



MID ATLANTIC ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

DISTRICT III  
NEWSLETTER  
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# LETTER FROM THE **DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

Katie Walsh Flanagan, EdD, LAT, ATC



Since this is my last Newsletter as your District Director, my post will be a bit longer before getting to news about the NATA. For five years now, I have had the honor and privilege to represent you the best I can, make good decisions in the Boardroom for ALL members, advocate for and support athletic training efforts, as well as bring some change into our District. I would not have been able to do all of this without the fantastic support and mentorship of **Pat Aronson**, and other Directors who led before her including **Rod Walters** and **Charlie Rozanski**. In the past five years, together with the District Council (elected NATA positions and state presidents), MAATA has:

- Increased member volunteers
- Increased diversity among our volunteers at the national, district and state levels
- Added district committees:
  - Memorial Resolutions
  - Historical Commission
  - Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee and
  - LGBTQ+
- Pivoted and hosted the first national virtual AT District meeting (due to COVID)
- Added a District President and Vice President to create more opportunities in leadership
- Created a Summer Honors and Awards Newsletter which highlights the year in MAATA
- Created more accountability in tracking the distribution of District Scholarships, Research Grants, and Safe School Grants

I am so very proud of our members, as we all rallied during COVID, dug deep and pivoted to continue to protect our patients, found ways to deliver care (or create new opportunities using our skill set), and remained passionate about our field. Thank you for being so involved (and outspoken) and keeping us all on our toes to make AT better for all of us!

Moving forward: I am so excited that **Ray Davis Jr.** will be leading us into our bright future! He will officially begin as your new District Director in June at the Annual Symposium. I know him to be bright, determined, informative and accessible. He will ask the tough questions in the Boardroom and I have no doubt the MAATA membership is in great hands and will continue to grow.

## NATA News

Please join me in Philadelphia! **The NATA Annual Symposium** is Tuesday June 28 – Friday July 1, and the [website](#) and contains registration, hotel information, and a preliminary program. The Early Bird rate is extended through on-site registration. Registration options include in-person and virtual options, although in-person registration includes the virtual package as well. I hope to SEE you at our **District Meeting in Philadelphia on Thursday, June 30 at 5:55 pm** – location TBD.

**Timely Topics** – Have you seen the Timely Topics? These are live, high-level conversations from leaders on a variety of topics and are free to members. Past presentations on mental health, self-care, work life balance, transition to practice and other areas. ([See Recorded List Here](#))

**Title IX** is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the NATA has been celebrating with members who have made and continue to make impacts on equality in sport. Look for the Facebook-live events, blogs and a special live event in Philadelphia.

**Diversity-Equity-Inclusion-Access (DEIA)** The Board has been working hard educate members about DEIA so we can be better ATs and more informed individuals. This continuous education includes the following attributes that are **NATA commitments**:

- Cultivating an inclusive and welcoming environment.
- Providing programming, research and resources to support cultural competency and ensure athletic trainers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to better serve diverse populations.
- Ensuring that the values of diversity, equity, inclusion and access are embedded in continuing education, conferences, communications, and the work of the association.
- Examining processes, policies, practices, communications, structures and barriers with an equity lens to promote authentic engagement, access, and inclusion of diverse individuals.
- Increasing transparency and accountability on diversity, equity, inclusion and access by sharing data and information about our journey and commitments.
- Supporting and intentionally promoting a diverse athletic training profession.
- More information can be found on [our website](#).

**Salary Survey** – There are fantastic data published in the April NATA News, and I hope you take a minute to see how our AT salaries are raising and the forecast for the future. Read it on line [HERE](#).

#### **Cannabis-Related Resources dot the Athletic Trainer**

The NATA formed a Task Force, headed by Dr. Jeff Konin to provide Cannabis-resources to become more knowledgeable when talking to patients about legality, effects, benefits and risks of using cannabis products. The list of resources can be found [HERE](#).

**Possible NATA Dues Increase** – The NATA has not increased member dues a decade (but we did increase District fee (from \$10 to \$25) in 2018; and some states have increased their state association fee in the past 10 years as well). Since 2011, NATA membership dues have been steady at \$150.

