

NEW YORK STATE
NYSATA
ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



ARTURO (ROY) FLORES, MS, ATC

Spring is here, and so are sports, and so are season overlaps!

I hope you are all safe and well. As always, make sure to make time for you and to check in with your other athletic trainers and athletic training students. It feels like a complete 180-degree shift from a year ago with no sports and Zoom life. Now we are back in the ATR and on the fields for marathon shifts. Athletic trainers are professional and resilient. I know we can all do it. As we are known to assist active people with their physical health, please make sure that you are also aware of mental wellness and mindfulness as well, for the people you work with and yourselves. Check [our website](#) and other association websites for helpful resources.

As a society, we have seen many issues that call for change. Social justice and accountability are words we see daily, along with numerous hashtags across social media platforms. For many, it is overwhelming, raises many questions, and it can be emotional. Remember that you are not alone. Communication and respect of one another is something we can rely on. Awareness and conversations are part of our personal and professional growth. We are here for one another. Reach out if you need to talk.

“Thank you! Thank you!”

Thank you to everyone who participated in the NYSATA Lobby Week. This year's virtual event was successful kicking off with the press conference. Over 70 people attended and at least six publications were produced. Thank you especially to Bud Carpenter and Steve Donohue for sharing inspiring words. Thank you to our legislative sponsors for their continued support. And thank you to Buzz Media for their continued assistance. The meetings with legislators that I have attended have been positive and I believe we can make this OUR year. There is still time to speak with your legislators. Share your professional experiences, why you are an athletic trainer, and why this is important to all of New York State. If you have not done so already, please make sure to sign the letter of support on [Get In The Game NY](#). We had over 2000 signatures in our previous campaigns. At the time of

SAVE THE DATES

May 2 - 15, 2021
NYSATA Elections

NYSATA V-Conference
June 11-12, 2021

VNATA Convention
June 22 - 24, 2021

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August 1, 2021

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this newsletter, we are just under 1000 signatures. We need to get that number up! More information can be found on the [Governmental Affairs committee page](#) or [contact our GA chairs](#).

I make a push every newsletter to please apply for awards, grants, and scholarships. We are doing great things. Let us share our stories and get recognized for all that athletic trainers do. NYSATA has a new scholarship for Diversity that all athletic training students may apply for. There are many awards and grants across our associations: NYSATA, EATA, NATA D2, and NATA. I would also love to have all our secondary schools be [Safe Sports Schools](#). Please [reach out](#) if you are interested and need additional information. Visit [our webpage](#) for additional information on awards, committees and your state association.

While on the subject of secondary schools, a quick shoutout to Jarett and the Secondary School Committee. They were able to get helmet stickers to support NYS athletic trainers. The stickers were displayed on school football helmets during their season. Thanks to NYSPHSAA for the support!

This summer, our events are going virtual. NATA announced the Annual Symposia will be VNATA, our state conference will also be in a virtual format. We would love for all 1500 of you to attend. We will also conduct our membership meeting in June. More details to follow.

Prior to our meeting in June, we will be hosting NYSATA leadership elections. There are several positions on the ballot. Remember that you are voting for a representative that will best lead and inspire your region. Please check your email in the near future.

NYSATA has gotten a lot of traction over social media and our website, along with our newsletter. Thank you to those respective committees for elevATING the awareness of athletic training and NYSATA. Thank you for coordinating the campaigns that have run over the past few months. Please follow all our accounts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). Also, please check the [webpage](#) for updates from all the NYSATA committees and leadership.

“PINS! Get Ya pins here!”

I still have pins for all NYSATA athletic trainers and athletic training students. I promise they are stylish and go along with any outfit and shade of khaki. We want to see them, show your pins off. Take a picture with your pin and share it on social media. Please tag us in the post so we can share it too. If you have not received a pin yet, please email me and your region representative. I still have a bunch in my hallway closet.

As I said at the press conference, I am #Proud2BeAnAT. We are essential healthcare providers. We have proven it to our employers, and to our patients and student athletes. You advocATE for the profession daily. THANK YOU! Continue to raise awareness and show your pride and professionalism in athletic training.

