

SAVE THE DATES

[COPE Presentation](#)

February 8, 2024
Section 3 ADs and ATs
Buffalo, NY

[Revised NYSATA Conference](#)

[Proposals Due Date](#)

February 15, 2024

[COPE Presentation](#)

February 26, 2024
Ardasley Middle School
Auditorium
Ardasley, NY

[National Athletic Training Month](#)

"From Head to Toe"
March 2024

[COPE Presentation](#)

March 5, 2024
Potsdam High School
Potsdam, NY

[COPE Presentation](#)

March 11, 2024
Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY

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March 13, 2024
NYU Langone Health
Virtual

[COPE Presentation](#)

March 19, 2024
Stony Brook University
Stony Brook, NY

[NYSATA Conference and Membership Meeting](#)

June 14-15, 2024
Sonesta White Plains
White Plains, NY

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June 25-28, 2024
New Orleans, LA

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WINTER 2024

NEW YORK STATE NYSATA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



LAUREN STEPHENSON, MA, ATC

Happy new year! It was so nice to see everyone at EATA and celebrate our licensure bill passing as well as honoring the award winners for this year. Congratulations to Aimee Brunelle MS, ATC (Colonie High School), Craig Olejniczak (Middletown High School), MS, ATC, Amy Sternberg (University at Buffalo), Abigail Seamans (University at Buffalo), Nicholas Olszewski (University at Buffalo), Matthew Fabian (Ithaca College) on your awards. I would also like to recognize all the members of New York as we were the winners of the District 2 State Race for membership renewals! Our members are what makes this organization successful in our endeavors.

We are always looking for our members to engage with leadership. If you have interest in joining a NYSATA committee you can reach out to committee chairs directly by visiting the [NYSATA website](#) and clicking on the [committees tab](#). Nominations opened for President-elect, secretary, region 4, 5, 6, & 7 representatives at the membership meeting at EATA. We also welcome you to join any of our committees. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of our leadership please [submit your nomination](#).

NYSATA leadership had a productive meeting prior to EATA reviewing what we have achieved in the past year and developing ideas for the upcoming year. We have jumped right into working on projects to improve recognition, appreciation and engagement of athletic trainers in NY and will continue along this theme as we move through the year, especially as we enter [National Athletic Training Month in March](#).

The theme for NATM for 2024 is "From Head to Toe". We welcome all ideas for events and activities that promote athletic training and the NATM 2024 slogan. If you have any suggestions or would like to have an event that you are hosting recognized and/or promoted on social media please reach out to our [public relations committee](#).

Planning for the NYSATA annual meeting is also under way. If you would like to present, the deadline for submissions has been extended to February 15, 2024. Please contact [conference committee chair, Frank Alexander](#), for more information. Keep an eye out for more information on registration for the conference, and I look forward to seeing everyone again at the Sonesta White Plains Downtown from June 13-15, 2024.



Conference & Program

Frank J. Alexander, MS, ATC - Chair

The NYSATA Conference Committee is assembling the programming for the **2024 NYSATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia**, to be held Friday June 14 through Saturday June 15, 2024, at the Sonesta White Plains in White Plains, NY.

Proposals for consideration are accepted [via email](#).

The NYSATA Conference Committee is dedicated to the development of an education program designed to serve and advance the needs of our membership. We are committed to providing educational and professional experiences that expand the diverse skill and knowledge sets utilized daily by athletic trainers.

We welcome proposal submissions from NYSATA members and non-members for the following program formats:

General Lecture: 10, 15, 20 minute presentations (on original research, case study, clinical practice update, or critically appraised topic).

Panel Discussions/Round Table: 30-60 minutes

Workshops (1 or 2 hours) interactive format with half lecture, half lab.

ALL PROPOSALS ARE DUE FOR REVIEW BY February 15, 2024

Proposal submission Process: Proposed topics and format requests must fall within one of the five (5) domains of practice for athletic training and must contain advanced professional content considered *beyond entry-level* to be considered.

Additional information is available on [our website](#), or you can [contact Frank Alexander, MS, ATC, NYSATA Conference Chair](#).

NYSATA Corporate Sponsorships

NYSATA is currently working on new Corporate Sponsorship packages. We will release more information on this in mid to late February. For all those interested in supporting NYSATA, please reach out to [Adam Hymowitz, NYSATA Treasurer](#) for more information.

