



# Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association Newsletter



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## News from the District Director, R. T. Floyd



I hope you all enjoyed the NATA Annual Meeting in San Antonio as much as I did. Seeing everyone at this meeting is always a highlight of my year. From all accounts, the new formats were successful and we were pleased with the increase in exhibitors.

Congratulations to all of the NATA Award winners, particularly those from District IX as listed in this *Newsletter*. Please join me in thanking these members for their leadership and dedication in advancing our profession. Related to this, it is now time to begin the nomination process to recognize deserving members for next year. NATA nominations begin Aug. 1 and end on Nov. 15. A revised online process will soon be initiated for SEATA Honors and Awards nominations which has a deadline of Jan. 1.

As I mentioned in our last *SEATA Newsletter*, we are pursuing our federal legislation known as ATEAM and need every member to persistently contact their U.S. Senators and Representatives to re-

quest their support. Furthermore, we each need to solicit assistance in this process from our families, friends, patients, co-workers, supporters, and allied health care associates. Simultaneously, we must make our feelings known in Washington as it relates to anticipated health care reform. We each have the power to make a differ-

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Equal Access to Medicare  
Act (HR 1137)  
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ence, but only if we exercise it with a passion. Please utilize the NATA Legislative Alert Center and Health Care Reform links on the NATA web site as detailed later in this *Newsletter*.

Your NATA Board of Directors is excited to initiate the High School Injury Surveillance Outcomes Study which will look at injury trends and outcomes among high school athletes and we invite you to participate in generating financial support.

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## News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski



Important news – SEATA is turning 35! Please plan to participate in the 35th anniversary gathering. It is time to recognize our SEATA history and plan for the future. We will celebrate the 35th anniversary of SEATA when we return to Florida for our **35th Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting**. Come to sunny Florida to the Marriott Bay Point Golf and Spa Resort in Panama City Beach, FL. The **35th Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting** will be held March 18 -21, 2010. Please feel free to contact us [exec@seata.org](mailto:exec@seata.org) with any suggestions you have for our meeting.

It was great to see so many SEATA

members at the NATA Annual Meeting and Symposium in San Antonio. Congratulations to our many SEATA members who received honors and awards during the meeting.

The SEATA Executive Board met in San Antonio. The main actions that occurred during the meeting were review of the current By-laws for the upcoming election procedures; approval of a dues increase with the entire increase amount allocated to each respective members' state; review of the SEATA financial report and investment strategies, approving the Finance Committee fall meeting; discussion and planning of future SEATA Annual Meetings. We continued the review of the SEATA committee structure. Please refer

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**Congratulations to NATA Hall of Famer Mike Ferrara!**

Dr. Michael Ferrara is Professor in Kinesiology and Program Director of Athletic Training at University of Georgia. He received his doctorate degree from Penn State University, Masters degree from Michigan State University and undergraduate degree from Ithaca College. Dr. Ferrara has been very active in research and has published in leading sports medicine journals. He has given numerous lectures

around the world to include Japan, China, and Europe.

Ferrara has been active professionally at the state, regional, and national levels. He has served as a director on Board of Certification since 2006. He was founding president of the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy, serving from 2000-05. He was director of medical operations for the Atlanta Paralympic Games (1995-96) and director of medical services for the 1992 Barcelona Paralympic Games and United States Disabled Sports Team at the World Athletics Championships (1994). Ferrara has been recognized for his leadership and scholarship throughout his three-decade career. In 2006, he received the Education/Administration Award from the

Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association. In 2008, he was named a Fellow in the National Athletic Trainers Association and in the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education in 2003. NATA recognized Ferrara with the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award in 2003, and he has the Sayers "Bud" Miller Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award from NATA in 2001. Recently, Ferrara was named a Fulbright Scholar to Ireland. He will travel to Dublin City University, Ireland in the spring of 2010 to teach in the athletic training program and to research sport-related concussion.

See Mike Ferrara's NATA Hall of Fame Induction video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTpOwgv52e8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTpOwgv52e8).

