patricia A. Aronson, PhD, ATC
 District III Director

FROM DISTRICT III COMMITTEES

NATA Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee

George Wham, EdD, ATC, SCAT



Hello!

As the new District III SSATC Chair, let me to take this opportunity to introduce myself, I am George Wham from Pelion High School in Lexington County, South Carolina. I look forward to serving District III and representing the MAATA on the NATA SSATC. Below is my contact information along with contact information for each state representative

on the MAATA Secondary School Committee. Do not hesitate to contact me or your state representative if we can be of service.

trainer position, or perhaps provide the justification for the need for additional ATs. The document is in the final stages and is scheduled for release January 1, 2015. I encourage each secondary school AT to use this document to examine their own practice and share the document with decision makers to improve the medical care provided to high school athletes at their school and in their state.

Other Notes:

- Each state in District III now has a **state representative to the MAATA Secondary School Committee**. Look to them to distribute information from NATA from time to time.
- NATA News** will be publishing an upcoming issue focused on the AT in secondary schools.

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Virginia	Abbie Hansberger	540-975-1520	alhansberger@shenandoah.k12.va.us
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Here are some things going on at the national level that I wanted to share with you:

NATA Safe School Awards: Currently District III has the most schools in the country identified as a Safe School, thanks to Virginia. I encourage all ATs working in the Secondary School setting to give strong consideration to pursuing this "accreditation" that recognizes that you and your school provide appropriate medical care for secondary school athletics. NATA Athletic Trainer Student Aide Position Statement: A revised version of this document was released last spring by the NATA. All secondary school ATs should have received an email from Larry Cooper, Chair of the NATA SSATC, with a letter providing further explanation. I encourage all secondary school ATs to examine their use of student aides and make sure you are compliant with both your state practice act and the NATA's recommendations.

Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award: Gatorade has reintroduced the award to recognize outstanding ATs in the secondary school setting. A Gatorade award will be given to a secondary school AT in each district. I encourage ATs to nominate worthy colleagues in the secondary school setting. Click [HERE](#) for more information

Secondary School Athletic Value Model: This document is designed to help a school create and/or develop an athletic

- Each month NATA SSATC will be emailing a monthly newsletter to all secondary school ATs.
- NATA SSATC is examining its relationship with Future Health Professionals (formerly known as HOSA).
- Korey Stringer Institute has completed surveying American high schools regarding the presence of an AT. Look for the data to be published soon!
- NATA SSATC is developing a curriculum for ATSA's.

NATA Membership Renewals Begin in October

NATA's membership renewal campaign kicks off next month. Your renewal invoice will be sent to your email inbox so please make sure we have your current email address. You can update your information on the membership portion of the NATA website or by emailing our Member Services department at membership@nata.org. And don't forget that you can take advantage of NATA's installment payment option. The sooner you renew, the more installments you can make to lower your monthly payment. If you renew by Oct. 14, you can pay in up to five installments. Read [MORE](#).

FROM DISTRICT III COMMITTEES

Committee on Practice Advancement

Ashley S. Long, PhD, LAT, ATC



The Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA) had a productive meeting at the national convention. We have many initiatives underway under the leadership of Lisa Kluchurosky. The committee has been restructured and now has representation from all districts. JC Anderson is the newest member of COPA and will represent District IX.

Some of you may have heard about the CMS proposed rule that identifies who can alter a custom fitted brace for patients. Currently, the rule excludes athletic trainers from the list of providers. The NATA is executing a plan to show that athletic trainers' education and qualifications should allow them to be included in the list of providers. The NATA has created a task force, created allies in other associations, joined with physician partners, and aligned with brace companies to generate support for our inclusion. Many have provided letters to CMS. Comments to CMS were due September 1st and the task force will provide the official comment from the NATA.

The NATA's National Manager of Strategic Development, Clark Simpson, has been working directly with several states on improving the climate for third party reimbursement. This pilot program will establish methods and best practices for states to make positive improvements to athletic trainers' access to third party reimbursement.

