



DECEMBER 2022

## District Director

### Ray Davis

Dear Members

The Holiday Season is upon us! I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy your time with friends and family!

As I have posted before; the time has arrived to renew your Membership to the NATA! Please encourage those who are not members to join the only professional organization that Advocates for ALL ATs from the Federal level to the State's Licensure!

Again thank you for volunteering for open NATA positions.

Students there are immersion opportunities to apply for in Gather!

Congratulations to the following appointments to represent D3 at the NATA

- Cassandra Mosley, Career Advancement Committee
- Lindsey Schroder, Committee on Professional Ethics
- Rod Walters, Hall of Fame Special Considerations Committee
- Kevin Herod, Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Committee
- Angelica Alicea, Towson State Univ. Student Leadership Committee

We still have the **Education Advancement Committee** position open in Gather!

The Bobby Gunn Student Leadership Recognition award is currently accepting a cover letter of application, resume and 1 letter of recommendation. Please send all documents in one email to [maatad3dir@gmail.com](mailto:maatad3dir@gmail.com).

Only current student members are eligible to apply. Go to the NATA website for more information. This will close February 1, 2023.

## District Secretary

### Jason Mitchell

Happy Holidays to everyone. As we are getting to the close of 2022, please make sure to [renew your NATA membership!](#)

Don't forget that when you renew your NATA membership, you will receive 10 free CE credits (a \$150 value) to use in 2023, which is a reporting year. You can use those CE credits in the NATA Professional Development Center to purchase online course-based quizzes. Renew now to secure your 10 free CE credits.

The NATA Career Center is an exclusive member-only benefit that not only offers connection opportunities, but also provides: support, giving our ATs a serious advantage over nonmembers in the competitive job-seeking market; advocacy through resources that can help them better advocate for themselves with potential employers; and professional growth, with the variety of jobs posted allowing ATs to seek out new opportunities for professional development. Renew by Dec. 31 to maintain access to the NATA Career Center and all member benefits  
 Don't miss out on all the opportunities that come with being an NATA member and [renew today](#). Contact Member Services at [membership@nata.org](mailto:membership@nata.org) or 972-532-8897 if you have any questions.

## NATIONAL UPDATES

### NATA Foundation Marty Baker

I'm not sure about you but I've got some last-minute shopping to do for the Christmas Holidays. If you find yourself shopping for last minute presents on Amazon please consider partnering with Your

Foundation and Amazon by signing up for **AmazonSmiles**. For every qualified purchase Amazon contributes to The Foundation. That's right, Amazon makes the contribution! You shop & Amazon contributes. This year-a-round initiative is a great way to support Your Foundation with someone else's money.

One of the primary missions of Your Foundation is to support the next generation of athletic trainers, our students, by awarding scholarships and grants. Each year the athletic training students of the MAATA take home a sizable share of these \$2,300 scholarships not to mention the writing contest or the student research grants but **you must apply and the submission window is OPEN!** If you are a student, please take advantage of these opportunities by applying. If you are an educator what better way to tout your program than by

having award winners in your program. Help us by mentoring them.

It's the Holiday Season and I am grateful for many things but near the top of that list is being able to represent the ATs in the MAATA on The Foundation's board of directors. On behalf of The Foundation, I want to thank each of you for your steadfast support of our mission and our programs. Without you it would not be possible. Thanks so much.

#### Mark your calendars for these upcoming deadlines from the NATA Research & Education Foundation

<p><b>EDUCATION PROGRAMS</b>        For more information about the NATA Foundation's education programs, visit <a href="http://www.natafoundation.org/education">www.natafoundation.org/education</a></p>	<p>Through this program, which is managed by the Scholarship Committee, the NATA Foundation awards undergraduate, master's and doctoral scholarships. The number of scholarships varies annually (from 50 to 70), with the amount of the award currently at \$2,300 per scholarship.        All scholarship applications and supporting documents are due by <b>Aug. 15</b></p>	<p><b>STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM (DOCTORAL AND MASTER'S)</b>        For more information about the Research Grant Program, visit <a href="http://www.natafoundation.org/research/grant-opportunities">www.natafoundation.org/research/grant-opportunities</a></p>
<p><b>Scholarships</b>        The NATA Foundation Scholarship Program is one of the organization's most highly regarded programs. Our scholarship program has awarded more than \$1.67 million to 1,606 students.</p>	<p><b>STUDENT WRITING CONTEST</b>        The NATA Foundation Athletic Training Student Writing Contest is named for Debra Brubaker, who chaired the contest for its first 30 years. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.natafoundation.org/education">www.natafoundation.org/education</a>.        Athletic training students enrolled in professional programs are eligible to participate in the following categories of submission:        •Original Research (2500 is awarded)        •Literature Review (250 is awarded)        •Case Study (250 is awarded)        All Student Writing Contest submissions must be received by <b>Feb. 15</b>.</p>	<p><b>Doctoral Student Research Grants</b>        Grant awards in the doctoral grant program are limited to a maximum of \$2,300 in direct costs over no more than one year, and multiple awards are given each year.        All Doctoral Research Grant Proposals are due <b>Feb. 15</b>.</p>
<p><b>Master's Student Research Grants</b>        Grant awards in the master's grant program are limited to a maximum of \$1,000 in direct costs over no more than one year, and multiple awards are given each year.        Master's Research Grant Proposals will be accepted <b>July-Aug. 1</b>.</p>	<p><b>Master's Student Research Grants</b>        Grant awards in the master's grant program are limited to a maximum of \$1,000 in direct costs over no more than one year, and multiple awards are given each year.        Master's Research Grant Proposals will be accepted <b>July-Aug. 1</b>.</p>	

