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The mission of the New York State Athletic Trainer's Association shall be to advance, encourage and improve the profession of athletic training by developing the common interests of its' membership for the purpose of enhancing the quality of health care for the physically active in New York State.

Save the Date

EATA Convention
Boston, MA
January 6-9, 2012

NATA Annual Meeting
St. Louis, Missouri
June 26-29, 2012

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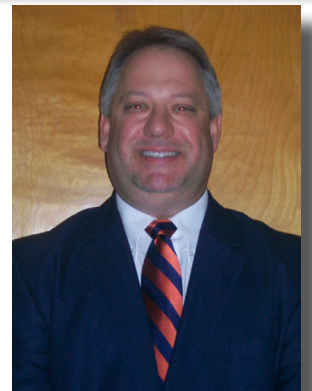
The President's Report

Christopher K. Hobler, RSA-O ATC

I hope that everyone is having a good summer, now that it is here. It seemed like it took forever to get here.

Since the last Newsletter, things have been very busy. NYSATA has hired an outside agency to develop and manage our website, and Ithaca Website Design Company has done a tremendous job. We also now have a Facebook page, so look for that and "like" it.

The 2011 Annual State meeting and Conference was held June 3-5 at the US Olympic Training Center at Lake Placid. Deanna Errico did an outstanding job putting together this conference, which was well attended. It



was great to see all who attended. The conference had tremendous speakers, and this year had workshop activities in the afternoon session. We also had a social on Friday and Saturday evenings, with a raffle on Saturday evening. The US Olympic Training Center was a

great venue. Overall, it was an outstanding meeting and we look forward to returning to Lake Placid again in the future.

NYSATA has been active with the concussion legislation efforts in NYS. Senator Hannon, along with Assemblywoman Nolan, have sponsored The Concussion Management and Awareness Act. This bill has passed the Senate and Assembly, and is awaiting approval from Governor Cuomo before becoming law.

Prior to the NYSATA Conference, NYSATA participated in Lobby Day in Albany. Christine Jenkins, Kristy Hart, and Jacob Wilkinson put together an outstanding program. We were represented by 10 members of our association, and were able to talk with 9 legislators during the day. We definitely appreciate the efforts of all who attended Lobby Day, and will continue to support those activities.

On the financial front, I am happy to report that NYSATA is doing well financially. We continue to work with Lisa Quadrini with UBS, and she has done a great job. Chris Jones, who has been our Treasurer for 5 years, resigned his position due to his PA school commitments. Chris did an outstanding job with NYSATA, and will be missed. We had an election, and David Byrnes was elected NYSATA Treasurer. Welcome aboard, David.

Speaking of elections, NYSATA's Aimee Brunelle was elected as Newsletter Editor for District 2. Congratulations Aimee. Also, Susan Geisler has been elected Reimbursement Chair. Congratulations Susan.

On June 15, 2011, Dan Cochran, a Jamesville-Dewitt lacrosse player, was struck in the chest with a lacrosse ball and collapsed. Cynthia Kelder, ATC from Fayetteville-Manlius High School, began CPR and used an AED to revive Dan. Her quick action and response saved Dan's life, and we have nominated her for the NATA Lifesaver Recognition Award. Great job, Cynthia.

Now, on to the NATA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. In attending our district meeting, due to increased costs of business, especially with legislative efforts, District 2 voted on and passed a dues increase

of \$10. The state associations will receive this money. District 2 also had a changing of the guard, with Michael Goldenberg replacing Jim Thornton as District Director. Jim Thornton will be now running for President of the NATA. Good luck Jim.

While at the NATA Annual Meeting, NYSATA partnered with Sports Safety International, and will be providing ConcussionWise, as an innovative way to provide online education for athletic trainers, physicians, coaches, parents and athletes. This program will be made available after the signing of our concussion legislation.

NYSATA works very hard for our membership. We have numerous committees, and are looking for members to take an active role in our association; to get involved. If you have an interest in a committee, contact the committee chair and get involved. We can always use help.

As summer moves on into fall, we will be looking to move forward and plan for our future.