The NPI contest has been successful. To date, over 600 new athletic trainer NPI numbers have been established since the contest began and District III now has over 1,500 members with an NPI number.

Workgroups are beginning to update their web pages, provide useful materials for members, and network with other organizations as we grow the recognition and reputation of the AT profession. Some highlights include:

- Occupational Health Workgroup has begun to plan for the NATA pre-conference workshop.
- Performing Arts Workgroup is working to survey members in this setting and has affiliated with Athletes in the Arts.
- Physician Extender Workgroup is developing and presenting materials to present at conferences outside of athletic training.
- Public Safety Workgroup is currently recruiting members. Contact [Brad Swope](#) if you are interested.
- Worth to Value Workgroup is developing materials to assist members in demonstrating their worth in various settings.

If you are interested in serving on a work group please contact [Amanda Muscatell](#) at the NATA office.

Grants and Research Awards

Bonnie Van Lunen, PhD, ATC, FNATA



We are very fortunate to have the ability to offer funding opportunities for our district members who choose to explore questions in athletic training through research initiatives. The research that is supported by our District leads to the development of the young professional, while also paving the way for more seasoned researchers to explore avenues which can help provide pilot data for larger projects. The opportunity

to submit proposal materials is upon us, as the [application deadline](#) for electronic submissions is October 1st. There are a few small changes to the application, so please review it carefully before submitting your materials. The committee looks forward to your submissions!

Ethnic Diversity Advisory Council

Megan Hammonds, MA, ATC



The Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee presents the Bill Chisolm Professional Service Award annually to recognize any individual who has significantly advanced the provision of athletic health care services to ethnically diverse individuals, or made a significant contribution to the professional development and advancement of ethnically diverse athletic trainers. Please take the time to nominate any individuals you feel are worthy of this award.

Eligibility criteria:

- While non-NATA members may be nominated, NATA members must be in good standing.
- Candidates are not required to be a member of an underrepresented ethnically diverse population.

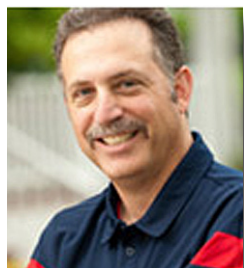
For more information and details about the nomination process, please visit the [EDAC webpage](#) or contact [Megan Hammonds](#).

The EDAC will once again be sponsoring a Career Day at the 2015 NATA Clinical Symposium in St. Louis. Career Day is a great opportunity to interact and network with a diverse group of athletic trainers. Any educators or students interesting in attending or getting involved needs to contact District III Chair, [Megan Hammonds](#).

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Honors and Awards Committee

Bob Casmus, MS, ATC



To the District III membership: Please consider making nominations of your fellow athletic trainers for MAATA Honors and Awards. All of us know at least one or two individuals who are worthy and deserving of such recognition. The MAATA Service Award is geared towards recognizing individuals who have done service at

the local, state and district levels. The MAATA MDAT award is designed to recognize individuals for their service more so at the district and national levels. The MAATA Hall of Fame is focused on recognizing those individuals who have or had service and impact at both the district and the national level. Our district honors and awards are very much in-line with the NATA national awards. Note that the NATA HOF is designed to honor individuals who's service and career had *national impact on the profession of athletic training*. Please understand that the District III Awards and the NATA Awards are **not** for recognizing the 'longevity' of athletic trainers in their places of employment.

Additionally, the District III Honors & Awards application form/candidate profile for the three district awards is similar to what is completed by individuals nominated for the NATA awards. The document may seem daunting, but it gives the assessment teams great information for the evaluation process and only benefits the candidates. In reality, the Honors and Awards application form is quite useful as a tool to help one maintain an up-to-date vita or resume. The form should be completed by everyone, saved to a file and updated on an annual basis.