Get Your NYSATA Gear!

The NYSATA store is open, and [link](#) can be found on our [website](#). NYSATA receives money from each sale that is used to help our association and its members. For a limited time you can get 15% off most items with the code: WIN15.



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Governmental Affairs Report

Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC and Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC

Co-Chairs

Hurrah! The Athletic Training bill, which not only provides licensure for the ATs in New York State, but also updates the practice act after three decades, has passed (June 2023) and was recently signed by Governor Hochul (December 2023). The bill will not be enacted until 2 years after the signing, as the NYSED will need to promulgate regulations first.

This means that on December 22, 2025, those athletic trainers who are certified by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) will automatically be grandparented to a NYSED licensed AT. We have been told that there is no additional paperwork and no fee. At the time that you renew your NYSED credential, after Dec 22, 2025, you will then pay your regular fee for licensure renewal. A "frequently asked questions" section will be added to the NYSATA website soon, including a form for you to submit any additional questions.

When you ask "what does NATA do for me" or "what does NYSATA do for me" - this is what we do. You have dedicated leaders who have devoted significant time to help make our situation better. Because of this bill, we are recognized as the health care providers that we are. For years, NYSATA received an NATA legislative grant, year after year, that helped to fund our persistence in getting licensure. Unfortunately, fiscal decisions surrounding the pandemic ended the grant program, but we continued to move forward with our essential work.

Your NYSATA Governmental Affairs committee continues to work hard for you, even after the passing of our licensure bill and eventual signing by the Governor. **Our work is not done.** Currently, we are actively working with the legislature to advance our Chapter Amendment (recently introduced) correcting a bill drafting error (related to the neurological language), working to have our CPR bill introduced into the Senate and moving in both houses, ensuring coaches in youth sports and youth recreation leagues have CPR certification, finalizing our AT Traveling bill to ready for introduction into each house, and working to secure ongoing funding for our COPE program. In the meantime, we suggest members weigh in about what provisions they would like to see NYSATA's Government Relations Team focus on to better your practice.

We will keep looking towards the many best practices recommended by the Korey Stringer Institute and TUFFS recommendations.

We thank our members for this engagement in the activities for passing our licensure bill and we will need our members to be active again as we move these new bills forward - Chapter Amendment/AT Traveling/CPR. Additionally, as you see all of the work going on on behalf of the profession, we ask that you maintain your membership *and* actively recruit at least one member this year. We have, after all these years, established ourselves as a voice in the halls of the capitol and we think it best serves the profession to continue that momentum.



NATM in NYC

March and National Athletic Training Month are rapidly approaching. To celebrate we are hoping to have as many athletic trainers as possible join us and fill the crowds at Good Morning America and The Today Show. With that in mind, please let us know which date(s) you would be available to attend NATM events in NYC [here](#). The date with the greatest interest will be selected and details will be sent out shortly.



NYSATA Account Balance

Adam Hymowitz ATC - Treasurer

(as of January 29, 2024)

Symbol	MUTUAL FUNDS/ ETFs	Market Value	Quantity Held
AMLPL	Alerian MLP ETF	\$7,884.47	177
BMSIX	Blackrock Income Fund	\$10,955.88	1225.49
TOTL	SPDR Doubleline Tactical ETF	\$31,927.04	800
IBDP	Ishares Ibonds ETF	\$12,497.50	500.00
VCIT	Vanguard Intermdiate Term ETF	\$9,677.40	120
VCSH	Vanguard Short Term ETF	\$11,619.00	150
Symbol	U.S. COMMON STOCK	Market Value	Quantity Held
T	AT&T Inc	\$8,990.62	525
ARCC	Ares Capital	\$16,384.00	800
BX	Blackstone Group	\$25,393.00	200
CVS	CVS	\$9,167.50	125
JNJ	Johnson & Johnson	\$9,586.20	60
K	Kellanova	\$7,651.70	140
MDLZ	Mondelez Intl Inc	\$9,418.75	125
PFE	Pfizer	\$10,990.00	400
PG	Proctor & Gamble	\$15,550.00	100
PRU	Prudential	\$10,545.00	100
UL	Unilever	\$8,483.12	175
VZ	Verizon	\$10,450.00	250
Symbol	PREFERRED STOCK	Market Value	Quantity Held
T.A	AT&T Inc	\$8,776.00	400
JPM.K	JP Morgan PFD	\$18,037.00	850
Symbol	CORPORATE BONDS	Market Value	Quantity Held
	Wells Fargo Deposit Account (Investm	\$19,345.70	
	Checking Account	\$704.18	
	Account Total	\$274,034.06	

