



MAY 2026

District Director– L. Ray Davis, Jr, MSS, LAT, ATC

Hello from an Unseasonably Warm NC! I hope you are all doing well!

For now, here are my updates...

Meet our NATA Presidential candidates via Virtual Town Hall; the final date is 5/27. A recent Range of Motion email was sent where you can register and send your questions. Don't miss this opportunity to hear & be heard!

As a reminder please complete NATA based surveys as they arrive in your emails. This is your voice as a member, and it helps the NATA a better opportunity to serve you.

Thank You for completing the recent Salary Survey. The results should be revealed this summer.

NATA BEAT: Keep an eye out for a new Beat coming soon with many important federal updates along with States Compacts that have been enacted. Please consider donating to NATAPAC. This is our direct support for the profession. A summary is below;

- Our government affairs team has overhauled our portion of the NATA website. There is a lot of great information that will help people stay in the know and learn ways they can help.
- As we continue to grow NATA's legislative footprint and influence, we welcome members' help. Encourage members to join us for Capitol Hill meetings, or we can help them arrange meetings with legislators in their state.
- We recently met with representatives from the Dr. Lorna Breen Foundation whose mission is to reduce burnout of health care professionals and safeguard their well-being and job satisfaction. We have officially joined the All-In Coalition and will be helping to advocate for appropriations.
- NATA has recently added more TPRI resources for state leaders that can be found on our website.
- Be sure to visit the NATA's Legislative Alert Center and help us advocate for bills we are currently supporting. The alert center can be found here: <https://www.nata.org/advocacy/federal/legislative-alert-center> This is updated regularly, especially when states are back in session, so check back often.

- To see an active list of what federal and state bills NATA has endorsed, visit these two pages on the website: <https://www.nata.org/advocacy/federal/federal-legislation-supported-nata> <https://www.nata.org/advocacy/state/state-legislation-supported-nata>

Membership: Please encourage colleagues who are not members to join us, We Need You!!!!

Congratulations to all our MAATA D3 & NATA Award Winners! We will celebrate our winners in Philadelphia.

Our recent District 3 Committee Quarterly Town Hall was a success. We will have our next quarterly update via zoom in the Fall. Please take the time to join us and hear how our volunteers are representing You!

The NATA 77th Clinical Annual Symposia & Expo is June 29th -July 2nd in Philadelphia! I hope to see you at our D3 business meeting on Monday, June 29th

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve you!

L Ray Davis, Jr, MSS, LAT, ATC
District 3 Director

Please feel free to follow me on social media at X; @rdavis_atc & LinkedIn; Ray Davis

District President– Matt Gage, PhD, LAT, ATC, CES

Symposium Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2026 MAATA Clinical Symposium in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The symposium was a success due to the time and effort of those serving on the MAATA Education and Symposium Planning Committees. They planned and delivered an outstanding and impactful program.

Be sure to mark your calendars to attend the 2027 MAATA Clinical Symposium in Charleston, West Virginia on April 30-May 2.

Upcoming Elections

Three elections will be held this year for the District President, Vice-President, & Treasurer positions. If you qualify and are interested in running for one of these positions, I encourage you to apply. You can review the MAATA Constitution and Bylaws in the “Members” section of the MAATA [webpage](#) to determine if you meet the qualifications for these positions. Ashley Thrasher (VP) and Mat Lyden (Treasurer) are both eligible to rerun for their respective positions again. Applications are due **July 1, 2026**.

MAATA Committee Service Opportunities

Several MAATA Committee service opportunities are available across the district:

District of Columbia

- Education Committee
- LGBTQ+ Committee
- Research & Grants Committee
- Secondary Schools Committee
- Young Professionals Committee

Maryland

- LGBTQ+ Committee

Virginia

- LGBTQ+ Committee

West Virginia

- Ethnic Diversity Committee

If you are interested in serving, please notify your state association President and complete the application [process](#).

Your involvement is vital to the continued strength and success of District 3. Thank you to all who serve, volunteer, and support our association.

NATA Clinical Symposium

If you are going to Philadelphia for the 2026 NATA Clinical Symposium, plan to attend the District 3 Meeting on **Monday, June 29 from 6:30-7:30 PM** to hear updates from the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association Leadership and NATA Committee representatives from District 3.