**Update on SEATA Secretary, Lori Groover**

Lori Mobley Groover served on the GATA Executive Board from January 2003 through December 2006, serving as President from January 2005- December 2006. She currently serves as SEATA Secretary.

Lori was recently diagnosed with cancer. She has moved from Louisiana to her hometown of Hinesville, GA for treatment. The cancer has spread to her brain, hip, spine, liver, and lung. She is undergoing inpatient radiation treatments in Savannah. Once the lungs are clear of fluid, chemo treatments will begin. Also, once her lungs are cleared she

can go home and continue treatment on outpatient basis. Lori has a very positive and determined attitude. Because of her shortness of breath and weakened condition, she cannot respond to everyone's calls and messages, but she appreciates them all very much. An account is being set up for her at The Heritage Bank in Hinesville. SEATA is also set up to receive donations for Lori. Contributions may be sent to either of addresses below:

Lori Mobley Groover Fund  
Heritage Bank  
P.O. Box 1009  
Hinesville, GA 31313

Updates are being posted on Lori's Facebook page by a friend, and summary updates will be posted on the GATA page (click the link on the news scroller on the homepage of [www.athletictraining.org](http://www.athletictraining.org).)

Please keep Lori in your thoughts and prayers during this time. Cards and letters may be sent to her at:

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**35<sup>th</sup> Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting**

Make your plans now to join us for the 35th Anniversary of the SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting on March 18-21, 2010 at

the [Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort](#), Panama City Beach, FL. Further details regarding registration and the meeting agenda will be posted later this

fall on the SEATA website and in future issues of the SEATA eBlast.

## Congratulations to NATA Award Winners in SEATA!

### NATA Hall of Fame

- Mike Ferrara, PhD, ATC, FNATA

### NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer

- George Davies, DPT, ATC, SCS
- Mary K. Kirkland, MS, ATC, CSCS

### NATA Athletic Trainer Service Award

- Helen M. Binkley, PhD, ATC, CSCS

### NATA 25-Year Award

- David A. Asbach, MS, ATC
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- Sharon R. Wood, MS, ATC

- Barry Zaritzky, ATC

### NATA Honorary Membership

- David Leffers, M.D.
- Angus M. McBryde, Jr., M.D., FACS
- Felix "Buddy" Savoie, III, M.D.

### AOSSM Distinguished Service Athletic Trainer Award

- Bill McDonald, MS, ATC

### NATA Founders Award (60 Year Member)

- Kenny Howard, AT Ret.

### NATA Public Relations Contest Winner 1st Place (Most Creative category)

- Joe Underwood, PhD, ATC, LAT for "J-Diddy"



Joe Underwood, PhD, ATC, LAT displays his NATA Public Relations Contest Award. Joe won 1st Place in the Most Creative Category for his video "J-Diddy" available on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=G289U3fDBeU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G289U3fDBeU)

### NATA Research & Education Foundation Free Communications Award Winners

#### Master's Orals

- "Estimated Survival Probabilities for Return to Play Outcomes from Ankle Sprains, Knee Sprains, and Concussion in High School Athletes" by Ashley Anna Reed, ATC, University of Kentucky

### NATA Research & Education Foundation Scholarship Recipients

#### Doctoral

- Matthew Hoch, University of Kentucky

#### Master's

- Dana Johnston, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga
- Masahiro Takahagi, Methodist University

#### Entry Level

- Jessica Daniels, Northern Kentucky University
- Casey Griffin, Georgia Southern University
- Noritoshi Shirakawa, Louisiana State University
- Erin Vines, University of Alabama
- David Wilkenfeld, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga

### NATA Bobby Gunn Student Leadership Award

- Raena Steffan, University of South Florida

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## Nominate Now for SEATA Officers

Nominations for the offices of Vice-President and Secretary until open August 15, 2009. Certified Athletic Trainer and Certified – Retired members of SEATA may propose nominations. Nominations are to be made in writing to the SEATA Elections Committee Chair at the address below. Ballots will be distrib-

uted to the membership by mail and/or applicable computer technology by September 15, 2009. Voting shall be completed by October 15, 2009 and election results will be announced to the membership by November, 2009. Election shall be by a majority popular vote.