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Hall of Fame

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Joseph Abraham Award

Meg Greiner, MS, ATC
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Membership and Nominations

Christopher Napoli, MS, ATC
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Douglas Sawyer, MS, ATC
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The NYSATA Newsletter

This electronic newsletter is published quarterly by the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association Newsletter Committee to the NYSATA member. For information contained in this newsletter or to submit articles/ideas, please contact the NYSATA Newsletter Committee Chair: [Douglas Sawyer](#).

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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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Kristin LoNigro, MEd, ATC

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Putnam, Sullivan, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster

David J Byrnes, MS, ATC

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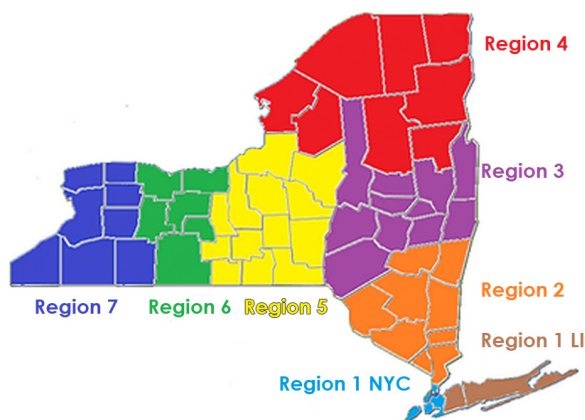
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Schenectady, Columbia, Washington,

Schoharie, Herkimer

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Region 5

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Cornell University

Region 6

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Regional Reports



Region 1 LI

Kristin LoNigro, MEd, ATC

Stony Brook University

Fifteen students, two faculty and numerous alumni attended the 2024 EATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium held at Foxwoods. It was a great educational program, valuable networking opportunity, and of course wonderful to socialize with many longtime colleagues after what we experienced the past few years. Program students fundraise during the fall semester to help reduce the cost of attendance. (Pictured right)



We are thrilled for second year grad student Chun-Tao (Tom) Wu for winning the D2 Quiz Bowl and bringing the Michael S. Goldenberg, MS, ATC District 2 Quiz Bowl Championship Trophy to Stony Brook! We are thrilled to be the third New York program to ever win in 15 years of competition (although the first unofficial Quiz Bowl held in Valley Forge was won by SBU – the program that braved the snowstorm!) and proud of our international student! We wish Tom well on the upcoming BOC and NATA Quiz Bowl in NOLA! (Pictured left)

We also want to congratulate Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC '95 for being recognized with the prestigious NYSATA Thomas J. Sheehan Award for her unsurpassed character, commitment, and excellence in the field of athletic training! (Pictured right)



First year grad student Adriana Zieba-Rosa was active throughout the conference in her role as NYS student representative for the NATA Foundation District 2 Student Council. (Pictured left)

Stony Brook University current students and alumni participated on the medical staff of the 2023 TCS NYC Marathon on November 5, 2023. Students were able to fully engage in heat illness protocols along with other assessment and management techniques. (Pictured below: Chun-Tao Wu '24, Sarabeth O'Hagan '25, Richard Fulcher '25, Amanda Goldstein '24, Morgan Catalanotto '25, Arturo (Roy) Flores, ATC '00, Cortney Evola, ATC '20, and Adriana Zieba-Rosa '25.



On November 17, 2023, second-year students lead the skills portion of the Medical Resident On-Field Emergency Management session for the SB Department of Orthopaedics. (Pictured below right)

Save the Date! The 14th Annual Stony Brook Orthopaedics Sports Medicine Update 2024 "The Future of Sports Medicine" is scheduled for April 19, 2024. Mark your calendars and watch for more details. If you would like

to be on the direct email list for the flyer and registration materials, please [send us a message](#).

Stony Brook University is currently accepting applications for the Master of Science degree in Athletic Training. For more information, please contact the program at 631-632-2837, [email us](#), or [visit our website](#).