Here is to do list for you:

- Continue to push forward
- Keep networking and mentoring
- Make sure to check in with one another
- Make your self-care a priority
- LAUGH like nobody's watching!

I have a virtual open door. Feel free to contact me anytime for anything!

Stay safe and stay well.
Be greAT!

Roy



Conference & Program

Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC - Chair

The NYSATA Virtual Conference is shaping up! Program information and registration will be announced soon! Be sure to check the [NYSATA website](#) and social media accounts for details.

June 11-12, 2021.



Governmental Affairs Report

Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC
Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC
Co-Chairs

The NYSATA Governmental Affairs has been busy this winter and spring with the new legislative session and bills A.5044 and S.2023A – the Athletic Training Licensure Act.

Thank you to those who have signed the [Get in the Game NY](#) letter! These letters are shared with our sponsors and your legislators each week to demonstrate the

wide support for this bill. We encourage you to get your friends, families, and coworkers to sign it. We have nearly 1,000 signatures already, but this is less than half of last year's number! We have new bill numbers and this year's letter is a new letter. This means we need everyone to sign again!

We kicked off Lobby Week on April 12 with a virtual Press Conference. This was a first for NYSATA and it was headlined with athletic trainers affiliated with some of the professional sports teams in New York State. Steve Donohue (New York Yankees Athletic Trainer and Director of Medical Services) and Bud Carpenter (Buffalo Bills former Director of Athletic Training Services). We really appreciate their participation and we thank everyone for their presentations. Our President, Roy Flores, led us into this strong start of Lobby Week, while our sponsor Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages, who has consistently been our champion shared her first-hand experience as an athletic training student, and Kristin Williams, representing our sponsor, Senator Rachel May, also spoke in support of us. Over 70 people attended including a number of ATs and AT students, as well as journalists, which sparked multiple interviews, articles, TV and radio spots. Thank you to Buzz Media Solutions and NYSATA Lobbyist Karin Carreau for helping make this day a success.

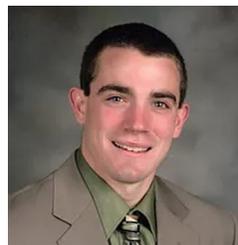
We had a very successful Lobby Week as NYSATA Governmental Affairs committee provided an Athletic Training Legislative toolkit, including an Advocacy

101 webinar and other materials to participating schools and to members. Athletic training students from five different AT education programs (*Daemen College, Hofstra University, Ithaca College, Long Island University, and Stony Brook University*) benefited from these materials being integrated into their coursework and had a chance to prepare for participation in Lobby Week. NYS athletic trainers and students scheduled virtual appointments with legislators and participated during the week of April 12 and the weeks surrounding lobby week.

We also held a NYSATA Leadership Day on Wednesday April 14, with NYSATA executive council members and various committee chairs in attendance. We were able to meet with several key legislators in addition to our sponsors.

It is not too late to contact your legislators! You can still set up these meetings. We need to reinforce to legislators that as health care providers, licensure is an important step to ensure comprehensive safety measures for all individuals in NYS who are physically active. Remind them that the athletic trainer is the professional with the education and clinical skills to provide vital medical care on the sidelines and in the athletic training rooms.

We have good momentum and even as busy as Albany is right now, this bill is soon set for its first steps: to move onto the Higher Education Committees agendas. We need everyone to help us through this legislative session.



Membership & Nominations

[Christopher Napoli, MS, ATC](#) - Chair
Elections will be held May 2 - May 15! We will be electing: Region 1 LI Rep, Region 1 NYC Rep, Region 2 Rep, Region 3 Rep, and Treasurer.

You will receive an election email soon.

Make your vote count!

NYSATA Legislative Update

Karin Carreau, Carreau Consulting



While the capitol remains closed to the public, the business of the constructing a budget has continued as usual and consumed the first phase of the 2021 session through hybrid versions of conferencing, zoom meetings and some in person masked up meetings for the lawmakers themselves. After

months of negotiations and arduous battles throughout the Easter Holiday weekend, the final 2021-22 Fiscal Year Budget passed a week late with messages of necessity (to avoid a state shutdown). Governor Cuomo characterizes the final product as “the most important budget in modern history.” It certainly was one of the most complex given that the starting point in January projected a \$15 billion deficit and by mid-March, the state had received \$12.5 billion from the federal government and over \$2.5 billion in increased tax revenues. The influx of cash set up spirited debates about spending, some arguing there was no longer a need to raise revenue, and a very public and protracted battle around the establishment of an excluded worker’s fund for those who did not have access to unemployment insurance and other pandemic related relief funds.