In June, the BOD will vote on whether or not to increase dues ([up to \\$30 increase](#)) for 2023. President Dieringer has posted a video (sent to your email on March 15<sup>th</sup>) about this topic, and there is opportunity to comment on your thoughts about the increase (I will post a presentation in early May regarding the potential dues increase) the deadline to comment via President Dieringer's video is **Friday, May 20 at 4:00 EST**.

See [our website](#) for other member benefits.

Katie

**Katie Walsh Flanagan, EdD, LAT, ATC**



# FROM THE DISTRICT **PRESIDENT**

Steven L. Cole, MEd, ATC

As we prepare to meet in-person in Charlotte next month, the excitement and anticipation continues to build. Since January, I have had the opportunity to participate in numerous in-person meeting each month (Virginia Athletic Trainers Association annual meeting in January; SEATA Student symposium in February; North Carolina Athletic Trainers Association annual meeting in March, and AMSSM annual meeting in April) and with each gathering I long to network and visit with my other friends and colleagues within District 3.

Several items to share:

**NATA Membership:** I had been approached by several members inquiring as to the status of their years of NATA membership. In the past several members had not renewed their NATA membership for various reasons (raise a family, temporary career change, financial challenges) then rejoined. However, when they rejoined they were not credited with their prior years of membership. This is significant since it has an impact on a member's qualification for numerous honors and awards. To support these members, I connected the NATA membership services staff, who were VERY helpful. Upon further investigation, the reason several members were not credited with their previous years of membership was the result of their renewed membership not being connected to their previous membership. The main reason was a name change, where a member got married and their previous membership was listed by their maiden name and their renewed membership was with their married name. Please connect the NATA membership services staff if you feel you have not been properly credited with your years of NATA Membership.

**NATA Dues increase discussions:** In the March 15 NATA Update, the NATA shared information regarding discussion by the Board of Directors regarding a proposed NATA dues increase. While most people's initial reaction is WHY? I ask each of you to maintain an open mind and consider the role the NATA staff plays in support of the various committees and national initiatives. The release includes a video from President Dieringer and a request for public comment. I STRONGLY encourage each of you to review this material and provide comments.

[NATA Member Dues Feedback Form | NATA](#)

I look forward to seeing many of you in Charlotte!

Steve  
**Steven L. Cole, MEd, ATC**

# FROM THE DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

Donita Valentine, DAT, ATC, LAT



Greetings District Three Athletic Trainers!

It is that time of year when we are headed back outside! Time to re-check those outside medical kits, double-check our AED batteries, and ensure our heat illness equipment is ready, but not needed.

It is also that time of year we are preparing to head to our annual symposium! This year we are headed to The Hilton Charlotte in Charlotte, North Carolina. With lots of great educational content including two types of Graston training, I.V Access & Utilization for ATs, and Safe Space and Ally Training.

The Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee has teamed up with RISE.org to provide a great session on social justice. RISE.org is a national nonprofit that educates and empowers the sports community to eliminate racial discrimination, champion social justice, and improve race relations through its various partnerships and programs. RISE programs help build skills and create safe spaces to have difficult conversations, covering topics that include identity, implicit bias, racial ideology, and athlete activism and teach perspective-taking, empathy, and conflict resolution.

Not only is this our first opportunity to fellowship together as a district in two years, but you will also have the opportunity to meet with several exhibitors, enjoy the wonderful amenities The Hilton Charlotte has to offer including a pool, and you can take great social media photos at the selfie booth! Be sure to stay tuned to all of our social media outlets to stay on top of our presenters and activities. If you haven't registered yet, there is still time, head over to [our website](#) and register before it's too late.

*Donita*

Donita Valentine, DAT, ATC

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# FROM THE DISTRICT **SECRETARY**

Jason Mitchell, MSEd, LAT, ATC



Greetings from Virginia,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful Spring! I am ecstatic about the opportunity to see all of you at our Annual Meeting in Charlotte!

I want to thank District President Cole, District Director Flanagan, District Vice-President Valentine, District Treasurer Sedory, Past Director Aronson, and the entire District Council for their tireless and dedicated work for the membership. I can say with pride that these passionate individuals work tirelessly to represent YOU as members, and their efforts shouldn't go unnoticed. Your Association is in good hands!