It is very important to remember that Certified Athletic Trainers are healthcare professionals. We also need to be proud of our profession in NY State. Only people that are registered with the NY State Education Department (NYSED) Office of the Professions can call themselves Certified Athletic Trainers in NY State. If you are not registered, we ask you to go to www.op.nysed.gov/ and begin the registration process. If you are no longer practicing athletic training or using the ATC credential, please contact your region representative so that we can update our directory.

Please feel free to contact me with any issues or concerns that you may have. As always, advancing our profession and its mission is our top priority.

Have a great summer.

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NYSATA Conference

Deanna Errico, ATC

Thank you to all who made the 2011 NYSATA Conference at the Olympic Training Center a success! This was a new venue for NYSATA's annual meeting and it was well received with over 70 attendees from 4 different states and provinces. Participants could actually stay at the Olympic Training Center and many took advantage of this perk. Meals were also provided at the center. The Olympic Training Center was gracious enough to give a registration discount to those who spent the night, but unfortunately NYSATA could not subsidize the additional cost for those who did not stay at the center, this is why their registration fee was a little higher this year, yet still a great deal for 8 continuing education units. The conference design was altered this year with lectures in the morning and workshops in the afternoon which provided some hands-on experiences.

The 6th annual NYSATA Golf Outing was located at the Craig Wood's Municipal Golf Course in Lake Placid. This year, as a result of the concussion legislation that was going through, NYSATA became concerned that there might be a need for future legislation. NYSATA therefore determined that the proceeds from the Golf Outing should go towards a legislative fund for future needs.

The social event at Lisa G's was a very success event with great interaction on Friday night. A raffle was organized as a fundraiser for the legislative fund as well and that was held at an additional social that was held Saturday night at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel Lounge. There were a few really terrific prizes such as an Online course offered by Sports Medicine Concepts, a weekend course offered by Neurac company, sideline and sling bags offered by Medco, Slack Books offered 2 textbooks, Ron O'Neil provided cases of tape from Andover tape to a lucky winner, and a number of Dr. Gioia's and Dr. Mihalik's Concussion phone apps offered by PAR, Inc.

The 2011 NYSATA Conference selection

speakers were diverse including topics such as meteorology, leadership, wound care, and functional injury assessment. Workshops focused on assessment and rehabilitation. The Poster presentations increased this year and we look forward to more abstracts being submitted next year. We were pleased with the vendors this year and hope to have more next year.

Plans are in the works for next year's NYSATA Conference, so if you have any recommendations including location or speakers, please email Deanna.

Welcome New NYSATA Members!

John Patrick Acosta
Ashley Ahearn
Meg Barbarino
Daniel Braut
Megan Bretz
Noel Caba
Matthew Campana
Nicole Catalano
Sarah Clarke
Anna Collett
Michael Cosby
Alyssa Crans
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Brian McElroy
Nicole Moreno
Michael Powers
Teresa Roane
Wendy Schroeder
Daniel Senif
Robert Smith
Sarah Strielkauskas
Kiyoshi Tada
Peter Terilli

Welcome!

NYSATA Legislative Update

Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP

Head Injury Legislation Passes Legislature, Awaits Governor Signature

The legislation, championed by Senator Kemp Hannon (R, Garden City) will require the implementation of procedures in schools statewide to address head injuries (S.3953-B Hannon / A.8194 Nolan), passed both houses of the Legislature and now awaits the signature of the Governor to become law.

In discussions with legislative staff in both houses at the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association (NYSATA) Lobby Day as well in meetings with legislative staff held by Wilson Elser, it is clear that they understand the unique qualifications and experience that Certified Athletic Trainers (ATCs) possess. This understanding was born out in the language of the head injury legislation as ATCs are involved in many aspects of the bill. ATCs are represented in the statewide group that will impact the regulations and are listed as qualified members of the concussion teams that will be established in every school in the State.

There are two main roles that ATCs will play in the system established by this legislation. The legislation would require each school district to establish a concussion management team made up of school medical personnel, including ATCs, and administration personnel, including coaches. The concussion management team would be charged with implementing the procedures and establishing specific courses of action for management of head injuries and the return to school, activity, and participation in sports for the student, if applicable, as the legislation is not limited to pupils who participate in sports. The existence of a concussion management team in each school allows

for flexibility for schools across the State. The structure of NYSATA, with members statewide organized by regions, can be a resource for any school looking for the involvement of a ATC at any level.