In the end, the behemoth budget of \$212 billion (an increase of \$18.7 billion or 9.7% over last fiscal year) includes nearly \$5 billion in new revenue through a large tax increase on wealthy New Yorkers and some corporations (see additional details below). It also includes restoration of a planned annual phase-in of a middle-class tax cut program, relief for homeowners and tenants affected by the economic downturn associated with the Covid-19 pandemic and the legalization of mobile sports betting. In addition, planned tuition hikes at the State University of New York

will be halted for three years, the Tuition Assistance Program eligibility will be increased by \$500 per pupil and substantial increases in school aid (\$1.4 billion) were included.

Throughout the chaos of budget, we have continued to navigate the legislative session (via zoom) as it relates to issues of concern to the profession of Athletic Training. As such, we have met with all legislators sitting on committees of pertinence to your licensing bill, and almost all new legislators in each house who were sworn in at the beginning of 2021. Such interactions have provided an opportunity to introduce them to your profession, your scope of education, experience, and value to athletes and active individuals in various settings and the role many of you have played in helping to manage the pandemic through administering COVID tests, assisting in the crafting of the state’s school reopening plans, and implementing safety protocols allowing for the safe return to sports.

In addition to our one-on-one meetings with legislators and their staff, we hosted a Legislative Week between April 12 and April 16 for members of the profession to interact with their legislative representatives. If you did not participate in the week, never fear! It is not too late. We have 8 weeks of session remaining and we are hopeful this initiative makes it across the finish line by the close of session. Your participation is vital to the game. As many of your colleagues will tell you, simply asking your legislator to support the measure, oftentimes results in co-sponsorship and identifying and making an appointment with your legislator is easy. Simply log onto the [Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) sites, complete the forms and your representatives will be revealed. When you call to make your appointment, lead with “I am a constituent and I would like to schedule a meeting on an issue of great importance to me, S.2023 / A5044, an act that would license the profession of Athletic Training.” Talking Points about the bill are provided on the [NYSATA website](#). Should you have any questions, we are only an [email](#) away, so go Get in the Game!



Awards

Deanna Erico, PT, DPT, ATC - Chair

Congratulations to Athletic Trainer Rick Knizek, MS, ATC, of Shenendehowa Central School on receiving the Kent Scriber Recognition Award from the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association. The NYSATA Recognition Award is reserved for individuals who are deserving of recognition for acts, promotion, support and/or service which positively reflect the goals and mission of NYSATA and the profession of Athletic Training within New York State.

Rick has worked for 22-years as an athletic trainer. He started early in the university setting, but then moved to working at the high school level. Since 1998 he has successfully provided care, prevention, evaluation, and treatment of athletic injuries for more than 1,200 student athletes at Shenendehowa Central School. Knizek is also a High Performance Medical Advisor

and Athletic Trainer for the United States Bobsled and Skeleton Federation, as well as a Volunteer Athletic Trainer for the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

During the summer of 2020, Knizek served as the NYSATA Representative to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) COVID-19 Task Force where he provided invaluable guidance and insight for how schools should return safely to sports. For 10+ years he has continued in his role on the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee representing the NYSATA secondary school committee. The work he has done for the Safety Committee and his strong representation of NYSATA has been invaluable creating a strong bond between NYSPHSAA and NYSATA.

Thank you for all you have done for athletic training in NYS Rick, NYSATA is greatly appreciative. Congratulations on earning this award!

Note Regarding Photo below: All parties in this photo are fully vaccinated; masks only removed during the photo.