I want to thank all of you who chose to renew your NATA membership for 2022! As of now, the MAATA has **4546** members, of which **3812** are in good standing with the NATA and processed their renewals by the deadline. **We still encourage the 734 members who have yet renewed to please do so!**

Of our **3812** active members, here are some further breakdowns: **2989** Certified Professional members, **227** Certified Retired members, **251** Certified Student members, **48** Associate members, **12** Honorary members, **278** Student members, **6** Licensed Professional members, and **1** Retired member. Certified Members by state are the following: District of Columbia – **69**, Maryland – **498**, North Carolina – **1144**, South Carolina – **641**, Virginia – **945**, West Virginia – **170**.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your support, and I wish you continued health & safety for the remainder of the spring. If there's anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me at [d3secrty@gmail.com](mailto:d3secrty@gmail.com).

Jason Mitchell, MSEd, LAT, ATC

# FROM THE DISTRICT **TREASURER**

Jay Sedory, MEd, ATC, EMT-T



Good Day Membership,

As the rest of the leadership, I am looking forward in seeing you at the next annual symposium. We have aligned our budget/fiscal year with the NATA in order to make bookkeeping more simplified. We are now budgeting on a traditional calendar year (Jan-Dec). In order to make this change, we executed a short year (6-month cycle) and now executing a full year (1 year cycle). In closing the short year, we were thankfully under budget. We are starting to see slight increases in subscriptions and services like website editing, website platforms, QuickBooks, and meeting platforms. A more detailed report will be given at the meeting. A few more highlights:

- Discussion with leadership on creating a financial advisory committee
- Districts are working together to consider endowing a scholarship
- Membership numbers decreases, thus, decrease in District and State income

Thank you.

Jay Sedory MEd, ATC, EMT-T

**Treasures' Tip:** Do you work from home from time to time? Do you have a "home office" in your house? You may be able to write off part of monthly rent/mortgage in your annual taxes. For 2021, the prescribed rate is \$5 per square foot with a maximum of 300 square feet.

# DISTRICT-WIDE NEWS



## NATA CONNECTION AND ENGAGEMENT

Jenni Johnson

I hope everyone is having a great spring! The CEC is currently putting together a series of webinars to welcome new members and welcomes back members who

have let their memberships lapse but have chosen to renew. These webinars will consist of information regarding what the NATA provides for its members, a roadmap on navigating the website, and other valuable tools such as Gather. If you know of athletic trainers who have let her membership lapse, please reach out and encourage them to rejoin, and if there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [johnsonjen@marshall.edu](mailto:johnsonjen@marshall.edu).



## COMMITTEE ON PRACTICE ADVANCEMENTS

Andy Carter

To begin, I would like to share some of the accomplishments and work still ongoing within the Council on Practice Advancement (COPA) and its 10 committees over the last few months. As a Council, we have monthly conference calls and had a Virtual Joint Committee Meeting in January. Some of the council-wide initiatives include:

- COPA-CON: We are holding our second installment of COPA-CON virtually on April 8-9 with on-demand access for an additional month. This year's theme was "Driving Advancement Through Data" and featured 11 hours of educational content and programming that focused on developing stronger leaders, increasing return on investment, and advancing those in the emerged settings through data and documentation outcomes.
- DEIA: Conducted a review of our recruitment and onboarding of new members to our council and committees with a focus on diversity and inclusion consistent with the NATA DEIA commitment.
- Education: Traditionally, COPA, along with its committees and workgroups, have been very prolific in the production of educational materials

for the membership. These educational initiatives have come in the form of webinars, videos, NATA sessions, and even pre-conference symposia. Most recently, in the March issue of the NATA News, COPA Members were featured in an article about how members can effectively market their skills as ATs.

- Social Media: COPA's social media presence and engagement is and will continue to be strong. We have begun to launch committee-specific pages on Facebook to push content and hold Facebook Live events.