Hofstra University

This Fall, the Athletic Training Students had the opportunity to participate in an interprofessional event, Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS). Community groups consisting of Social Services, Hispanic Counseling Center, Nassau County DOH, Harmony Healthcare, and Northwell Health Division of Community and Public Health. Students participated from various programs in the School of Health Professions and Human Services, Athletic Training, Counseling and Mental Health, Speech Language and Hearing, and Public Health Programs.



As an interactive, immersion experience, the Community Action Poverty Simulation gave participants a glimpse into the structural barriers, as well as some of the personal and emotional repercussions people in poverty face.

In November, Athletic Training Students, along with undergraduate Allied Health and Kinesiology students, were led by alum, Kaitlin Santisteban, in a wound care and suturing workshop.



Hofstra Athletic Training Program would like to extend their gratitude to Alum Michael Solage, Assemblywoman, who advocated and sponsored the NYS Athletic Training bill designating Athletic Training as a licensed profession in NYS.

Coming this March 11, Hofstra University Athletic Training Program will be hosting COPE: Concussion Outreach Prevention and Education programming in partnership with New York State Athletic Trainer's Association and the Brain Injury Association of New York State. This CEU event will take place at 7pm at the Barbara and Donald Zucker School of Medicine. Fliers and registration will be posted on Hofstra's Athletic Training social media and on the [BIANYS website](#).

In conjunction with National Athletic Training Month, members of The Hofstra Athletic Training Society will participate in Public Health Week, Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health. Students will be assisting the Hofstra Athletic Training faculty in certifying students in Adult and Child CPR/AED and recognition of Opioid Overdose and Administration of Narcan.

Those interested in the applying to the Masters of Athletic Training Program at Hofstra University, applications are currently being accepted. Contact [Jayne Ellinger](#) or visit [our website](#).



Region 1 NYC

[Erica Marciano, MS, ATC, CSCS](#)

This fall, a student-athlete at Poly Prep Country Day School approached one of their ATs, Alyssa Alaimo, MS, ATC, about interviewing her for her journalism class. The teacher felt the article was so good that it was put in the school's newspaper, posted several places on the school's website, and was shared through the school's social media accounts. You can read the article about Alyssa and her colleague, John Pomponio, on the [school's website](#).



Region 2

[David J Byrnes, MS, ATC](#)

The Section One Athletic Trainer of the Year is Hana Gross from Irvington High School. This award is given to an ATC who is dedicated, selfless, and hardworking. Thank you Hana for your dedication and service!

On Monday, February 26, 2024, Ardsley School District will be hosting a COPE: Concussion Outreach Prevention and Education presentation. COPE is done through a partnership between the New York State Athletic Trainer's Association and the Brain Injury Association of New York State. This CEU event will take place from 6:30-8pm in the Ardsley Middle School Auditorium, at 700 Ashford Ave, Ardsley, NY. Dr Mark Herceg will speak on management of concussions, and Ardsley AT, Douglas Sawyer, MS, ATC, will speak about steps to minimize the risk of concussions and return to play protocol. The final portion, presented by Michelle Kellen, M.Ed, is about Return to Learn and how educators can support students returning to the classroom. There will also time for questions that will be answered by the presenters.

This is a free event and offers one CEU to athletic trainers. For more information and to register please visit the [BIANYS website](#).



Region 5

[Jennifer Petruzzo, MS, ATC, CSCS](#)

Cornell University

Cornell Football recognized the outstanding career of their longtime Athletic Trainer, Bernie DePalma before a home football game. Bernie, the Associate Director of Athletics for Sports Medicine and the Doc Kavanagh Head Athletic Trainer, retired from Cornell after an impactful 42 years. This was proven by the many alumni and family that joined to celebrate him. *(Pictured below)*



The Cornell AT staff and Cornell PT staff joined forces to adopt two families for the Holidays. Staff collectively shopped for gifts and grocery gift cards to provide a fulfilling Christmas to local families in need. *(Pictured below)*

Cornell Strength and Conditioning put on a Bench Press for a Cause event to raise

money for a local mental health organization. There were over one hundred participants, mostly Cornell athletes. AT Sarah Missen participated in the 65 pound women's division to represent the athletic training staff and support their commitment to mental health.