See you in Philly,

Matt Gage

D3president@gmail.com

District Vice-President – Ashley Thrasher, EdD, LAT, ATC, CSCS

The 2026 MAATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium took place earlier this month at the Novant Conference Center in Winston-Salem, NC. We had over 260 attendees including 88 students! Over the weekend we earned CEUs, visited over 20 vendors, cheered on our favorite teams in the Quiz Bowl, and enjoyed camaraderie at the Annual District Directors' Reception at the baseball game with the Winston-Salem Dash. Attendees honored this year's award winners and MAATA Hall of Fame inductees. Congrats to all!!

We were also honored to host NATA Executive Director Mollie Pillman, NATA Director of Governmental Affairs Deanna Kuykendall, BOC Chief Executive Officer Anne Minton, CAATE President Toni Torres-McGehee, CAATE Director of Accreditation Todd Neuharth, and NATA Presidential Candidates David Gallegos and Rob Marshall.

We would like to thank all those involved with making the MAATA Annual Meeting a success. Special thanks to the following dedicated individuals: Renee Cork, Mat Lyden, Kim Pritchard, Kevin King, Renae Bomar, Jason Doctor, Tyler MacDonnell, Erin Moore, Emily Meyerl, Ray Davis, Erin Cash, District and Executive Council Members, and Student Senators.

Lastly, we are pleased to announce that the 2027 MAATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium is April 30-May 2, 2027 at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, WV! Call for abstracts will be coming out in the Fall. If you have a topic to present, please submit an abstract! We are looking for all topics, but we would love more lab sessions, interactive lectures, and other hands-on opportunities!

A final reminder, if you attended the 2026 meeting, please complete your assessments on the Pheedloop app to get your CEUs. You can access your CEUs on the certificate section of the app. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at maatameetingplanner@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of the MAATA!

District Secretary – Erin Cash, PhD, LAT, ATC

Hello District 3! I wanted to send out a huge thank you to Ashley Thrasher and company who worked incredibly hard behind the scenes to make the Annual Symposium a huge success!

As this will be my last E-Blast as Secretary, I just want to reiterate how grateful I am for all the connections and friendships I've gained in this role. Serving the District has been an honor and I hope that I have made a small change for the better along the way. I'm excited for Amy Fraley to take over as I know she will do an amazing job! I hope all of you get some down time this summer and I look forward to seeing many of you in Philly! If you ever need me in the future, please reach out to me at cash@vt.edu.

District Treasurer – Mat Lyden, MS, ATC

Hello District 3 AT's!

My Mom always told me that time would go by faster and faster every year, and I still just don't want to believe it to be true...but IT IS!!! Cannot believe another school year is over and summer is upon us.

I would be remis if I did not start by thanking all the folks who helped make our annual meeting a huge success. It was very nice to see many of you in Winston-Salem and feel like our event went so well. We still have several outstanding items to reconcile before I provide you with a final profit and loss statement. Although my early forecast, which I completed on a bar napkin, looks positive. Our overall expenses should come in much lower than anticipated and our meeting margin looks to be favorable. Will provide details in our next publication.

For all our scholarship winners, free communication prize winners, and award recipients, congratulations for all your time and efforts towards making our profession that much better.

Hopefully most of you will be enjoying some well-deserved R & R over the summer. Please make it a priority to enjoy your loved ones during the summer months and partake in a vacation, or two. Always happy to answer any questions you have in regards to our balance sheet.

Warmest Regards,
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Election Committee – Katie Walsh Flanagan, EdD, LAT, ATC

Call for Nominations! The MAATA is opening Nominations for three MAATA Officers. Nominations are due **Wednesday, July 1, 2026 (during NATA Annual Symposium)**

Offices open are:

- **President**
 - *Matt Gage* will finish his one three-year term in May 2027
- **Vice President**
 - *Ashley Thrasher* will finish her first two-year term in June 2027; she is eligible for one more two-year term if she chooses to run.
- **Treasurer**
 - *Mat Lyden* will be finishing his first three-year term and is eligible for another three-year term beginning June 2027

Eligibility to run for MAATA for a MAATA Officer:

Eligibility to run for the officers of the MAATA are listed in the MAATA Constitution (please refer to – www.maata.org under “Member’s Only” tab – password **D3MAATA!**)

- Election of Officers (Article 7)
- Qualifications of Office (Article 8)
 - Note: nominees must have volunteer duties within the past seven (7) years (2019 to date) to be eligible to run
- Governance (Article 6)
 - All elected officers on this nomination call will be members of both Executive Board and District Council.