# DISTRICT UPDATES

## Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee

### Xavion Santiago

Happy December MAATA! This year is quickly coming to an end. This past month EDAC welcomed a new at-large member, Dynesha Peterson! We look forward to working with her and the perspective she will bring. EDAC grants have been hard at work in District 3. Washington DC is hosting the 4th Athletic Training Symposium March 2022. For more details check out <http://www.dcathletictrainers.org/DCSATS>. They are busy planning the event. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to [DCATA@gmail.com](mailto:DCATA@gmail.com). In Maryland and Virginia, Morgan State Bears TV produced a documentary on Athletic Training to be premiered at the annual B.A.S.H. Ball. For more details check out <https://www.baltimoreathletehealth.org/>. Tickets go on sale January 1. There are so many great events coming up all around the district. Be sure to renew your NATA membership by 12/31/2022. Make sure to register for this year's MAATA in Virginia Beach, VA. I look forward to seeing you there! Happy Holidays!

## Honors & Awards Committee

### Bob Casmus

Currently the MAATA Honors & Awards candidate information is being reviewed and scored. The Honors & Awards Committee appreciate all the nominations received. The nominees for the 2023 awards are topnotch performers in the athletic training profession. We will be announcing the 2023 Honors and Award recipients in the January 2023 e-blast and Spring 2023 Newsletter. The Honors & Awards Ceremony will be held in VA Beach at the District III Meeting in May 2023.

## LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee

### Kirk Armstrong

#### LGBTQ Advisory Committee

#### *State Opposition to Anti-Transgender Proposal*

The Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association made a statement regarding their opposition to the proposed changes to the *2022 Model Policies on the Privacy, Dignity, and Respect for all Students and Parents in Virginia's Public Schools* proposed by Governor Youngkin. Virginia is just one state with proposed legislation that would discriminate against LGBTQ+ youth, specifically targeted at transgender youth.

Read the VATA's statement here: <https://www.vata.us/news>

If you are interested in learning what anti-transgender legislation exists in your state, visit the Legislative Tracker: Anti-Transgender Legislation website: <https://freedomforallamericans.org/legislative-tracker/anti-transgender-legislation/>

# MAATA Social Media

## Kassy Mosley

NATA Renewal time is upon us! We want to see YOUR renewal/membership pictures for a chance to win prizes!!

How to Enter!

- 1) Renew or enroll your NATA membership by 12/31/22
- 2) Take a picture of your membership renewal
- 3) Share your picture, tag us and use hashtags #D3Renews AND #(your state association) #NCATA #SCATA #WVATA #VATA #DCATA #MATA

Prizes include:

Opportunity to win one of ten \$25 amazon gift cards

\$250 to the State organization with the highest renewal percentage

Opportunity to win a FREE REGISTRATION to the annual meeting for a NEW member

Be sure to follow our social media accounts for all of the latest news and happenings around District 3!

Facebook- Mid Atlantic Athletic Trainers Association (MAATA)

Instagram- d3athletictrainers

Twitter- @D3\_MAATA

## Scholarship Committee

### Sara Pittelkau

We are still looking for representatives from District of Columbia and West Virginia. Anyone interested should contact me @ [maata.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:maata.scholarship@gmail.com)

## Student Senate

### Emily Hildebrand

The most recent Student Senate Newsletter has been distributed electronically to all District III Athletic Training Programs and can be found posted on the student section of the website: <https://www.maata.org/students>. In this issue we emphasize the importance for students to renew or become NATA members along with how students can get involved in their upcoming State's Lobby Days. Have information you would like us to distribute to students? Has your program or athletic training community recently accomplished something? Send it on over and we will include in our next monthly edition. Lastly, best of luck to students on their final exams!