Also, the legislation establishes a panel of experts to assist the State Education Department (SED) in promulgating regulations regarding more specifics. This panel of experts includes school ATCs, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, public and nonpublic school interscholastic sports coaches, and public school medical and health professionals. Participation on this panel of experts that will be involved in promulgating regulations on the care and treatment of head injuries will provide ATCs a statewide opportunity to impact the head injury policies in all schools.

Also, the legislation requires medical personnel, including Certified Athletic Trainers, to complete biennial training which is not yet specified but likely includes the training that ATCs already complete as continuing education/competencies. Wilson Elser is working to ensure this is understood and carried through to the regulations to make certain there is no duplicative burden on ATCs.

Once this bill is delivered to the Governor, he has 10 days to sign it or it becomes law automatically. By working with the Legislature and the SED as this legislation moved through the process, Certified Athletic Trainers are in a very good position, should it be signed into law by the Governor, to advance their profession in the future in multiple ways as the most appropriate professionals to manage head injuries. Wilson Elser recognizes this opportunity for Certified Athletic Trainers and looks forward to the work ahead to ensure an improvement of the management of head injuries.

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The New York State Committee for Athletic Training, (l-r) Walter Ramos (Executive Secretary of the New York State Board for Medicine), Louann Kuntz, ATC (Albany Medical Center), Timothy Kelly, ATC (USMA), Karen Balter, ATC (Sage College), Kevin Kroencke (Staff Assistant to the Office of Professions), Jim Gossett, ATC (Columbia University), and Jacob Wilkinson (lobbyist for Wilson, Elser Moskowitz Eldman & Dicker LLP) all met on Monday April 25, 2011 at the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. There the members discussed the current status of the committee for the athletic trainers membership list, as well as an update and discussion about the concussion legislation. (Photo by Aliza Feuerstein, Syracuse University '12, Columbia University Summer Intern.)

Nomination Time!

Want to give back to your profession? Get involved? Do you know of someone who would make a great President-Elect? Send your nominations to Rebecca Petersen, Chair of the Nominations Committee. Nominations will be accepted until September 15, 2011. Elections will be held shortly after and the winner will take office during the June 2012 Meeting. This is a 6 year commitment (2 as President-Elect, 2 as President, and then 2 as Past President).

Be sure to include the following in your nomination: Your Name, Name of Candidate, Place of Employment, email and phone number.

Send to: rebecca.petersen@liu.edu and in the subject line: **President-Elect Nomination**

BOC Report

Deanna Errico, ATC

The Board of Certification, Inc Conference was held July 8-9, 2011. NYSATA was represented by NYSATA President-Elect, Deanna Errico. James Gossett also attended, representing the NYSED Athletic Training Board. The focus of this conference was to discuss Best Practices related to scope of practice in the different states. It brought a better understanding of regulatory issues experienced by different states and the potential to apply the solutions of some state organizations to our own state. There is some pressure for athletic training state organizations to "clean up" their practice acts and especially to remove any limiting language. While NYS has been hesitant to do this, multiple speakers indicated that it is better for a state to improve its practice act before another group's practice act is changed in such a way that it ends up limiting athletic training practice in that state. One speaker talked about Discipline Reporting and recommended that all athletic trainers in states with regulation must be registered/certified/licensed, depending on the regulation in that state. This recommendation impacts athletic trainers in NYS that have not gone through the NYSED certification process as they will have a negative impact on the progression of the profession within the state. Recent changes in the BOC and NATA relationship were also discussed and more information about this can be found at the [BOC website](#).

NYSATA Hall of Fame

Deanna Errico, ATC

The NYSATA Hall of Fame committee announces Tim Kelly as the next member to be inducted into the NYSATA Hall of Fame. His induction will take place at the NYSATA meeting during the EATA conference in January 2012. Please see the NYSATA Fall Newsletter for more details. The committee will continue to accept nominations for the class of 2013, until April 15, 2012. Nominations may be sent to the committee chair, Deanna Errico, at d_errico@yahoo.com.