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

- Analytics and Outcomes: Analyzing how ATs are using documentation to enhance the care they provide—what data are they collecting and how are they using this information?
- Armed Forces: Focusing on advocacy initiatives including a Value Model for the Armed Forces setting and developing tools for ATs in this setting to market their skills and abilities.
- Community Outreach: Working with NATA staff to update the At Your Own Risk website, which is the part of the NATA webpage for external stakeholders (read: people who hire ATs) and developed tools for ATs to evaluate employment contracts and outreach agreements as part of the Employment Fair Practice Workgroup
- Health care Administration: Developing a Health Care Administration Value Model
- Occupational: Working on educational materials for ATs in the occupational health settings related to OSHA reporting, injury prevention, and ergonomics.
- Performing Arts: Developing several NATA News Articles on new opportunities in Performing Arts including E-sports and breakdancing.
- Private Practice/Emerging Settings: Developing Value Model for AT entrepreneurship

If you have questions, concerns, or ideas about the work of one of our committees, please shoot me an email at [andyatc@gmail.com](mailto:andyatc@gmail.com). As you can see, the work of our council is very diverse in terms of setting. I'll work to get you connected with the COPA member best suited to address your concern or answer your question.



## NATA FOUNDATION

Marty Baker

It is always a pleasure to share with my friends and colleagues in DIII the exciting accomplishments of your Foundation. To begin, I would like to again recognize the 2022 recipients of The Foundation's scholarship program.

### **Lauren Hawkinson**

PFATS Ed Block Foundation Scholarship  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

### **Antoinette Lee**

NBATA David Craig Scholarship  
University of South Carolina

### **Courtney Meyer**

Eve Becker Doyle Scholarship  
University of South Carolina

### **Xavier Thompson**

PFATS Dean Kleinschmidt Scholarship  
University of Virginia

### **Cade Watts**

William Prentice/MAATA (D3) Scholarship  
Shenandoah University

### **Kaitlyn Whipp**

PBATS President's Scholarship  
Towson University

### **Kelley Wiese**

PFATS Larry "Stosh" Neumann Scholarship  
George Mason University

Each year, The Foundation awards more than \$150,000 to over 65 recipients and once again DIII students benefited handsomely. Please join me in congratulating this year's class of recipients.

Want to get involved in the profession? The Foundation is looking for ATs that are willing to serve on either the Research Committee and/or the Scholarship committee. This important work involves reviewing applications for the grants and scholarships offered through The Foundation. Interested individuals should contact The Foundation by April 30<sup>th</sup>. More information and application links can be found on our website [HERE](#).

I don't know about you, but I am excited to be meeting in Philly. The Foundation is making it easy to catch up with your AT friends and share pandemic war stories with its "Philadelphia Freedom" social. You better hurry and get your tickets though, as they are going fast. At last check fewer than 30 tickets remain. Check out the flyer below for all the information you need to get a ticket.

For those of you that provide funding to The Foundation, I can't say thank you enough. If you have been the recipient of a scholarship or research grant in the past from The Foundation have you considered paying it forward by contributing to The Foundation? If you believe in this great profession and the mission of The Foundation, why not get off the sidelines and into the game? Here are a couple of ways you can make a difference and help The Foundation help you, the profession of athletic training and the next generation of students and researchers:

- **Amazon Smiles** — If you purchase items on Amazon, this is a free and painless way to help The Foundation. A portion of the purchases made at Amazon benefits The Foundation. All you have to do is sign up and shop 'til you drop, and The Foundation benefits.
- **Circle of Champions** — For the price of a purchase at your favorite coffee shop, you can provide a monthly gift to The Foundation. I think most of us can afford \$5 or \$10 dollars a month to assist The Foundation with fulfilling its mission.

More information about both of these promotions and other ways to make a difference can be found [here](#)

It isn't about the amount you give, it's about the great feeling you get when you help advance our profession, and the people in it in a meaningful way. Together we can do great things. See you in Charlotte and Philly.





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Celebrating the opportunity  
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**IN PERSON!**

- ?(?) Fun evening with food, drinks & entertainment
- (check) Thursday, June 30, 2022 // 7:30 PM
- (drum) Howl-At-The-Moon Dueling Piano Bar - walking distance from Philadelphia Convention Center and key hotels
- (\$\$) \$60 per person - advanced registration on NATA's convention website required!



## HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Bob Casmus

I hope to see everyone at the MAATA Honors & Awards Session this coming May in Charlotte, NC. We are pleased to recognize two

outstanding athletic trainers for the MAATA Hall of Fame Class of 2022. The MAATA HOF inductees for this year are Jim Bazluki, ATC and Ray Davis, ATC. Please congratulate these outstanding award winners as they are most deserving of their recognition. The 2022 MAATA Service Award recipient is Scott Cook, ATC and receiving the MAATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award are Debbie Bradney, DPE, ATC, John Knaul, ATC and Nina Walker, ATC. During the Honors & Awards Session at the MAATA meeting we will also be honoring our District III Scholarship winners and the District Director's Award recipients. A special thank you goes out to John Bielawski (HOF sub-committee chair), Nancy Burke (MDAT sub-committee chair) and Sherry Summers (Service Award sub-committee chair) for their work on behalf of District III. I also want to say thank you to the anonymous members of the scoring groups for their participation in the awards process. As a quick reminder to all members of the MAATA – please consider making nominations for the 2022 District III Honors and Awards after August 1st, 2022, as found on the MAATA website [HERE](#).



## LGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kirk Armstrong

We look forward to joining together in Charlotte for the MAATA Annual Meeting. The LGBTQ Advisory Committee is planning an essentials

drive (including clothing essentials, household essentials, gift cards) to benefit Time Out Youth, a youth center in Charlotte providing support, advocacy, and opportunities for personal development for LGBTQ aged 13-24. We will be collecting the following items at MAATA for delivery to Time Out Youth.

### Life Essentials Closet Items

- Underwear (All Types, Adult sizes, All Genders)
- T shirts (All Adult sizes, All Genders)
- A- Shirts/ Tank Tops (All Adult sizes, All Genders)
- Socks (Black and White, All Genders, All Adult Sizes)
- Make Up (All Skin Tones)
- Hair Care Products (especially African American Hair Care Products)
- Hair Care Supplies ( Combs, Brushes, Du-Rags, Hair Scarfs)
- Deodorant (All Genders)
- Lotion (including Vaseline, Coco Butter)
- Tampons (All Types)
- Umbrellas/Ponchos
- Wallets
- Toothbrushes

### Household Items

- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Supplies
- Paper products (paper towels, napkins, etc.)
- Toiletries

### Gift Cards

- Target
- Wal-Mart
- CVS
- Food Loin

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee is also hosting a Town Hall Friday evening from 5:15-6:15pm. We hope to see you stop by to learn more about the work of the committee and help identify what resources you need to continue providing inclusive healthcare for all.



MID ATLANTIC ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION



## ETHNICK DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Xavion Santiago

Hello MAATA membership,  
NATA EDAC has been working  
diligently all of 2022 to promote  
and celebrate diversity on all social media platforms  
with the #EDAC365 campaign. Please check out the  
daily posts to learn more about special topics that  
apply to your culturally diverse patients, celebrate  
diversity in our profession and learn about some of the  
DEI resources NATA has available. For more information  
please follow us on Instagram: @nataedac, Twitter:@  
EDACNATA, and Facebook: NATA Ethnic Advisory  
Committee. This May we look forward to hosting the  
RISE group for an activity on leadership at the 2022  
MAATA Annual Symposium. Join us on Friday, May  
13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for a thought-provoking workshop. We  
will also be partnering with Be The Match.org and  
hosting an information session and donor drive. If you  
are already on the registry perhaps you would like  
to donate financially. In lieu of the student panel this  
year, we will be partnering with the student senate and  
interacting with the students and young professionals  
at their respective social events. Our committee is  
also working diligently to plan our annual town hall,  
community service event and much more for the  
73<sup>rd</sup> NATA Clinical Symposia in Philadelphia this June.  
There is much to be excited about as we enter into the  
spring. If you have any questions or concerns please  
reach out to me at [Xavion.santiago@k12.dc.gov](mailto:Xavion.santiago@k12.dc.gov).