The sub-committee chairs for the District III Honors & Awards are: John Bielawski, ATC - MAATA HOF Award, Nancy Burke, ATC - MAATA MDAT Award and Sherry Summers, ATC (retired) for MAATA Service Award. The award evaluation teams will remain anonymous and representation occurs with a member from each state, the District of Columbia as well as by gender and employment settings. Additionally there are District III NATA Hall of Famers who rotate in the group to assist with evaluations. As the District III Honors and Awards Committee Chair, I have no direct voting power, no evaluation responsibilities, but serve only as a resource and as the honors and awards process coordinator.

Again, I encourage all of us to submit nominations for the MAATA Honors & Awards -- all information can be found on the MAATA website under [DIII Honors and Awards](#).

Honors & Awards NOMINATIONS **Open 8/15/14 and Close on 11/1/14.**

ALL advocacy forms and/or letters of recommendation and the candidate profile/application information must be received by 11/30/14 to be considered for the award to which a nomination was made. Incomplete files will not be considered for the award to which an individual was nominated.

Reminder - NATA Service Award recipients are not eligible at this time for MAATA Service Award **and** NATA MDAT recipients are not eligible at this time for MAATA MDAT. NATA HOF recipients are automatically **and** currently "grandfathered" in as MAATA Hall of Fame members.

College & University Athletic Trainers Committee

Andy Carter, MS, ATC



Fellow MAATA Members, I'm excited to serve District III as its representative to the NATA College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee. I joined the committee this summer and participated in the full-day CUATC meeting, a Junior College meet and greet, and specialty session hosted by the CUATC during the Annual Meeting and Symposia alongside my predecessor, Allen Shelley. I would like

to thank Allen for his support during the transition and for his tremendous body of work with CUATC initiatives and projects, such as the College/University Value Model.

Purpose of CUATC

The College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee serves several purposes with a focus to support, educate, and represent the College/University Athletic Trainer. The CUATC committee supports the athletic trainer with resources and tools necessary to provide comprehensive healthcare to college and university student-athletes. The committee's efforts are focused to help demonstrate the values and importance of the athletic trainer in the overall health and welfare of the student-athlete, to work with the appropriate third parties such as the NCAA and the NCAA Rules Committee to promote issues of student-athlete safety and well-being, and to improve work-life balance for our members within our setting. The CUATC also seeks to help foster an environment for the College/University Athletic Trainer to continue their educational journey and to grow the collective knowledge of Athletic Training. The CUATC serves to represent the College/University Athletic Trainer within the governance structure of the NATA, and acts to ensure our members are kept informed by communicating regularly back to our members on

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our actions, and that on the NATA as a whole on their behalf.

Updates on Projects and Initiatives

College/University Value Model: The College/University Value Model is a product of the workgroup created with collaboration between the Committee on Revenue and College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee. Currently, the committee is working to add more metrics to the document to enhance its ability to define value and worth. We are also seeking feedback from those members who have successfully used the value model to achieve a desired goal, whether to add staff, define priorities, enhance salaries, or justify resources. Please email me any such feedback and I'll forward along to the workgroup.

The purpose of the College/University Value Model is to:

- Provide a resource for value assessment for the athletic trainer in the college/university setting.
- Provide unique global revenue strategies for the college/university athletic trainer.
- Serve as a presentation template for the college/university athletic trainer to appeal to non-member administrators.

AMCIA: The CUATC is working to update the metrics in the Appropriate Medical Coverage for Intercollegiate Athletics document to better reflect current injury rate data. NATA's *Recommendations and Guidelines for Appropriate Medical Coverage of Intercollegiate Athletics* offer college and university health care providers a system by which they can evaluate their current level of coverage for student-athletes. These recommendations have been created for the safety of student-athletes competing at the collegiate level. To that end, certified athletic trainers in this setting must have a thorough understanding of the recommendations before implementing the system.

For more information, FAQ's, list of AMCIA "mentors" who have effectively used the document and are willing to help, and an online AMCIA worksheet, link [HERE](#).