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## High School Injury Surveillance Outcomes Study Steering Committee Invitation

We invite you to join the steering committee for the Secondary School Injury Surveillance Outcomes Study. This three-year study, which starts in August, will look at injury trends and outcomes among high school athletes. It encompasses non-time loss injuries, tracks number of treatments, and has only one point for data entry. The study report should ultimately help make sport participation safer for the student athlete...plus we fully expect the findings to demonstrate the effectiveness of athletic trainers in this important setting.

NATA needs your help locating and enlisting partners to contribute to this important research project. The cost is \$125,000 a year, or a total of \$375,000 for three years.

That's it in a nutshell. The mission of the steering committee is simple - to raise money. We need capable people like you -- leaders in the profession -- serving in this capacity. Our well placed members will utilize their connections to raise funds from team physicians, booster clubs, specialty physicians and other individuals and entities interested in the health and well being of high school athletes.

**If you accept the invitation to join the committee, you are committing to raise either \$3,000 (\$1,000 now and \$1,000 over each of the next two years) or a one-time gift of \$2,500.** (Overachievers are welcome to exceed that amount.)

Steering committee members will be recognized on the website and the NATA News. The top three fundraisers will be spotlighted and receive free registration to the 2010 convention. In the case of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the recipients.

Our need for funds is immediate and the development effort is underway now. We would like to receive donations as soon as possible, but need to receive first year funding by November 1.

Enclosed is information on the study and funding opportunities. We know this research is important to you and your colleagues in the profession. Thank you for helping us make it happen.

Warm regards,

Marjorie J. Albohm, MS, ATC  
President

P.S. Questions about the study? Contact Teresa Foster Welch at 972-532-8841 or [teresa@nata.org](mailto:teresa@nata.org).

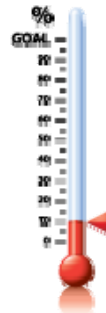


**Donor Gift & Information Form**  
High School Injury Surveillance Outcomes Study

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT!** We will send you a receipt for your tax deductible contribution.  
Please make your check out to National Athletic Trainers' Association Research and Education Foundation.

**Donor Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Level 1**

- \$1000 per year for 2009, 2010 and 2011, for a total of \$3000.
- One-time donation of \$2,500.

**Level 2**

- \$2000 per year for 2009, 2010 and 2011, for a total of \$6000.
- One-time donation of \$5,000.

**Level 3**

- One-time donation of \$10,000.

For more info go to [www.nata.org/HS\\_InjurySurveillanceOutcomesStudy/index.htm](http://www.nata.org/HS_InjurySurveillanceOutcomesStudy/index.htm)

- Check for full amount enclosed       Charge my card for full amount
- Check for 1<sup>st</sup> payment enclosed.       Charge my card for first payment

Months I wish to pay my 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> payments: \_\_\_\_\_ 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

- Bill me for these payments.
- Charge my card below for these payments.
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Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Teresa Foster Welch, National Athletic Trainers' Association, 2952 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247.  
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### NATA and AAOS Launch ACL in girls public service campaign

Learn more about  
ACL prevention at  
[www.nata.org/ACL/  
index.htm](http://www.nata.org/ACL/index.htm)

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National Athletic Trainers' Association political action committee

### Get Think Tank updates via e-mail

You can sign up to have daily or weekly Think Tank updates sent right to your inbox. Simply visit the Think Tank you wish to subscribe to, then go down to the middle of the Think Tank page under *Threads in Forum* and click on the *Forum Tools* link. Click on *Subscribe to this Forum* and select whether you want to receive daily or weekly e-mails. It's as simple as that!

More than one thousand members have [signed up for one or more Think Tanks](#) -- they provide a forum for discussion, build connections for collaboration and deliberation with your peers, and open the door to leadership opportunities and development within NATA.