YOUNG  
PROFESSIONALS  
COMMITTEE

Kelley Crowe

Attention YPs and Students attending  
symposium! Please join us FRIDAY May  
13th at 7pm at Edgewater Bar and

Grille, located in the Hilton Charlotte hotel, for the  
annual Young Professionals' Committee social and  
networking event! Open to all students and YPs, come  
grab a drink, socialize, and enjoy a great networking  
opportunity to kick off symposium weekend. Please fill  
out this quick, 2 question survey if you're interested in  
attending: [YP Social](#)

Virtual Mock Interviews will take place the weekend  
before symposium, May 6, 7, 8. These virtual interviews  
are open to ALL students and YPs interested in  
brushing up on their interview skills and to gain  
valuable experience and insight from athletic trainers  
throughout the district. We will have a sign-up list  
finalized soon where you will be able to select an  
athletic trainer working in a field you would like to  
interview for at a time that works for you.

We also have a dedicated group of athletic trainers  
who have agreed to review resumes, make edits and  
provide feedback to make your resume stand out  
above the others! Reviews will be done through email,  
so be sure to keep an eye out the next few weeks for  
more details.

Check out our social media account @MAATA\_YPC  
for details about the social, mock interviews, and  
resume review as well as what our YPC was up to for  
NATM!



## STUDENT SENATE COMMITTEE

Emily Hildebrand

The annual MAATA Symposium - Student Program is just weeks away so make sure you register and secure your hotel [HERE](#). The presenter line-up has a little bit of everything from clinical examination skills, management strategies, treatment plans, and content to help you transition to practice. Learn what your fellow athletic training students across the District are researching that may be helpful to your practice. It wouldn't be an AT conference without some friendly competition so sign up to compete in the athletic training **Olympics** and come cheer on teams at the Quiz Bowl. Lastly, this conference is a great way to chat with those who have been in the field; whether they are a young professional or a seasoned veteran – they all have advice and are ready to share it to help make you a better AT.

# MAATA STUDENT PROGRAM LINE-UP



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May  
2022

### Meet and Greet

### Kristine Popelka & Tim Weston

Your First "Real" Job as  
an AT

### Free Communication Poster Presentations

### District III Quiz Bowl



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May  
2022

### Gary McIlvain

Clinical Use of the  
Stethoscope

### Jennifer O'Donoghue

Customizing Protection  
Techniques

### Michael Higgins

Thoracic Spine  
Mobilization/  
Manipulation

### YP Networking Event

### Director's Reception



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May  
2022

### Mentor's Breakfast

### Free Communication Oral Presentations

### Andrea Wamsley-Barr & Laura Wamsley

Treating Concussions  
Using Impairment Based  
Classifications

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**WVATA**  
WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC  
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ZACK GARRETT  
PRESIDENT

The WVATA Executive committee received exciting news in April. Mingo County, WV will be receiving a KSI innovATe grant, which will allow for the hiring of two athletic trainers to provide health care to two of the high schools located in rural WV. The grant is a collaboration with the Marshall University Sports Medicine Institute and Williamson Health and Wellness Center. We'd like to thank all parties who were involved and look forward to extending health care to more student athletes in the mountain state.

The WVATA recently held their Annual Symposium in-person in Morgantown, WV on April 8-10<sup>th</sup>. The weekend was packed full of a lot of great presenters and it was highlighted by our Inaugural WVATA Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony. The WVATA inducted HOF award recipients from 2020-22. The inductees were:

**WVATA Hall of Fame**

- 2020 John Spiker, Bob Cable, Joe Beckett
- 2021 Randy Meador, Jack Brautigam
- 2022 Dan Martin

Additional WVATA award winners for the 2022 year were:

**WVATA Service Award**

Rae Emrick (WVWC)

**WVATA Athletic Trainer of the Year**

Hideomi Masuda (WVWC)

**WVATA Student Service Award**

Emily Fankhanel (Marshall University)

**WVATA Quiz Bowl**

WVU

The WVATA would also like to congratulate WVU Program Director Dr. Samantha Scarneo-Miller for being awarded by the NATA Foundation the David H. Perrin Doctoral Dissertation Award, which recognizes outstanding doctoral student research in athletic training and health care.

Congratulations to all our award winners!!