Also see in the MAATA By-Laws (under *Member’s Only* Section)

- Election of Officers (Article 2)
- Terms of Office (Section 2.5)
- Duties of Office (Article 3)
- Executive Board and District Council Duties (Article 5)
 - All elected officers on this nomination call will be members of both of these leadership entities

To Self Nominate:

Submit the following on ONE email to Past Director Flanagan at KatieWFlanaganAT@gmail.com by Wednesday, July 1, 2026 (incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

Applications may not be changed once submitted via email). I will confirm receipt of your post.

1. A short letter applying for the *Specific* open position of MAATA Officer containing your service to the profession.
2. A biographical sketch (that will be published with the ballot)
3. A professional photo
4. Current resume (the Election Committee will use your resume to determine eligibility - see Constitution, above; including certification, licensure, service within the past seven years)
 1. Your service must be clearly listed with dates on your resume/vita
5. Signed Appropriate ***District III Consent of Obligation*** (found in Member's Only section of MAATA webpage)
6. If desired, a one minute (no longer) video of why the individual wishes to run for the office may be included, but is not required

Timeline

The timeline for electing the **MAATA Officers** for 2027 is as follows:

- Deadline to apply: **Wednesday, July 1**
- a. Election committee created (approval needed by District Committee); and candidates vetted
- b. Approved Candidate bio, photo, and one-minute video (if included) will be posted on MAATA website (after vetting complete)
 - Election: (tentative) **Saturday – Saturday August 1 – 15**
 - Election results certified **Sunday – Tuesday, August 16 – 20**
 - Eblast announcing winner: **Friday, October 21**
 - Newly-elected Officers will shadow current officers beginning in November 2026
- a. The elected MAATA President and Vice President will take office at the end of the MAATA Symposium in May, 2027.
- b. The elected MAATA Treasurer will take office in June 2027 at the NATA symposium

Free Communication Committee – Renae Bomar, EdD, LAT, ATC, CSCS, TSAC-F, USAW-L1

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this year's MAATA Free Communication sessions. We are especially grateful to our presenters, judges, and student volunteers whose time, expertise, and dedication made this event possible.

We are pleased to recognize our award winners:

- Oral Presentations:

Student Winner-**Zoey Nelson**, Liberty University

Certified Winner-**Ashley Thrasher**, Western Carolina

- Poster Presentations:

Student Winner-**Thomas Wells**, University of South Carolina

Certified Winner-**Lisa Custer**, Towson University

This year's program featured an impressive turnout, with 46 participants representing 12 programs. The breadth and quality of scholarship showcased were exceptional, reflecting the strength and continued growth of our profession.

Congratulations to all participants and thank you for helping make this year's Free Communication sessions such a success! We look forward to seeing you next year!

Honors & Awards Committee – Bob Casmus, MS, LAT, ATC

Congratulations to the 2026 MAATA Award recipients! The District Service Award was presented to Tina Carillo (DC), Heather Murphy (VA), Suzanne Konz (WV), Gina Palermo (MD) and Jon Schner (NC.) The District Director Award winners were Kassy Mosley Riddle (NC) and Jenni Wheeler-Johnson (WV.) District President Award recipients were Renee Cork (VA) and Samm Scarneo-Miller (VA.) Our MDAT recipients were Sara Pittelkau (VA) and Jamilla Watson (DC). Our Hall of Fame class was Andy Carter, Dr. Michael Higgins, Kevin King, Dr. Meredith Petschauer and Paul Rupp.

2026 MAATA Service Award Winners:



Tina Carillo, Heather Murphy, Suzanne Konz, Gina Palermo, Jon Schner

2026 MAATA MDAT Winners:



Sara Pittelkau and Jamilla Watson

2026 MAATA Hall of Fame Inductees:



Andy Carter – Virginia



Kevin King – North Carolina



Dr. Michael Higgins – Virginia



Dr. Meredith Petschauer – North Carolina



Paul Rupp – Virginia



MAATA Hall of Fame Members In Attendance

The nomination and application procedures for 2026 opens on August 1, 2026, with nominations closing on November 1, 2026. All candidate materials must be complete and submitted by November 30, 2026. MAATA Award information and required forms can be found

on MAATA Honors & Awards page via the link noted at the end of this paragraph. Everyone knows someone worthy of recognition - so please submit your nominations for MAATA Service Award, MAATA MDAT and MAATA HOF here: <https://www.maata.org/honorsandawards>

Scholarship Committee – Sara Pittelkau, MA, LAT, ATC

The MAATA Scholarship Committee would like to welcome Alyss Hart as the new South Carolina representative! She has a diverse background in AT and is not new to committee work. We are excited to have her as part of our team!