## Athletic Trainers' Equal Access to Medicare Act (HR 1137)

On Monday, February 23, Congressman Ed Townes of New York introduced H.R. 1137 to the 111th Congress. The NATA along with our new lobbying firm Drinker Bindle and Reath have worked to introduce the Athletic Trainer's Equal Access to Medicare Act of 2009, also known as ATEAM. It is now up to us as athletic trainers to continue to ask our Congressmen to support and consider co-sponsoring this legislation. This legislation is still needing a sponsor in the Senate, so please contact your respective Senators to ask them to introduce this legislation in the Senate.

This legislation will restore authority to physicians to determine the type of therapy and highly qualified health care professional that best meets the clinical needs of each patient. Prior to the adoption of the 2005 CMS rule change,

physicians had the freedom to choose the licensed and authorized health professional they thought most appropriate to help their Medicare patients recover from injuries or debilitating conditions.

This legislation would make the following improvements:

- Ensure coverage and improve patient access to physical medicine and rehabilitation services under Medicare Part B;
- Allow physicians to choose from a wider range of highly qualified health professionals to serve patients' needs; and
- Restore the ability of athletic trainers to provide physical medicine and rehabilitation services incident to a physician's services.

Please consider using the NATA's Legislative Alert Center to contact your governmental officials, you can register at [www.nata.org](http://www.nata.org). The Leg-

islative Alert Center also provides sample letters you can use for communicating our message. We also want to encourage you to make personal contact with your Congressman and Senators when they are at home in your state or visiting a town near you.



You can sign up for newsletters and updates by visiting your Congressman's website ([www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) or [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)) or contacting their local office. We would also like to encourage you to invite these officials to spend time with you to see the valuable services that athletic trainers provide.

## News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski (continued from Page 1)

to the website for a listing of all SEATA committees. For more details regarding SEATA Executive Board actions, I encourage you to review SEATA Board minutes on our website.

Please note that we will be having **elections** this Fall for the SEATA Vice-president and Secretary. The deadline for nominations is August 15, 2009. Please submit nominations to Donna Wesley (SEATA Elections Chair) at [dwesleyatc@yahoo.com](mailto:dwesleyatc@yahoo.com). I

want to encourage you to promote our profession. Contact your State Presidents to get involved. Please contact members of the SEATA Executive Board with your ideas and

suggestions.

Another method of getting involved is to stay knowledgeable of the legislative activities associated with our profession. Information regarding these activities are located on the SEATA and NATA websites. You can assist by sending letters to your respective representatives. Letters are needed for The Athletic Trainers' Equal Access to Medicare Act (HR 1137) which has been introduced into the House of Representatives.

Please plan ahead for the **25th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium** at the Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA. The

meeting will be held February 4-6, 2010. In conjunction with the student meeting we will host our **3rd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference** the same weekend (4-6 February 2010) at the Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA.

Don't forget to plan to attend the **35th Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting** at the Marriott Bay Point Golf and Spa Resort in Panama City Beach, FL, March 18-21, 2010.

Sincerely,  
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD,  
ATC, LAT  
SEATA President

## Issues in Health Care

Health care in America encompasses a vast array of professions, and the issues tied to health care quickly become complex. As both providers and as consumers, athletic trainers need to understand the health care climate.

Visit the NATA Issues in Health Care web page at [www.nata.org/advocacy/HealthCareReform.htm](http://www.nata.org/advocacy/HealthCareReform.htm) to learn more and let your voice be heard.

### Health Care Reform

#### Understanding the Issue

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[Letter](#)

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**New!!!** - [House Tricommitttee Letter](#)

**New!!!** - [Ten Questions on the Health-Care Overhaul](#)

By: Janet Adamy, The Wall Street Journal

**New!!!** - [Health Care Reform Fact Sheet](#)

[Health Care Reform: An Introduction](#) from the Congressional Research Service

[Side by Side Comparison of Health Care Reform Proposals](#) from the Kaiser Family Foundation

[Briefing Paper for Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee](#)

[Letter From the President to Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Senator Max Baucus](#)

**The New Yorker: [The Cost Conundrum- What a Texas town can teach us about health care.](#)**

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### World Summit Interdisciplinary Sports Medicine and Athletic Care, Innsbruck 2010

The [2010 World Summit Interdisciplinary Sports Medicine](#) and Athletic Care is looking for abstracts from athletic health care professionals that want to give an international audience the benefit of their expertise, skill and knowledge. The summit will be held in Innsbruck, Austria, March 11-13, 2010.