"10 for 10" Presentations: The original concept for the "10 for 10" presentations was to provide collegiate athletic trainers with 10 presentations with around 10 slides on common health and safety issues affecting college athletes. The number of presentations has grown past 10 and topics will continue to be added. Each presentation can be modified by the athletic trainer and will be useful for educational meetings with coaches, parents, administrators, and student-athletes.

To view a list of presentations, link [HERE](#).

NCAA Division II Summer Workout Checklist: NCAA Proposal No. 2-20 passed with a vote of 108-60 during the January 2014 NCAA

meeting. This proposal allows NCAA Division II institutions to conduct on campus summer conditioning workouts for football beginning June 1, 2014. The CUATC has developed a checklist to assist the NCAA Division III athletic trainers as they address institutionally Proposal No. 2-20: Football Summer Workouts.

For more information including the checklist, link [HERE](#).

CUATC Awards

The College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee has established several awards to recognize collegiate athletic trainers who have demonstrated exceptional performance in their setting.

- Head Athletic Trainer of the Year.
- Assistant Athletic Trainer of the Year.
- Above and Beyond Award--recognizes one athletic trainer or one instance of care in the collegiate setting for exceptional performance in athletic training or non-athletic training activities occurring in the past year.
- New Horizon Award--recognizes one athletic trainer in the collegiate setting who has demonstrated the attributes of a future leader in the profession.

Nominations are due by **January 31, 2015**. Help us to make sure District III is well represented among CUATC award winners. For more information on award criteria and for online nomination forms, link [HERE](#).

Contact Me

Please contact me at jacart@wm.edu with any issues, concerns, or questions regarding the college and university setting that I can take back to the committee for discussion.

MAATA Scholarship Committee 2014-15 Announces New Deadline Date March 1, 2015

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee:

Joseph A. Beckett, EdD, ATC

MAATA Scholarship Committee Chair

Eric Bengston – North Carolina Representative

TBD – District of Columbia Representative

Lori Bristow – Maryland Representative

Drue Stapleton – West Virginia Representative

Sara Pittelkau – Virginia Representative

Adam Weyer – South Carolina Representative

Visit the [website](#) for application information!

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NATA Foundation Report

Jill Manners, MS, MPT, LAT, ATC, PT



I hope each of you had a great summer and the craziness of the beginning of school and the beginning of football and fall sports has died down a bit.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the NATA Research and Education Foundation. Due to your support, we have been able to accomplish some great things this year! To begin with, I would like to thank all of the Athletic Training Education Programs who contributed to the **District III Master's Research Grant**. Due to your generosity, this Grant was fully endowed in May. This allowed the Foundation to award the first Grant in June! Congratulations to **Chyrsten Regelski, ATC** at Old Dominion University. Chyrsten was the first recipient of this award! Thank you to Bob Casmus for initiating this Grant!

Also, if you have been to any of the meetings when I have given my reports, I frequently stressed that the money donated by District 3 comes back to us. This year, **13 of the 63 scholarships awarded went to District 3 students!!** This totaled almost **\$30,000!!!** Congratulations winners! Well deserved!

2014 MAATA Scholarship Winners

EDWARD BLOCK UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Elena Keretses, Western Carolina
Kathleen O'Day, Lynchburg College

LARRY SUTTON POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Nicole Eads, Western Carolina
Kyra Dodson, Western Carolina
Britney Woodhull-Smith, East Carolina

BOBBY GUNN STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sarah Buckley, Wheeling Jesuit

A.C. WHITEY GWYNNE MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP

Corrine Rogers, UNC Greensboro
Taylor Meier, Old Dominion

Although I sent this plea last year, I am still looking for individuals to become State Representatives for the NATA Foundation. I would really like to build this level of the Foundation. I am looking for a representative from North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact me directly. Also, the NATA Foundation Student Challenge Committee is looking to select one student to serve on the committee in order to

promote the Student Challenge. If you are interested, or have a student interested in serving, please contact me directly.