Due to the Larry Sutton Scholarship not having any applicants, the committee had unused funds that we were able to use for a one-time award of 3rd place for two different scholarships. We are excited to announce the following additional scholarship winners for 2026:

Edward Block 3rd place: **Corey Hildebrandt**, App State (NC)

AC "Whitey" Gwynne 3rd place: **Elizabth Mohnkern**, Univ of Lynchburg (VA)

Members: Please keep an eye out for more information on the New Member Initiative that will hopefully open in the beginning to middle of June. Since those who are eligible for the initiative are not members, they do not get this eblast or any MAATA emails. We ask that you forward the information to them so they can apply!

Students: Please keep an eye out during the December/beginning of January timeframe for scholarships to open! We want to give away money to YOU.

Working D3 members in school for doctoral degrees, AT residencies/fellowships: You are eligible for the William Prentice Scholarship. Please apply when it opens (December/January).

Social Media & Young Professionals' Committee – Kassy Mosley Riddle, MS, LAT, ATC

Young Professional Committee

We would like to thank Hunter Bailey (WV) and Abbey Earich (SC) for their service to the Young Professionals Committee as they both will be rolling off this summer. Thank you both for all your contributions!

YPs! Want to get involved with the YP committee at the district level? We have the following representative position opening this summer so be on the lookout and apply when those become available!

- District of Columbia
- South Carolina
- West Virginia
- Member at Large - Career Advancing (7 – 12 years)

Be sure to check out our social media accounts, IG and X: @maata_ypc for the latest information on all things happening with our committee!!

Social Media Committee

Be sure to follow us on our District social media handles for the latest up to date information on happenings, events and volunteer openings throughout the district! **Instagram:** d3athletictrainers **X:** @D3_MAATA **Facebook:** Mid Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association

Student Senate – Emily Meyerl MS, LAT, ATC and Erin M. Moore, PhD, LAT, ATC, CSCS

The MAATA Student Senate would like to congratulate all our graduating seniors, your hard work and dedication has paid off and we are excited to see the impact you will have on our profession. We also would like to recognize Shenandoah University for winning this year's Quiz Bowl and going on to represent District 3 at NATA!

Be on the lookout for an upcoming feedback survey, your input helps us continue to improve and better serve our students. Additionally, keep an eye out in the early fall for applications for incoming first years interested in joining MAATA Student Senate. We look forward to welcoming new voices and leaders!

NATA Convention Program Committee – Gina Palermo, MS, MAT, LAT, ATC, LMT

The Convention Program Committee (CPC) is hard at work planning the upcoming NATA 2026 Clinical Symposia & AT Expo, scheduled for June 29–July 2 in Philadelphia, PA. With NATA, World Cup Soccer, and America's 250th birthday all occurring at the same time, this will truly be a must-attend event.

The two featured themes for the 2026 meeting are Sleep and Entrepreneurship, offering engaging and relevant content for athletic trainers across all practice settings.

The convention website is now open: <https://convention.nata.org/>. You'll find information on registration, programming, special events, and housing. Prices increase on June 1

The call for proposals for 2027 will be delayed until after the convention. Information will be forthcoming at the convention.

If you have any questions about the convention programming or an idea for a presentation, I would be happy to speak with you.

NATA Governmental Affairs Committee – Zachery Richards, MS, LAT, ATC

The Government Affairs team met and voted on the D3 Advocacy Grant at our last committee meeting. We have sent our suggestions on funding to the D3 Executive Council, and the notification on awarded amounts should be sent to the states here shortly. We look forward to having a bigger update after NATA and this Fall! As always, if you have any questions, please reach out!

NATA Foundation – Pete Kotz, MS, LAT, ATC, WFR

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Foundation and/or participated in the raffle drawings during the District 3 meeting on May 1-3. We were excited to announce the winners for each raffle. The Portable Treatment Table winner was **Jon Mitzel from Cherokee Central High School**, North Carolina. Congratulations! The Foundation [NATA Foundation Rock n Bowl](#) winner was **Suzi Konz!** See you in Philly! **Congratulations to both winners!**



If you are going and looking for something to do in Philadelphia, there are still a few tickets left for this event. \$70 for all you can eat and drink. This is a bargain for going out on the town in Philly for the night. <https://www.natafoundation.org/rock-bowl/>

Foundations Ambassadors!