## News from the District Director, R.T. Floyd (continued from Page 1)

On a separate but related note we are also beginning the Secondary School Market Penetration Study to determine the number of athletic trainers in public secondary schools and to distinguish between ATs employed by school districts and outreach ATs. We are optimistic that the creation of the Component Relations Project Team will help us explore ways to tangibly strengthen and solidify the relationships among the components of the athletic

training profession's associations and societies. In another example of teamwork, we are proud to announce the signing of a formal strategic alliance establishing collaboration between the BOC, CAATE and the NATA for the purpose of advancement of the profession of athletic training. We have also approved the participants and a two year budget for the Vision Quest Team to create a vision for the profession of athletic training. We are grate-

ful for the anticipated funding assistance from the CAATE, BOC, and the NATA Foundation for this project. Finally, please make sure and vote in the NATA Presidential Election this fall.

I wish you all a safe and productive fall in athletic training and life.

Sincerely,  
R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, CSCS  
District Director



### Salary data available Results show increased pay for athletic trainers

NATA has released the results of its [2008 athletic training salary survey](#), and salaries are on the rise nationwide.

### Have A Burning Question? ASK MARJE!

What happens in a typical day for the NATA president? How did she decide on a career in athletic training? How many pairs of boots are in her closet? Whatever the question, NATA President Marje Albohm will answer it. This new Web site feature, called ASK MARJE, launches May 4. Nothing is off limits, so send your questions. [www.nata.org/members/askprez/index.htm](http://www.nata.org/members/askprez/index.htm).

Visit the NATA on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/user/NatAthTrainersAssoc](http://www.youtube.com/user/NatAthTrainersAssoc)



Keep in touch with the NATA via Twitter at <http://twitter.com/NATA1950>



### Get free info on athletic trainers in many settings

Looking for information about the daily lives of athletic trainers in various settings? Check out our [Day in the Life of an Athletic Trainer PowerPoint presentations](#). They're a good source for those who are looking to start their careers or are considering a change of settings -- or if you just want to get an idea of what your colleagues' lives are like.

## Committee Reports

### College & University Athletic Trainers' Committee

The NATA CUATC met on June 17, 2009 in San Antonio prior to the NATA Symposium. The minutes from that meeting will be posted to the SEATA website soon. Some informational highlights from that meeting:

- The NCAA approved mandatory CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid for all Head Coaches at the Division 3 level effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009
- Division 2 is proposing similar legislation to new D3 CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid rule for the 2010-

11 academic year

- Wrestling has eliminated Section 2 Weight Certification for 1<sup>st</sup> Year wrestlers
- The NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook will have updated sections on cold stress; nutrition and performance guidelines; dietary supplements, tobacco, drug and alcohol policies
- The American Medical Society for Sports Medicine (AMSSM) developed a useful guideline that can be used for obtaining proper ADHD

medication documentation. This document has been approved by the NCAA CSMAS, and will be available on the SEATA CUATC webpage for members' use.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, the NATA will begin accepting nominations for the College University Athletic Trainer Awards. Please reference the NATA website or the SEATA CUATC webpage for submission guidelines.

### SEATA Athletic Training Educators Conference Committee

The 2010 SEATA 3rd Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference will be held Feb. 4-6 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

The SEATA Research and Education Committee will be issuing a call for abstracts for poster presentations at the 2010 Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Confer-

ence. Individuals interested in sharing original research and or other scholarly works in any area of athletic training including, but not limited to, original research, didactic education, professional development, technology for the clinician/educator, and other areas related to the conference theme, are encouraged to submit.