Triple D Challenge: The NATA Foundation is challenging each district to double the number of their donors. Please help District III win this Challenge. I encourage all Athletic Training facilities to challenge each of your staff members and students to donate. **No donation is too small!**

The Student Challenge is getting ready to kick-off again! Students and educators, please consider getting involved in this contest! This year, ALL programs who donate will receive 10% back, up to \$100! This means a fundraiser for your program as well. This is a great cause and encourages students to give back to the profession that they love! Keep your eyes posted for additional information on the Student Challenge in the near future! Last year only one program in District 3 competed in the Student Challenge. I challenge each program to get involved this year.

Foundation Fact: Did you know that the NATA Foundation publishes Building Blocks for Clinical Practice? These building Blocks can be found on the NATA Research and Education Foundation [website](#). The Building Blocks were created to provide athletic trainers with information and tools that they can utilize in their daily practice. These Building Blocks are quick Fact Sheets that are concise and easy to utilize. Some of the topics include Skin Infections, Abdominal Evaluation, Cardiac Assessment, and Heat Illness. I encourage you to review these documents and implement the information into your daily practice.

Thank you again for your continued support. Together we are doing some great things to promote the Athletic Training Profession. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions for the NATA Research and Education Foundation.

MAATA Honors and Awards Nominations

The MAATA Honors and Awards Committee welcome nominations for the 2015 District III meeting and symposium. The nominations deadline is **November 30, 2014**. Please see Bob Casmus' report in this Newsletter and visit the [website](#) for more information and nomination applications.

Thank you in advance!

FROM DISTRICT III COMMITTEES

Young Professionals

Dawn Minton-Emerson, MS, ATC



Welcome everyone to another fall semester, football season, or however you measure this time of year! I would like to introduce our newest member of the DIII YPC, West Virginia state representative, Kelvin Phan from the University of Charleston. We thank Kris Smith for his service and wish him luck on his future endeavors.



From the national side, the YPC had a successful meeting at the NATA Symposium in June. Thank you to everyone who helped out and attended our sessions. It is not too early to begin the process to nominate a deserving young professional for the NATA YPC National Distinction Award. There are some outstanding young ATs in our district that are extremely deserving of this award. It would be an honor to have the next winner from District III! Information about award criteria and directions can be found [HERE](#).

Our district will continue with the *5 for 5: 5 Messages for the First 5 Years* project. This presentation is no longer centered specifically for undergraduate AT students, but is appropriate for graduate AT students and other YP groups. We also are responding to feedback requesting we hold this project in the fall instead of the spring. State representatives will be contacting university and college athletic training programs across their states to set up presentations. If you are interested in having someone present to a group at your institution, please contact me or your state representative for more information.

Some of you may be aware of the increased efforts the Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) is taking to address ethical violations within our profession. Recognizing young professional ATs are involved with a large number of ethics violations, the NATA YPC and DIII YPC are dedicated to working with COPE to address this. Throughout the year, and specifically at both the NATA and MAATA Annual Symposiums, our programming efforts will be focused toward a variety of ethical topics from the perspective of and designed for young professional ATs. We encourage all YPs to take a vested interest in this issue, educate themselves and their colleagues, and help protect our profession and each other.

Please read a message from the [Committee of Professional Ethics](#).

Political Action Committee

Robert J Cable, MS, ATC



My fellow Members of the MAATA, As I write this installment for the MAATA Newsletter, I know that every Athletic Trainer in the MAATA is going “full steam ahead” “with guns a-blazin” into the 2014–15 athletic seasons. Whether you are an academic, a traditional or a clinical athletic trainer, this is a busy time for us all.