NYSATA Account Balance

David J. Byrnes, MS, ATC - Treasurer

(as of April 27, 2021)

MUTUAL FUNDS/ ETFs	Market Value	Quantity Held
Alerian MLP ETF	\$5,731.26	177
Blackrock Credit Strategies	\$12,990.19	1225.49
PCY Invesco ETF Emerging Markets	\$13,700.00	500
SPDR Doubleline Tactical ETF	\$38,744.00	800
Vanguard Malvern Short Term ETF	\$15,522.00	300.00
Vanguard Short Term ETF	\$12,400.50	150
U.S. COMMON STOCK	Market Value	Quantity Held
AT&T Inc	\$16,227.75	525
Ares Capital	\$15,592.00	800
Blackstone Group	\$17,418.00	200
CVS	\$9,468.75	125
Illinois Tool Works	\$9,108.00	40
Johnson & Johnson	\$9,847.20	60
Kellogg Company	\$8,741.60	140
Mondelez Intl Inc	\$7,346.25	125
Pfizer	\$15,472.00	400
Proctor & Gamble	\$13,126.00	100
Prudential	\$9,853.00	100
Unilever	\$9,957.50	175
Viatis	\$663.95	49
Verizon	\$8,541.00	150
CORPORATE BONDS	Market Value	Quantity Held
Arrow Electronics	REDEEMED 3/01	
Viacom	\$20,885.55	
Boeing	\$15,130.65	
Morgan Stanley	REDEEMED 4/21	
Dr Pepper Snapple	REDEEMED 3/31	
PREFERRED SECURITIES	Market Value	Quantity Held
Capital One	SOLD 4/7	
Wells Fargo Deposit Account (Investment)	\$67,018.36	
Checking Account	\$60,984.89	
Account Total	\$414,470.40	



Secondary Schools

Jarett Rhoads, MSEd., ATC, CSCS
Chair

Greetings!

I hope that your athletic seasons are winding down somewhat normally as we continue to move forward back to our regular way of life.

As we all know, this year has been like no other in our careers. We have had to overcome and adapt to so many things that are different from our normal sports year. To celebrate all these efforts, for an unprecedented secondary school football season in the month of March and during National Athletic Training Month, the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association (NYSATA) created the secondary school football helmet "AT" decal initiative.

NYSATA provided an opportunity for every New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) and private school varsity football team in the state to acquire and wear commemorative helmet decals in celebration of their athletic trainer free of charge.

While this NYSPHSAA endorsed program was a resounding success, the path to its completion was achieved through a collaborative effort by many athletic trainers. I would like to highlight the hard work of Craig Olejniczak, Dave Byrnes, Jennifer Miller, Katie Clark, Trevor Cramer, Jacob Habermehl and so many more. Thank you! We could not have achieved such success without you! In total, we shipped decals to approximately 250 schools across the state. (See pictures below)

Congratulations to Rick Knizek from Shenendehowa CSD for being selected as this year's NYSATA Kent Scriber Recognition Award winner. Rick has served NYSATA and the Secondary School Committee in a multitude of ways over the last year. His hard work has been a crucial piece to getting athletics kickstarted once again last fall. Thank you Rick and congratulations!

During National Athletic Training Month, the Rochester Americans hockey club of the AHL celebrated our profession by recognizing athletic trainers at both the high school and collegiate rankings in the Rochester region. A huge thank you to Head Athletic Trainer Michael Dhesse, for bringing this idea to the Amerks, and to their PR staff for all the hard work they put in. I would also like to recognize the athletic trainers that participated in the zoom call. Ian Hurlburt, Caiti Sharman and Trevor Cramer were in the secondary school call, and Phil Steckley and Tim Henry were in the collegiate call. In addition, NYSATA President Roy Flores and I took part in both calls.

- [Celebrating National Athletic Training Month - High School](#)
- [Celebrating National Athletic Training Month - Collegiate](#)

Additionally, as we progress through 2021, the NYSATA Secondary School Committee would like to send a huge **THANK YOU** for previously completing Athletic Training Locations and Services (ATLAS) Project Survey, a joint initiative of the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI), the NATA, and the NATA Secondary School Athletic Training Committee. More information about ATLAS can be found at the [KSI ATLAS Project](#), [NATA](#) and [NYSATA](#) websites.