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Regional Reports



Region 1

Jayne Kitsos, ATC

From Hofstra University:

The Hofstra University Athletic Training Education Program congratulates its new Certified Athletic Trainers: **Sarah Pletz, ATC, Danielle Manning, ATC, and Larry Goodwin, ATC.**

From LIU~Brooklyn Campus:

LIU has hired **Paul Cicero, ATC and Jacqui McCann, ATC** as Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainers for the upcoming year. The 13th Annual LIU Alumni and Friends Pool Party was a huge success. We hope all who attended had a great time!

From Professional Physical Therapy:

Professional PT welcomes several new ATCs to their team: **Gerard Friedman, Justin Harbst, Mona McKenzie, Nadia Najm, Amy Spetla, Hugh Shapiro and Carly Williams.**

We are pleased to announce that **Marjorie Albohm**, president of the NATA, will be speaking to the Professional Physical Therapy ATs at our Greenwich Village location in August to discuss current issues in Athletic Training.

From Stony Brook University:

Congratulations to our 2011 graduates: **Breeanna Cavaliere, ATC** (SBU PT program), **Paul Cicero, ATC** (Long Island University, Brooklyn GA), **Thomas Compitello, ATC, James Fetter, ATC, James Flaherty** (August BOC Exam), **Avia Kennedy, ATC, Aaron Kraus, ATC** (FitCare, NJ), **Shaina Murugan, ATC, Krystyna Nau, ATC** (NY Sports and PT, East Meadow HS ATC), **Danielle Quarello, ATC** (SBU PT program), **Melissa Roe, ATC** (Le Moyne College GA), **Jessica Tau, ATC** (Professional Orthopedic and Sports PT,

St Mary's HS). At SHTM Convocation, Krystyna received the McTernan Undergraduate Honor Award which is given to the undergraduate student with the highest GPA in the School of Health Technology and Management through the Health Science Center. We are very proud of all the students' accomplishments and first time success rate on the BOC! Congratulations and good luck!

As of July 1st, **Kathy Koshansky, ATC** has stepped down as the Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine to assume a full time role as the Chairperson and Associate Professor for Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) through the SHTM. For 28 years she has been responsible for the overall operation of the Sports Medicine Department while also directing the ATEP. Both programs have experienced considerable growth over the years therefore she will be able to focus on one area, athletic training education.

Athletic training students, ATC alum, and faculty volunteered on the medical staff for the 2011 LI Marathon Festival of Races this past May. Volunteers included AT students **Ruth Gillespie, Aaron Kraus, Jess Tau, Avia Kennedy, Danielle Quarello, James Fetter, Krystyna Nau, and Paul Cicero**, as well as ATCs **Kathy Koshansky, Jill Bensen, and Hillary Scheier.**

Stony Brook's chapter of Iota Tau Alpha (ITA) had a very busy year promoting the AT profession as well as community service projects and fundraisers. Monthly trash pick-ups continue along a one-mile stretch of Nicolls Rd just before south entrance to campus. A total of 55 large black trash bags were collected during 2010-11. In addition bottle pickups after SBU home games and recycling within our own Athletic Training Room, they collected over 4,400 bottles. A community discount card was created and over \$1350 was raised to fund the first-ever ITA hosted dinner at the EATA conference where they welcomed 20 students, faculty and alumni to the Hard Rock Café in Philadelphia. Fundraising also supported purchasing

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wish list items for children at Stony Brook University Hospital, sponsoring the Debbie Whittemore Memorial 5K Walk/Run, and donations to the Japan earthquake relief and Alzheimer's Association.

The 2010-2011 ITA executive board comprised of **Jessica Tau**, President; **Avia Kennedy**, Vice President; **Danielle Quarello**, Treasurer; **Krystyna Nau**, Secretary; **Aaron Kraus**, Historian. The 3rd Annual Induction Ceremony was held on April 28th, 2011. Five new members were inducted. Congratulations to the elected 2011-2012 ITA executive board: **Jacqueline Smith**, President; **Nicole Cuccurullo**, Vice President; **Ruth Gillespie**, Secretary; **Keith Feind**, Treasurer; **Ray Ragunauth**, Historian. The ceremony ended with a 15-minute photo slideshow of the past two years. Great job done by these students and we look forward to more activities in the future!