## Young Professionals' Committee

### Kelley Crowe

The Young Professionals' Committee would like to hear from YOU! Please take a quick 5 minutes to complete the below needs assessment survey. We want to hear from you about how best we can serve and provide resources you need in the district. These results will help guide our projects, initiatives, and MAATA Symposium presentations so please take a few minutes to complete:

[YPC Survey](#)

# STATE UPDATES

## District of Columbia

### Tina Carrillo

The DCATA is looking for a speaker to give a virtual presentation at the DCATA Winter Business meeting in Mid-January. Those who are interested in presenting with a virtual video should contact Mike Walker at [mwalker@stjohnschs.org](mailto:mwalker@stjohnschs.org) with the topic(s) of choice. Our membership was polled, and the results showed that these topics were among the most requested. However, topics are not restricted just to this list and we will welcome any subjects of discussion.

- COVID and sports
- Business models for athletic trainers
- Groin injuries
- Chest/abdominal injury evaluation and treatment (pre-hospital and hospital)
- Joint dislocations and management
- Manual Therapy topics
- Emergency Response
- Mental Health Resources

The District of Columbia Athletic Trainer's Association will be hosting their 5<sup>th</sup> Student Athletic Training Symposium on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until 1:00pm. This event is sponsored by NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee. We are currently looking for volunteers to teach a session, work the registration table, set up & clean up lunch, and judges for our competitions. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Tina Carrillo at [ccarrillo@friendshipschools.org](mailto:ccarrillo@friendshipschools.org)

## Maryland

### Jean Perez

The MATA Government Affairs Committee is hosting Lobby Day 2023 in Annapolis on January 12th from 8 am to 12 pm! This is your time to advocate for your profession and meet those who govern us. We will be having a continental breakfast followed by small group meetings with your legislators. Please use the link below to register!

<https://forms.gle/bWPACudGECJxMFPe8>

## South Carolina

### Amy Hand

**SAVE THE DATE!** The 2023 SCATA Annual Symposium is July 12-14th, 2023 in Columbia, South Carolina.

#### **2023 SCATA Secondary Schools Workshop**

Registration is open for the January 21, 2023 event at Pelion High School. Please share with your students! [Register Today!](#)

#### **Secondary Schools Workshop CEU Event**

Certified athletic trainers are invited to attend and will receive 5 CAT D CEUs. Athletic trainers attending with students are provided free registration. Athletic trainers attending without students is \$15. Lunch is included. [Register here!](#)

For more information, please visit the Secondary Schools Workshop webpage

(<https://scata.wildapricot.org/page-18285>). We hope you will join us for this educational event!

#### **2023 SCATA Annual Symposium Call for Proposals**

The SCATA23 Program Committee is requesting proposals for presentations at the 2023 SCATA Annual Symposium, July 12-14, 2023 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The educational program is designed to share evidence-based best practices with athletic trainers in the state of South Carolina and provide continuing education units to meet DHEC and BOC requirements. The program is developed by invitation and review of proposal submissions.

Proposal submissions from SCATA members and nonmembers are welcome. Be sure to review the guidelines for each program format prior to submission. Additional information is available on the SCATA website: <https://scata.wildapricot.org/2023-Annual-Symposium>. The deadline for proposal submission is December 15, 2022.

Link to submit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekw9M4Hj6iRL9U89hGayNI493vHS3ICP58MQ0Ay3GR3ZbuJQ/viewform>

## Virginia

### Danny Carroll

We're excited about our upcoming Annual Meeting. Please join us for VATA Annual Meeting taking place in Harrisonburg, VA at the Hotel Madison Conference Center January 13-15.



## Memorial Resolutions

### John Bielawski

#### Hubert Gene Brooks

**October 31, 1948 – November 25, 2022**

Hickory, NC, Hubert Gene, "Coach" Brooks, 74, passed away unexpectedly at his vacation home of 38 years in Sunset Beach, NC.

He was born in Catawba County, October 31, 1948, the son of Hubert Marvin Brooks and the late Betty Revels Brooks.

He was a member of the Sandy Ridge Baptist Church, and retired school teacher from Arndt Middle School and St. Stephens High School. He was the first NC certified athletic trainer in our area, and he was named "Teacher of the Year" 1993-1994. He was a beloved teacher and friend to many, and he will be deeply missed by family and friends. His second career was fishing. He loved fishing at Lake Hickory, but most of all at Sunset Beach where he had a vacation home. Known as "Coach" to all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sherry Bumgarner Brooks; daughter, Gena Hoffman and husband Robert of Allentown, Pa.; grandchildren, Adelaide Hoffman, Charlotte Hoffman, Wellington Hoffman, Maxwell Hoffman, Alexander Hoffman; his father, Hubert Brooks of Hickory, NC, brother, David Brooks and wife Linda of Hickory, NC and nieces, Karri Deptola and husband, Stephen of Colorado, and Carmen Brooks of Mooresville.