KSI posted the [2018-2019 ATLAS Report](#) last year



followed by the [print version](#) in the Journal of Athletic Training. Once again, KSI has supplied excellent, detailed, information with regard to athletic training services access to secondary schools nationwide. This valuable data is being used in a multitude of ways to help promote our profession and increase the safety of our young athletes.

For purposes of comparison, 64% of the secondary schools in New York state have access in some form to athletic training services while 66% of the secondary schools in the United States have access. I think we can all agree that these percentages are much lower than we would like them to be.

In order to continue moving forward and progressing towards the level of access that is needed, we must first ensure that the data is as accurate as possible.



ATLAS NEEDS YOUR HELP:

- First, confirm your school listing here on our [state maps](#)
- If listed as **"No Survey or Needs Updating"** this means we do not have a survey for your school or you need to retake the 2020-2021 academic year survey. We ask that you take 10 minutes of your time to complete the ATLAS survey using [this link](#).
 - Also, ATLAS will consider you updated if you have taken the survey within the past 2 years beginning August 1, 2019. and you will be considered updated through the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year. Please consider marking your calendar to retake ATLAS after August 1 of 2021.

- If you are listed as **"Updated"** thank you, we are currently processing your request. Please take a look at the surrounding schools in your league or region and help by reporting inaccuracies, and encouraging your fellow ATs to complete ATLAS for your state.
 - Again, you will be considered to be updated through the academic year 2020-2021. Please consider marking your calendar to retake ATLAS after August 1 of 2021.
- If you have **changed schools** please email us to remove you from your old school and please indicate if your previous school still has AT services. We also ask that you take the survey for your new school.
- If you **no longer work at a high school**, please email us to remove you and please **indicate the name of the school you worked at and the state**. Also, if you know that your previous school still has AT services and can send us the name or contact of the new AT that would be very helpful.

We have made many strides in the last few years raising awareness of athletic training coverage in the secondary school setting with the community, school administrators and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. The creation of the KSI ATLAS program has been instrumental in providing reliable data to help in that cause.

I feel we have only just begun, and it is important we continue this current trajectory moving forward. I continue to be of service and assistance to my fellow Secondary School Athletic Trainers. Please do not hesitate to [contact me](#).

Please take care of yourselves and your family. Be well.

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The NYSATA Newsletter

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Got NPI#?

If you do, then thank you! If not, why not? It is free, quick, and easy to do. It helps to show that you and rest of our profession are legitimate medical providers. You can only benefit from getting it, there are no negatives. For more information on getting your NPI# or to apply, go to the [NATA website](#).

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Eastridge High School

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Allegany, Chautauqua

Jacob Habemehl, MS, ATC, ACLS

Buffalo State College

Regional Reports



Region 1 LI

James Pierre-Glaude, DPT, ATC, CSCS

Long Island Athletic Trainers Dan DeSimone (Farmingdale High School) and Phil Fandale (East Meadow High School), pictured below, saved the life of a referee during a varsity football game in March. When the referee collapsed, both athletic trainers rushed to the scene and began compressions and readied the AED. After administering a shock, the referee's pulse returned and he was transported to the hospital. Thank you, Dan and Phil, for representing our profession well!



On Saturday, March 13, Locust Valley HS traveled away to play hosting team Clarke HS. Locust Valley completed a game scoring drive with minutes left as one of their football players came off to the sidelines to be substituted complaining of a headache. Locust Valley's Head Athletic Trainer, Tim Bellisari evaluated the injured athlete on the sidelines as the game ended. Clarke's Head Athletic Trainer, Kim Presuto, came across the field to finalize any post game needs before the away team traveled home. Bellisari realized that his athlete was in need of medical attention as he collapsed on the sidelines into Bellisari and Presuto's arms. They performed a log roll, stabilizing the lethargic athlete's head and neck, monitored vitals and immediately activated Presuto's EAP. With the ambulance still on sidelines, the athlete was collared, backboarded and transported to a Level 1 trauma center where he was diagnosed with a subdural hematoma. Successful surgery was performed, and the athlete is making a full recovery thanks to Kim and Tim.