Stony Brook Orthopaedic Associates and the Division of Sports Medicine hosted a Sports Medicine Symposium titled "STOP Sports Injuries: Injury Prevention and Management Strategies for the Young Athlete" on May 20, 2011. **Hillary Scheier, ATC** (SBU '09) coordinated the event in her role as 'Senior Patient Care Specialist' within the Department of Orthopaedics. This multidisciplinary program was both educational and well attended by coaches, athletic training students, certified athletic trainers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, nurses, physician assistants, physicians, etc. Congratulations Hillary and we look forward to more successful events in the future!

From Yorktown High School:

The NATA Secondary Schools Athletic Training Committee (SSATC) is pleased to announce that **David Byrnes, ATC**, has been selected as the recipient of the 2011 Gatorade District 2 Secondary School Athletic Trainer Recognition Award. This award is sponsored by Gatorade because of its belief in the importance of competent medical care (in the form of athletic trainers) in the high school athletic setting; this award is one way Gatorade supports

our setting. Congratulations, David!

Region 2

Glenn Marinelli, ATC

Sage Small, ATC will be joining the *St Thomas Aquinas College* staff as an assistant athletic trainer for 2011-12. She graduated from *Castleton State College* in May.

Region 4

Christine Scuderi, ATC

Deanna Errico, ATC has decided to leave *Clarkson University* and will be teaching on-line courses at *Utica College* in their transitional Doctorate Physical Therapy Program. **Jason Penella, ATC** has left *St. Lawrence University* and has taken a new position as Head Athletic Trainer at the *Salisbury School*, in Salisbury, CT. **Mizue Iwamoto, ATC**, formerly at *SUNY Plattsburgh*, has taken a position at *RPI*. Region 4 would like to wish Deanna, Jason, and Mizue the best of luck with their new positions as they will be missed.

We would also like to wish **Ryan Degon, ATC** the best of luck as he has accepted the Head Athletic Trainer position at *St. Lawrence University*. He came to us from the *University of Tennessee Chattanooga*.

Region 5

Courtney Grey, ATC

Le Moyne College has hired **Melissa Roe, ATC** of *Stony Brook University* and **Darren Vukovic, ATC** from *SUNY Brockport* as graduate assistant athletic trainers.

Ithaca College Junior, **Jessica Anderson**, has been awarded a 2011 NATA Foundation Scholarship from the NATA Research & Education Foundation. Jessica was recognized during the Pinky Newell Scholarship & Leadership Breakfast at the NATA's 62nd Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia in New Orleans.

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Above: Jessica Anderson with Cindy Trowbridge, NATA scholarship chair

Ithaca College's Clinical Education Coordinator, **Kent Scriber, EdD, ATC, PT**, has been named a Fellow of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. The Fellows program was created to honor the NATA's most accomplished scholars and researchers for their leadership and service to the athletic training profession. Dr. Scriber is now part of an elite group and he was honored at the 2011 Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia in New Orleans.



Above: Kent Scriber with Sandy Schultz and Marjorie Albohm, NATA President

Ithaca College's Director of Athletic Training Education, Paul R. Geisler, EdD, ATC, was recently named to the editorial boards of 2 professional scholarly journals in the athletic training field. He was named an Associate Editor of "Athletic Training & Sports Health Care: The Journal for the Practicing Clinician", and also was named to the Editorial Board of "The Athletic

Training Education Journal." Most recently he was named a member of the NATA's Professional Education Committee.

Nineteen *Ithaca College* students recently passed their BOC exam to become Certified Athletic Trainers. Congrats to: **Dan Adelman, Michael Becker, David Bloom, Marirose Benedict, Kevin Campbell, Jackie Harpham, Dan Cassell, Alicia Caswell, Kelly Davis, Kyle Devins, Kara Fiorillo, Taryn Gilrein, Nicole Humpf, Allison Kozick, Richard Mallon, Emily Ondrejka, Elyse Putorti, Chelsea Schrade, and Alyssa Sotomayor.**

Hamilton College has two openings for Certified Athletic Trainers. Please see the NATA career center website for details.