I want to take this opportunity to thank District Director Aronson and the Board of Directors for their faith in me. The NATAPAC is a very important committee and to represent the MAATA on that Committee is an honor and a privilege. As I was preparing for the duty's associated with this position, I spoke extensively with Pat Lamboni, the past MAATA NATAPAC Committee Chair, and he gave me some interesting information. Pat stated that prior to his becoming a member of the Committee that the MAATA donations to the NATAPAC were down. He stated that his goal was to get the MAATA donations up to the middle level of the districts. He succeeded in grand fashion. He then challenged me to lead the membership of the MAATA to the next level; certainly without the help of the membership this task is impossible. What I would like to do initially, is to get everyone in the MAATA to donate something to the NATAPAC each year. Even if it is five or ten dollars, every little bit helps. With more than 3900 members in the MAATA if everyone gives something, we can be well on our way to moving up the ladder to the top one third in NATAPAC giving.

Remember, NATAPAC, a political action committee connected to the [National Athletic Trainers' Association](#), is a federal group that provides campaign contributions to approved candidates on behalf of NATA. NATAPAC will give primarily to candidates for the United States Senate or United States House of Representatives. It is a nonpartisan group.

Separately incorporated, NATAPAC operates under its own bylaws and is governed by the NATAPAC Board of Directors. Each NATA district has a representative on the [NATAPAC Board](#). Per FEC restrictions, NATAPAC will only accept contributions from NATA members. A political action committee is a private group that bands together to support candidates for public office. The Federal Election Commission sets rules governing PACs in the United States NATAPAC helps us all. It supports and at the same time protects our profession and its members. I hope everyone has a safe, healthy and successful year. Please let me know if I can help you in any way and remember... **SUPPORT YOUR NATAPAC.**

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Governmental Affairs Committee

Anna Sedory, MS, ATC, CSCS



In 2013-2014, four MAATA states were awarded NATA Governmental Affairs grants totaling almost \$50,000. The funds were used to support a variety of legislative initiatives. These initiatives run the gamut from protecting scope of practice, secondary school mandates, and exploring third party reimbursement. The 2014-2015 grant process is in full swing with applications from four MAATA states

and the DCATA under consideration, along with requests from more than thirty others. Competition is stiff! Grant awards will be announced in October.

Governmental Affairs representatives are working hard to protect your ability to practice freely. They consult with lobbyists, research current and future bills, and brainstorm fundraisers. It is my privilege to represent this hard working group of individuals to the NATA.

You don't have to know anything about government or politics to help! For more information on how you can help advance the profession through Governmental Affairs, contact your state Governmental Affairs Chair:

DCATA – [Mike Walker](#)
 MATA- [TJ Morgan](#)
 NCATA- [Dan Duffy](#)
 SCATA – [George Wham](#)
 VATA- President [Jay Sedory](#) (interim)
 WVATA – [Vince Stigler](#)

District III and we want to make sure your efforts and hard work are being recognized!

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[Mattie Eckerman](#)

[Nina Walker](#)

[Leslie Dent](#) (Co-Chair)

[Jerome "Raz" Razayeski](#)

[Hannah Harnar](#)

I have been extremely proud of our performance with the Safe Sport School and NPI initiatives! Thank you so much for your dedication in making sure DIII came out victorious in these competitions! With that being said, I now encourage you to support our participation in the Triple D Challenge! No donation amount is too small.

If you haven't already done so, I would like to encourage you to "follow" and "like" the districts social media accounts and engage in interaction. These are great tools to use in disseminating information and keeping our members interconnected.

I would also like to encourage you to participate in the NATA presidential election, which is open through the end of September. Educate yourself on the candidates and use your vote to have a voice in this next phase of NATA leadership.

Thank you for all that you do every day in providing exceptional healthcare to your patients and striving to make our district and profession the best it can possible be!

District III Public Relations Committee

Brandy Jones, MS, LAT, ATC, ROT



Hello Fellow Athletic Trainers!

I hope you are settling into the new work year and looking forward to the Fall season! As the new Public Relations Chair for our district, I would like to introduce myself. If you should ever need anything, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to serving the members of the MAATA and representing our district on the NATA PR committee.

Below you will find contact information for the public relations state representatives from each state. Please utilize their contact information to make them aware of all the awesome things that are going on in your state. Such great athletic trainers make up

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