The NATA Research & Education Foundation continues to search for individuals who are looking for a leadership role as an **Ambassador** to represent the Foundation. Ambassadors work closely with the District Foundation Board Director in member education, leadership development, board communication, promotional efforts, and of course, fundraising initiatives. If you have questions and wish to get more information you may also contact **Peter Kotz**, at PKOTZ@olgchs.org.

If you are interested? [CLICK HERE](#)

OMISSION!



I wanted to share that we regretfully missed announcing in the last newsletter that **Meredith Gannon** - University of South Carolina is one of the Research & Education Foundation Scholarship winners this year! Congratulations to Meredith!

NATA Political Action Committee – Steve Cole, MEd, LAT, ATC

Contributions to Legislators: During the 2025-26 election cycle, thus far contributions of \$2,500 each (total of \$22,500) have been made on Capitol Hill to the following legislators that represent the members in District 3. The justification for contribution is based on the legislators committee assignments and their willingness to assist NATA initiative. Nationally a total of 53 legislators have been approved for contributions for a total of \$90,000.00. If you have the opportunity to engage these individuals, either through a live event or correspondence with

their office, please identify yourself as an athletic trainer and thank them for their support of our profession.

Party	Title	Last Name	First Name	State
R	Sen.	Budd	Ted	NC
D	Rep.	Davis	Don	NC
R	Rep.	Harrigan	Pat	NC
D	Sen.	Kaine	Tim	VA
R	Rep.	Wittman	Rob	VA
R	Sen.	Scott	Tim	SC
D	Rep.	Elfreth	Sarah	MD-3
D	Rep.	Mfume	Kweisi	MD
D	Sen.	Alsobrooks	Angela	MD

NATAPAC contributions from District 3: A HUGE thank you to all the members of District 3 who made a donation to the NATAPAC. Through the MAATA annual meeting, thus far this year a total of 35 individuals, with 10 registering for monthly recurring contributions, have supported NATAPAC with contributions of slightly over \$1,300.00. The majority occurred during the Hit the Hill event and the MAATA annual meeting.

Need your support: However, when you do the math District 3 isn't "pulling our weight" and nationally we need to step up donations.

- **District 3:** For 2025-26 election cycle, the NATAPAC distributed a total of \$22,500 to legislators that represent District 3 but as members we have only contributed \$1,300.00 to the NATAPAC. Even with our monthly recurring contributions, as a District we are very far behind in supporting the NATAPAC the way the NATAPAC is supporting our District.

- **Nationally:** For 2025-26 election cycle, the NATAPAC distributed a total of \$90,000 nationally. Over the past several years, on average NATA members have only made contributions to the NATAPAC of roughly \$70,000 annually. The Governmental Affairs Committee is making historical gains on Capitol Hill, but it is a long process. We need money to advance our long-term game plan.

NATA Beat

Keep your finger on the pulse of NATA advocacy efforts through NATA Beat, the quarterly eblast dedicated to everything NATA Government Affairs: state legislative, federal legislative, regulatory, reimbursement and NATAPAC. Each edition will focus on NATA's bipartisan work to advocate for ATs to fully practice their education and skill set.

625 Club

If every NATA member would commit to donating \$6.25 each month for a total of \$75 annually, NATAPAC would raise over \$2 million! *Please consider becoming a monthly recurring contributor to the NATAPAC.*

Chuck Kimmel NATAPAC Luncheon: The Chuck Kimmel NATAPAC Luncheon will be held at the NATA national meeting on Wednesday, July 1 at 12noon. This is the NATAPAC's second largest (the Sweepstakes is the largest) fundraising event; please consider attending the luncheon.

- A BIG thank you to **Director Ray Davis** who is sponsoring our 4 students from Shenandoah University representing District 3 in the Quiz Bowl. **Mat Lyden**, MAATA Treasurer, is sponsoring the two students representing District 3 on the Student Leadership Committee (SLC). This is a great opportunity for those students to engage with leaders in our profession at this memorable event and enrich their experience at the NATA national meeting.