Region 6

Jeff Zink, ATC

Sports Medicine Concepts Annual Summer Sports Emergency Care Summit program will be a one-day In 2Minutes or Less!® Sports Emergency Care Specialist psychomotor skills training session hosted by the University of Rochester on August 11, 2011 in Rochester, NY. Participants can go to www.sportsmedicineconcepts.com to register for this workshop.

Region 7

Karl Kozlowski, ATC

Congratulations to **Brendon Jonsson, ATC** (*Jamestown Community College '08, UNC Pembroke '11*) for passing the BOC exam! Brendon begins as a Graduate Assistant at *Syracuse University* in early August, where he will major in Exercise and Sport Science.



Doing What a Sixteen Year Old Boy Should Be Doing

Cyndi Kelder, ATC

I was hired to provide ATC services for the Upstate Rising Summer Lacrosse team tryout on June 15th, held on the school grounds where I am an athletic trainer, Fayetteville-Manlius High School.

I am entering my eighth year at the school and have always covered the fall tournaments, but this was the first time I had covered this particular event. This was the last place I ever expected to even hand out ice, as it was just a tryout and not even a tournament.

About halfway through the two-hour tryout, a coach came running across the empty soccer field separating me from the middle field of play and told me that a player was down and "took a shot in the gut." On the short drive over, I mentally prepared for a solar plexus injury at the least and at worst possible internal bleeding from a contusion. I didn't even realize that the player was unconscious at the time. As we pulled onto the field and I realized that there were two men performing CPR on a player, obviously the level of seriousness had changed drastically.

I asked if anyone had contacted 911 yet and a man said that he was currently on the phone with them. Then I grabbed the AED and opened it and got the electrodes in place and it immediately began to analyze the athlete's heart. A shock was advised and applied, followed by another cycle of CPR. The AED analyzed the heart rhythm again, at which time no further shock was advised and CPR could be discontinued. By that time, the athlete had a pulse and an amazingly normal blood pressure of 130/60. As we were waiting for the ambulance to arrive, I noticed the top of a circular bruise peeking out over the top of the electrode that sat just below his heart. The shot that the athlete took had disrupted his

heart rhythm at a critical point in the cycle and induced commotio cordis, which caused ventricular fibrillation.

As I later found out, CPR was begun immediately, within 30 seconds of the incident. The athlete took one step and fell flat on his face with a grunt that everyone knew was wrong. The coach that ran to him assessed the situation and called over to another coach, who is a CPR instructor. They began CPR while another coach ran to get me. From impact until shock delivery, it was approximately 3 or 4 minutes. The athlete never really lost circulation due to the quick start of CPR.



Cyndi Kelder, ATC, athlete Dan Cochran, and Tom Hall, Section III Lacrosse Chair.

One of the biggest things that will stick with me: He had agonal respirations and his eyes were open at the time that I had to deliver a shock. We were all a bit perplexed when the shock was advised. We had assumed that the agonal breathing was gasping for air and that the eyes open meant that he was experiencing some form of altered consciousness. It just wasn't what I expected the scene to look like.

As he was beginning to respond, the ambulance showed up. They took him to the hospital where he was admitted overnight for observation and released the following morning, at which point he went home and started playing catch with a friend. One of the coaches who had performed CPR had told me later that he had started his watch before the incident occurred because they were just starting a drill. When he looked at his watch after the last police car left, a few minutes after the ambulance had left; it had only been

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20 minutes. It sure felt like a lot more but it was mind boggling that all of that occurred in such a short amount of time. I have a hard time believing that we could even set that scenario up for teaching and have it play out so well.

I know that I've had to explain to quite a few people over the years just what the profession is all about and I usually end with the statement that ultimately, if something happens to the point of life-saving measures, we are the ones responsible until the ambulance arrives. I'm in awe of all that played out that day. Last week, as I was walking past a checkout line in Wegmans, I saw that athlete stocking candy and just smiled, knowing that he was where he was supposed to be and doing what a sixteen year old boy should be doing on a summer day. I played a part in that. That's enough for me.