Abstracts will be evaluated based upon relevance to Athletic Training Education, clarity, completeness, methods, results, and appropriateness of findings/conclusions, among other criteria. Look for the Call for Abstracts on the SEATA website and in future SEATA eBlasts this fall.

### SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium Committee

The 25th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium will again be held at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, GA. The dates will be Feb. 4-6, 2010. This year we

will begin with approximately a two hour session on Thursday evening which will allow us to end a little earlier on Saturday afternoon.

The second annual SEATA Quiz Bowl to be conducted in conjunction with the symposium.

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, March 18-21, 2010, Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort, Panama City Beach, FL**



## SEATA Life Balance Project Team

The Life Balance Project Team is still in need of representatives, especially from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi. If you are interested, please contact Mary McLendon ([mkml3@msstate.edu](mailto:mkml3@msstate.edu)). Both men and women are encouraged to become involved. Also, if you have contacted me but haven't heard back from

me for any reason, please send me another e-mail.

The goal for the Life Balance Project Team is to provide life balance resources to the entire membership in areas that include: work options, personal and leisure time, family time, child care, elder care, health for the healthcare provider, financial planning, and retirement.

The new NATA Think Tanks also include a Life Balance forum, and we've had some great discussions about life balance choices, sport burn-out, and finding balance. If you have an interest in the area, feel free to sign up for this and other topics at <http://forum.nata.org/thinktanks/>.

## SEATA Research & Education Committee

### SEATA

#### Call for Abstracts for 35th Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is issuing a call for Abstracts for the SEATA Research Seminar at the 35th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, March 18-21, 2010 as detailed at SEATA Research and Education Committee Call for Abstracts 35th Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting at [www.seata.org/SEATACallforAbstracts10.pdf](http://www.seata.org/SEATACallforAbstracts10.pdf).

Abstracts must be submitted to Cathy Brown PhD, ATC at [browncn@uga.edu](mailto:browncn@uga.edu) by January 11, 2010.

#### SEATA Research Grant Request for Proposals

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is pleased to announce that they are accepting grant proposals for Research Grants up to \$2,000.00.

Priority will be given to those grant proposals which include an NATA-BOC certified athletic trainer who is a member of NATA District IX

(SEATA). The deadline for grant proposals is February 15, 2010. For more information, contact:

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Or visit the SEATA website at [www.seata.org/SEATAResearchGrant2010.pdf](http://www.seata.org/SEATAResearchGrant2010.pdf)

## Durable equipment billing update

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) listed a new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for the repair or non-routine service for durable medical equipment other than oxygen requiring the skill of a technician with a labor component, per 15 minutes. The new code became effective April 1 and is K0739.

**Did you know the NATA is on Facebook? Join our group and support the cause!**

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Our [Facebook group](#) is growing daily, and we want you on board! While you're at it, join the [HR 1137- ATEAM Facebook cause](#) and befriend [NATA President Marje Albohm, MS, ATC](#). Take advantage of these easy ways to keep your finger on the pulse of the athletic training profession.



## Reimbursement Tools

See lots of useful information regarding reimbursement at [www.nata.org/insets/reimbursement/index.htm](http://www.nata.org/insets/reimbursement/index.htm)

## SEATA Student Senate Committee

The SEATA Student Senate recently completed its first year in action. They would like to thank the following departing members for their service during the 2008-09 academic year: Kenna Hogue (Delta State University), Scott Hebert (Nicholls State University), Lauren Self (University of West Alabama), Amy Musselman (North Georgia College & State University), and Elise Anderson (Florida State University).

### Georgia Vacancy

The 2009-2010 SEATA Student Senate is still accepting applications for one student to

serve as the Georgia representative. Interested students should contact Jessica Daniels at [danielsj2@nku.edu](mailto:danielsj2@nku.edu) or Amanda Andrews at [akandrews@troy.edu](mailto:akandrews@troy.edu) for further information.

### New Appointments

Exiting SEATA Student Senate President Jessica Daniels (Northern Kentucky University) has been appointed to serve as Chair of the National Athletic Training Students' Committee (NATSC). Reid Jones (Eastern Kentucky University) will be replacing her as the District IX representative on the NATSC and as SEATA

Student Senate President. She is currently a junior athletic training student, holding a previous degree from Colorado State University.