Congratulations to Long Island athletic trainer Said Hamdan, ATC for serving as the 2021 Big East Men's Basketball Tournament athletic trainer at Madison Square Garden. Said has served both the professional and collegiate athletic community as an athletic trainer for over 35 years, from Long Island University to the New York Knicks. Most recently, Said served as the Medical Coordinator for the NBA Referee Operations. Today, he is the Director of Durable Medical Equipment for Orthopedic Associates of Long Island and owner of Hamden Athletic Performance. Great job Said!



Region 1 NYC Nicole Hovey, MS, ATC

Alan Kroll, MS, ATC recently became certified as a Covid Compliance Coordinator for Film and TV. He took a course to be certified for Live entertainment on April 28.

Alan also spoke as part of a panel of Athletic Trainers working in specialized fields to the students of the SCATA. He was also on a panel of performing arts Athletic Trainers on evening of April 28 for the student at Moravian College.

As of June 30, 2021, Jim Gossett MS, ATC is retiring from Columbia University after 42 years! This is a huge loss for Columbia and a new, exciting time for Jim. Jim was inducted into the Eastern Athletic Trainers

Association Hall of Fame and '49 Club. In 2004, he was presented with the Dan Libera Service Award for outstanding contribution to the Board of Certification. Jim was honored by the National Athletic Trainers Association with the Most Outstanding Athletic Trainer Award in 2003, for which he was nominated and chosen by his peers and received the All-American Football Foundation's Outstanding Athletic Trainer Award. He was also honored by the New York State Athletic Trainers Association with the Thomas J. Sheehan, Sr. Award, its highest honor, and by the Eastern Athletic Trainers Association (EATA) with the Joseph A. Blankowitsch Award. A former president of the EATA, Jim was further honored with the 1994 Cramer Award for outstanding service, presented by Cramer Products in conjunction with the EATA." The announcement of his retirement, and list of his accolades is available on the school's website.

Jim, Columbia and everyone you mentor there will miss you. Your professionalism and dedication to the profession of athletic training has always shown in everything you have done and the lives you have touched with compassion! With love, enjoy your retirement!



Region 2

Michael Mirabella, MS, ATC, CSCS

Dominican college

Dominican college is creating a scholarship in Jenna Tacinelli's name. She is very ill, and we want to honor and support her. Please

visit the [Jenna Tacinelli Scholarship link](#) to make a donation.

The scholarship is to be awarded to a Dominican College student enrolled in the Health Science program, who will continue their Masters of Education in the Athletic Training field.

Jenna Tacinelli is the Clinical Education Coordinator, phenomenal professor, active member of many committees and a mentor for the Athletic Training Iota Tau Alpha Athletic Training Honor Society at Dominican College(DC).

Jenna is a driving force in the profession of Athletic Training at Dominican College, as well as within the County, the State, and at the National level. She has a passion for the field and dedicates herself to the education of future Athletic Trainers. Jenna always goes beyond her duties and roles in everything she does. She has a wealth of knowledge that cannot go unrecognized. She is an incredible resource not only

to her students, alumnus, but fellow Athletic Trainers nationally. Her affect can be seen all over the country.

Jenna also loves to donate her time and energy to fundraising and non-profit organizations. She coordinates events such as St. Baldrick's at DC, participating in the Tunnel of Towers 5k runs, and providing children in need gifts through Operation Christmas Child.

It would be an honor to award this Scholarship to a student, future Certified Athletic Trainer that embodies who Jenna is: her compassion, commitment, servant's heart and desire to be the best of the best in the Health Science field. This scholarship will be rewarded to a student planning on a career as a Certified Athletic Trainer and has a passion for the field.

Marist College

Senior, Zachary Jacobs is the winner of the 2021 NATA Foundation Student Writing Contest for the case study category. His case is titled "Unusual Presentation of Lumbar Radicular Symptoms in a Collegiate Rower". This will be published in JAT.

Zach is also the NATA Student Leadership Committee, District 2 Representative and will be with the Seattle Seahawks as a summer intern after graduation.

Senior, Arianna Bakst, was the recipient of the EATA Undergraduate Oral Presentation Award for her case study abstract titled "A rare humeral shaft fracture during baseball pitching".