NYSATA has nominated Cyndi for the NATA Lifesaver Recognition Award.

Awards & Scholarships

The New York State Athletic Trainers Association offers awards annually to Certified Athletic Trainers in New York State for outstanding professional service, commitment, and contributions to the profession of athletic training. Scholarships are also offered to students pursuing a degree in athletic training in New York State. Please follow the links below for more information on these awards and scholarships.

[Joseph Abraham Award](#)
[Thomas J. Sheehan Award](#)
[John Sciera Service Award](#)
[NYSATA Scholarship](#)



Governmental Affairs

Christine Jenkins MS, ATC

As many of you already know, the NY State Senate passed the "Concussion Management Awareness Act" at the end of the June Legislative session.

Overall, this is good news for us! The bill's language includes Athletic Trainers and recognizes that we are health care providers capable of acting as part of the Concussion Management Team. Link [here](#) to read the press release for the bill, and includes quotes from many of the parties involved including our own NYSATA president Chris Hobler. It is important to those of you working in the high school, outreach, or clinical setting that you read through this bill carefully.

Our work isn't done however - and this is an important thing to point out. Now that the bill has passed, the more difficult task of implementing it still lies ahead. This is an area where those of you working directly in the Secondary School setting will be of utmost importance. We all know that School Districts and Administrators will likely view this bill as a hassle and may not take it as seriously as is necessary. As Athletic Trainers, it's imperative that we step up and take an active role in its implementation. Let's face it - if we don't, no one else will.

Thank you to all who helped promote Athletic Trainers and supported the movement of this bill by contacting State representatives and/or attending Lobby Day. There is no doubt that our presence at the Capital was felt and played a vital role in the inclusion of Athletic Trainers in the verbage of the bill. Let's not forget that there are many other states throughout the country with recently passed head injury legislation that do NOT include Athletic Trainers specifically in their bills language.

Have a great summer everyone, and as always, feel free to contact me with information, updates, or questions you may have.

Public Relations Committee

Kristy Hart, ATC

On May 24, 2011, NYSATA held its annual Lobby Day in the Legislative Office Building in Albany, NY. Organized by our new Governmental Affairs Chair, Christine Jenkins and Jacob Wilkinson from Wilson Elser, our Lobbyist, a rigorous meeting schedule was developed including face time with key members of both the House and Senate involved in the development of concussion legislation. See the Governmental Affairs report or contact the GAC for more information.

During our trip to Albany, NY, we were also presented with a NYS Proclamation in recognition of Athletic Training. In previous years, we have received a Proclamation from the Governor, which is typically announced in March for

National Athletic Training Month. This year, we were fortunate enough to gain additional acknowledgement by the House and Senate, upgrading our level of recognition. Our signed certificate was formally presented to us by Assemblyman Christopher S. Friend (District 137) and a representative from Senator Thomas O'Mara's office (District 53).

Lastly, as a member of one of the newly established committees in the District 2's Communicate-Activate-Serve, I feel it is important to encourage each of you to contribute your ideas and opinions as the various aspects of this initiative are developed and implemented. Volunteers are working hard behind the scenes to create a thorough database to help athletic trainers navigate through everyday issues as well as long-term challenges. Help serve yourself by sharing your thoughts and needs so that CAS can best serve you!

NYSATA Account Balance

as of July 22, 2011
David Byrnes, MS, ATC

MUTUAL FUNDS

Blackrock Global Allocation Fund	\$ 49,790.18
Calamos Global Growth and Income Fund	\$ 49,131.00
Franklin Income	\$ 33,289.80
American Funds	\$ 10,940.10
Hartford Floating Rate Fund	\$ 6,315.26

CORPORATE NOTES & BONDS

GATX Cap Corp	\$ 9,181.53
HealthCare Prop HCP	\$ 11,657.25
Commercial Metals CO NTS	\$ 19,422.72
HSBC FIN Corp Internotes	\$ 20,061.80

PREFERRED SECURITIES

Dominion Resources	\$ 8,655.00
Money Market Account	\$ 15,350.44
Checking Account	\$ 15,757.84

Account Total **\$249,552.92**

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