### New Senate Members

Four outstanding students have been selected to serve as representatives for their respective states in the upcoming year. The senate would like to recognize the following candidates as their newest members: Amanda Carpenter (Troy University), Erin Greenwich (Louisiana State University), Keela Hill (Delta State University), and Amber Hardy (University of Tampa).

### Pre-season heat guidelines released at annual meeting

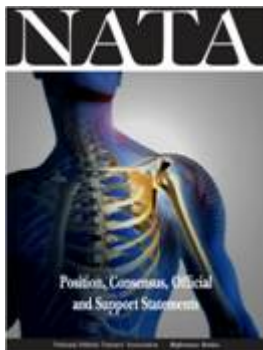
Visit [www.nata.org/HeatAcclimatization/index.htm](http://www.nata.org/HeatAcclimatization/index.htm) for the following as well as videos,

- News release: [NATA releases "Pre-season heat-acclimatization guidelines for secondary school athletics" consensus statement](#)
- Bio sheet
- Fact sheet
- Consensus statement



### Athletic Training Textbook available now

Have you asked your bookstore to order copies of [NATA's new textbook](#) yet? If you haven't ... what are you waiting for? *NATA Reference Series: Position, Consensus, Official and Support Statements* compiles some of the profession's most critical documents in one convenient, easy-to-access location. This is an invaluable resource that will be useful to your students now and as they advance in their careers.



## State Reports

### Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

The Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association held their 2009 Annual Symposium at the [Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort](#) on May 14-17 and honored the following members:

- ALATA Hall of Fame - *Johnny Long & Jim Skidmore*
- Sports Medicine Person of

the Year - *James R. Andrews, M.D.*

- Clinical Athletic Trainer of the Year - *Todd Killingsworth*
- Vender - *Mike Finke*
- High School Athletic Trainer of the Year - *Summer Neldner*
- Service Award - *R.T. Floyd*

- Collegiate Athletic Trainer of the Year - *Pat Sawyer*
- Award of Merit - *Coach Neal Calloway*

The 2010 ALATA Annual Symposium will be held again at the [Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort](#) on May 13-16.

### Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

The Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida has planned its 22nd state symposium for April 15 - 17 at the

Radisson Worldgate Resort Orlando Hotel in Kissimmee. Look for further information on the ATAF website at

[www.ataf.org](http://www.ataf.org) in the spring of 2010.

### Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association

The Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association will hold its Annual Meeting and Symposium at the [Wyndham Peach-](#)

[tree Conference Center](#) in Peachtree City, GA on January 15-16, 2010. Look for more information at

[www.athletictraining.org](http://www.athletictraining.org) later this fall.

### Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society

During the Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society Annual Meeting at Northern Kentucky University on June 6 the following members were honored with KATS Awards.

- Award of Merit - *Greg Rose*
- Sportsmedicine Person of the Year - *Thomas Fossett, MD*
- High School AT of the Year - *Kristen Fryzel*
- College/University AT of the Year - *Amy Harris*
- Clinical AT of the Year - *Mike Bowling*
- Tom Simmons Award for

- Retiring ATCs - *Joan Mann*
- Graduate Scholarship - *Amy Harris*
- Undergraduate Scholarship - *Jessica Daniels*

Eric J. Fuchs, DA, ATC, EMT of Eastern Kentucky University began his term as K A T S President on July 1,

2009.

KATS plans on having their 2010 Annual Meeting at Northern Kentucky University on June 4-5.