Eastchester High School

Patrick Kilcarr and Eastchester HS were awarded the NATA Safe Sports School Award first Team for the HS. The full announcement is available on the [school's website](#).



Region 3

Carla Pasquarelli, ATC

The College Saint Rose

Lori Ancfil, Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics, announced that their Sports Medicine team: Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine, Lisa Geiger and Assistant athletic trainers Georgia Knight, Mike Plaisance and Megan Wilberg are recipients of the 2021 Saint Rose Employee Recognition team award. Please congratulate them for their amazing efforts and contributions to bring our Golden Knights back to action this academic year.



Region 5

Jennifer Petruzzo, MS, ATC, CSCS

Ithaca College

The Department of Exercise Science & Athletic Training at Ithaca College is pleased to announce their 2021 award winners for the Athletic Training Program.

The 2021 Dean's Award Winner is Ms. Abbi Field from Manchester, NH! Abbi was recognized for her academic excellence while also being a four year member of the Bombers Women's Basketball team, and our IATSA vice president. Abbi is headed to the University of South Carolina to pursue her advanced MS degree in Athletic Training this coming summer. IATSA secretary and program social media coordinator (extraordinaire), Madison Durocher from Wellfleet, MA has won the Professional Excellence in Athletic Training Award after showing continued dedication to our program and her scholastic achievements. Madi will be heading to Ohio University this summer to pursue her advanced MS degree in Athletic Training. Senior AT major, Kyle Stolba from Long Island, NY is the 2021 Mark Alderman Award winner for always showing immense compassion and empathy towards others since coming to IC. Kyle will be heading to Indiana University in the fall to pursue his advanced MS degree in Athletic Training.

Alessandro Vecchi, from Wilder, VT is the winner of the 2021 Rodney Dusinger Award for his complete and consistent dedication to the athletic training program, and consistently going the extra mile in helping provide healthcare to Bomber Athletics. Alessandro is heading to Temple University after graduation to pursue his advanced Master's degree in Athletic Training.

Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists

With the much-anticipated return of secondary school sports, many Athletic Trainers are now assisting with (or running) COVID testing for the student-athletes at their schools.



Liverpool High School Athletic Trainers, Meghan Whitmore and John Brecht, prepare for weekly COVID testing for their student-athletes.

Section III

Another COVID-related obstacle presented to Athletic Trainers has been the COVID Return-To-Play Protocol. With minimal data or examples to work from, Katie Clark, Athletic Trainer for Cicero-North Syracuse HS, recognized a need to create a uniform protocol, created in collaboration with local primary care physicians and Section III Athletic Trainers. Katie acted as the liaison with the physicians and set up multiple Zoom Meetings with Athletic Trainers to get feedback and input on the protocol.



Katie Clark (CNS HS), Amy Grover (SOS), Terri Sherman (Fayetteville-Manlius (FM) HS), Mike Schlichtig (Oswego HS), Rebecca DeMARIO (Jordan-Elbridge HS), Kelly Corbin (FM HS), Angela Spetts (Whitesboro HS), Nicole Halloran (Solvay HS), Amanda Bowman (Marcellus HS). Not pictured: Meghan Whitmore (Liverpool HS), Rebecca Veltre (Baldwinsville HS), Tracey Collett (Westhill HS).

SUNY Oswego

SUNY Oswego has hired Nicholas Economou as Interim Athletic Trainer for the Spring 2021 Semester. Nick earned his Undergraduate from Plattsburgh State and then went on to St Scholastica in MN graduating with a Master's in Athletic Training. He joins our staff of three Certified Athletic Trainers and will assist in the coverage of our 24 varsity sports.

Cornell University

Members of the Cornell University Sports Medicine Staff held several zoom meetings with legislators to help advocate and gain support for S.2023A and A.5044. They set up successful meetings with the offices of Senator Helming, Senator O'Mara, and Assemblywoman Kelles. During the meetings, they promoted the profession, discussed the need for this legislation, and garnered support from their local legislators.



Pictured from left to right: Susan Geisler, Jenny Petruzzo, Jocelyn Stark, Mandi Breigle, Casey Williamson, Ed Kelly, and Becky Guzzo.