MATA – Rachel D. Moore MEd, LAT, ATC

The Maryland Athletic Trainers' Association is excited to share several important updates and upcoming opportunities to get involved:

- Annual Business Meeting May 29
Stay informed and engaged with MATA's ongoing initiatives. RSVP is encouraged.
- Awards Dinner June 13
We have announced our award recipients and look forward to celebrating them at our Annual Awards Dinner. All stakeholders are invited—tickets are now available, and we encourage you to join us for this special evening.
- MATA PAC Fundraiser July 10 Oriole Park at Camden Yards
Open to all stakeholders and family and friends. Join us for a great event in support of advocacy efforts across Maryland.

We also continue to focus on increasing membership within the National Athletic Trainers' Association. We are actively enhancing our onboarding and offboarding processes for Executive Council members to support long-term organizational success.

Thank you for your continued support of MATA. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

SCATA – Will Christman, MS, LAT, ATC

EVERYONE IS INVITED!! The 2026 Annual SCATA Symposium will be held on July 15-17th. Our website and information will be live April 15, 2026. Registration will open May 1st. Please email president@scata.org to receive the code prior to registering.

Symposium Highlights:

Pre con Education - Wednesday July 16th

"The Athletic Trainer Response: A Mass Casualty Incident"

Athletic trainers will arrive on scene to a mock mass casualty incident and identify unique challenges such as limited resources, the need for rapid decision-making, and the coordination of multiple responders during an MCI. Athletic trainers will triage patients in multiple different scenarios learning to prioritize patients based on severity of injuries and their role in managing these incidents. Athletic trainers must prepare for their role in disaster management events by establishing and reviewing an emergency action plan. Emergency action/disaster plans will be discussed in a lecture setting allowing time for individual review of implementation of new knowledge. This course will better prepare an athletic trainer for a possible mass casualty incident developing triage skills and understanding their role as a health care provider during a MCI.

EVENTS SCATA SYMPOSIUM	Wednesday 9:00 AM — JUL 15 SCATA Golf Tournament The Windermere Club 12:00 PM — JUL 15 Registration Open CMCC Lobby 12:30 PM — JUL 15 Committee Day Segra Park - Club Lounge, Invite 2:00 PM — JUL 15 Pre Con Education Segra Park - Club Lounge 7:00 PM — JUL 15 Welcome Reception Location TBD
EVENTS SCATA SYMPOSIUM	Thursday 7:00 AM — JUL 16 Registration Open CMCC Lobby 9:00 AM — JUL 16 Business Meeting Ballroom B&C 5:15 PM — JUL 16 Honors and Awards Ceremony Ballroom B&C 6:00 PM — JUL 16 Quiz Bowl Ballroom B&C 8:00 PM — JUL 16 Casino Night Social CMCC Lobby
EVENTS SCATA SYMPOSIUM	Friday 7:00 AM — JUL 17 Registration Open CMCC Lobby 10:00 AM — JUL 17 Blood Connection Blood Drive CMCC Parking Lot 2:15 PM — JUL 17 Raffle & Ice Cream Break CMCC Lobby

Student Symposium: The SCATA Student Program offers engaging educational and professional development opportunities designed to support students at every stage. Featured sessions will explore topics such as abdominal trauma management and the transition to clinical practice, alongside the always-popular Student Quiz Bowl. Students also can connect with professionals during the Preceptor's Breakfast, creating a valuable networking experience focused on guidance, career pathways, and preceptor relationships. **Please share with your students from other states!**



Golf Tournament - Wednesday July 15th

The Windermere Club

Players will enjoy a day on the course and networking with friends and colleagues. Tournament tickets will include range balls, golf cart, breakfast and lunch. Mulligan packages will be available for purchase at the tournament. Tournament games! The Tournament will start with a 9am shotgun start and this is a captain's choice tournament.

WVATA – Suzi Konz, PhD, LAT, ATC, CSCS

Meeting was held March 28, 2026 at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

2026 Award Winners

WVATA Hall of Fame:

Rae Emerick

Jean Fruh

Athletic Trainer of the Year:

Jeannette Leal; Glenville State University

Student of the Year:

Kendall Mader; West Virginia University

Election of Officers

- President-Elect: Melessa Wohleber, DHSc, LAT, ATC; West Virginia Wesleyan College
- Secretary: Alma Mattocks, PhD, ATC, CHSe; West Virginia University

D3 – MAATA WV Committee Representations

- Connection & Engagement: open
- Ethnic & Diversity: open
- LGBTQ+: open
- Secondary Schools: open
- Young Professionals: Katie Scott

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