Back: Greg Rose - Award of Merit, Front (L to R): R. Thomas Fossett, MD - Sportsmedicine Person of the Year, Jessica Daniels - Undergraduate Scholarship, Kristen Fryzel - High School AT of the Year, Amy Harris - College/University AT of the Year & Graduate Scholarship, Joan Mann - Tom Simmons Award for Retiring ATCs. Not Pictured: Mike Bowling - Clinical AT of the Year

Get all of the SEATA & NATA News at the SEATA News page, <http://www.seata.org/news.htm>

## Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association

During the Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Summer Symposium in New Orleans, LA, July 9-11, 2009 at the Loews Hotel the following members were honored with LATA Awards.  
**LATA Hall of Fame**

- Del Flair
- Dr. Greg Stewart  
**Bubba Porche Award Winners**
- College Division  
Scott Hebert -  
Nicholls State University

- High School Division  
Ryan Barbier -  
Assumption High School  
**Scholarship Winners**
- College Division **Eugene Christmas Memorial Scholarship**  
Scott Hebert - Nicholls State University
- High School Division **Gordon Reynolds Scholarship**  
Anthony Gambino -  
Brother Martin



2009 LATA Hall of Fame Inductees  
Del Flair & Dr. Greg Stewart

## Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society

The Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society will hold its 2010 State Meeting on January

16-17 at the Radisson Hotel Opryland, Nashville, TN.

Check [www.tnata.org](http://www.tnata.org), for details later this fall.

## State Organizations on Facebook



- Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association  
[www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=132208420141&ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=132208420141&ref=ts)
- Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Georgia-Athletic-Trainers-Association/215026255296?ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Georgia-Athletic-Trainers-Association/215026255296?ref=ts)
- Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society  
[www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=53622867678&ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=53622867678&ref=ts)
- Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association  
[www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=103637488795&ref=mf](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=103637488795&ref=mf)
- Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association  
[www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=102581169449&ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=102581169449&ref=ts)
- Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society  
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**25<sup>th</sup> Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium, Feb. 4-6, 2010, Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators Conference, Feb. 4-6, 2010, Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SEATA Quiz Bowl, Feb. 5, 2010, Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA**

Check the SEATA Calendar for all Deadlines and Dates related to all of the NATA, NATA Foundation, NATAPAC, SEATA and SEATA State Organizations at <http://my.calendars.net/seata/>



### SEATA List Serve Information

To subscribe to the listserve, send a blank email to [SEATA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SEATA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). To set up full access to the listserve website, including online documents, member information, and an archive of past posted messages, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SEATA/>

### Submit your News & Pictures to SEATA

Please submit any information you wish to be posted in the next SEATA Newsletter or to the SEATA website. Please include a caption with pictures.

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### SEATA Executive Board Minutes

All Minutes of the SEATA Executive Board Meetings and Conference Calls are posted to the SEATA website as soon as possible after being approved. Go to <http://www.seata.org/OrgInfo.htm>.

Has your College/ University or Clinic organization ordered its NATAPAC tiles to be placed in the NATA Office yet?

## NATA, NATA Foundation, NATAPAC and SEATA Deadlines & Dates

**Aug. 1, 2009** 2010 [NATA Honors & Award nominations open](#)

**Aug. 15, 2009** Deadline for SEATA Vice-President & Secretary Nominations

**Aug. 15, 2009** [General Research Grant](#) applications due. [Pre-Proposal Submission Form](#) required.

**Sep. 1, 2009** [Research Award Nominations](#) due

**Sep. 1, 2009** [Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship](#) application due

**Sep. 30, 2009** BOC CE Reporting Deadline to be eligible for [October prize drawing](#)

**Oct. 1, 2009** [Master's Research Grant](#) applications due

**Oct. 15, 2009** Deadline for SEATA Election ballot submission

**Oct. 16, 2009** Abstract submission deadline for [Athletic Care and Interdisciplinary Sports Medicine World Summit 2010](#)

**Dec. 1, 2009** [NATA Fellows application deadline](#)

**Dec. 1, 2009** [Abstracts](#) due for 2010 Free Communications

Have you contacted your U.S. Senators & Representatives again this month on Health Care Reform as well as the ATEAM Legislation, H.R. 1137? Go to [www.nata.org/advocacy/HealthCareReform.htm](http://www.nata.org/advocacy/HealthCareReform.htm) and then to NATA's Legislative Alert Center [www.nata.org](http://www.nata.org) to contact your governmental officials.

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