SUNY Cortland

On December 15, in Salem, Virginia, Cortland Athletic Training Program second year graduate students Brielle Bagozzi and Katherine Burgess, had the opportunity to celebrate a season of hard work with the Division III Football National Championship trophy. Over the course of the final month of their clinical experience Brielle and Kat were critical members of the care team that logged over 3800 miles of travel with the team en route to their historic victory in the 50th Stagg Bowl. Brielle and Kat will be completing their final immersive experiences this spring at Clarkson University and Binghamton University respectively. Not pictured are second year graduate athletic training students Peyton Nadeau and Kevin Lennon who worked with the team throughout the season, but were unable to make the trip. (Pictured right: L to R standing - Katherine Burgess, Patrick Donnelly; L to R kneeling – Preceptors Molly Potvin, Brielle Bagozzi)



Three faculty and 14 graduate students from SUNY Cortland's athletic training program attended the EATA Convention. Brielle Bagozzi, pictured below left, represented Cortland by competing in the District 2 Quiz Bowl. Students gained valuable experience attending a professional conference. They met many Cortland alumni and networked with certified athletic trainers.



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Committee Reports



Hall of Fame Committee

Bob Gariglio, ATC - Chair

The original wood frame HOF has been replaced with a 70" monitor and slideshow; the new display is has put up in the Park Center at SUNY Cortland. Thank you to Bob O'Malley

& Deanna Errico for their help in getting this done. The monitor has a continuous loop of all the members of the hall of fame with their bios. If you get the chance, please stop in, and check it out. You can also find the display on [our website](#).



Concussion Outreach Prevention and Education (COPE)

COPE: Concussion Outreach Prevention and Education presentation. COPE is done through a partnership between the New York State Athletic Trainer's Association and the Brain Injury Association of New York State. These are free events and offer one CEU to ATs.

Each presentation has three speakers: a doctor who will discuss concussion management, an AT who will speak about steps to minimize the risk of concussions and return to play protocol, and a speaker from BIANYS presenting about Return to Learn and how educators can support students returning to the classroom. There will also time for questions that will be answered by the presenters.

Upcoming events are scheduled for:

- Syracuse: Section 3 ADs & ATs concussion update panel on February 8.
- Westchester: Ardsley Middle School Auditorium on February 26.
- St Lawrence County: Potsdam High School on March 5.
- Long Island: Hofstra University on March 11.
- NYC: NYU Langone Health (virtual) on March 13.
- Long Island: Stony Brook University on March 19.

We are also looking to potentially do presentations in Ballston Spa, and Binghamton.

For more information or to register for any of these events, or to look into having one in your area, please visit the [BIANYS website](#).



Joseph Abraham Award

Meg Greiner, MS, ATC - Chair

Congratulations to the 2024 Joseph Abraham Award Middletown High School winner - Middleton High School and athletic trainer Craig Olejniczak, MS, ATC, pictured right.





Scholarships

Chuck Monteith, ATC - Chair

District II Scholarship

Criteria: high scholarly work and leadership

Amy Sternberg

Amy, a second year graduate student at University of Buffalo, has excelled academically with a 4.0 GPA and inductions into the local Alpha Eta Honors Society. She has participated with a Seneca Babcock Community Event where she assisted with free pre-participation and back to school physicals in the east side of Buffalo. She also volunteered at the NHL Referee Combine and US U16 Boys Box Lacrosse World Championships in Buffalo. Amy has volunteered as an Exercise Science Student Ambassador at the university and as treasurer for the Graduate Student Association Club. Prior to Buffalo, Amy was a Youth Squad/Driver Trainee for the Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

NYSATA Scholarship

Criteria: strong academic achievements

No 2023 - 2024 winner

Ed Abramoski Scholarship

Criteria: exhibits strong character and leadership skills

Abigail Seamans

Abigail, a second year graduate athletic training student at SUNY Buffalo with a 3.82 GPA, also excelled in the classroom at SUNY Plattsburgh during her undergraduate career. Abigail, a former soccer captain, was inducted into the Chi Sigma Alpha National College Athlete Honor Society in 2020-2021 academic year and was a NCAA Women's Soccer National Student Athlete Honoree in 2021. Abigail was published in the International Journal of Exercise Science for her work in writing: "TACSM Abstract - Case Study Achilles Tendon Rupture -Young Adult Female Volleyball Player" in 2021. Abigail will be beginning her spring immersion with UCLA Softball this upcoming semester.

Paul Demartinis Memorial Scholarship

Criteria: promoting community service and the athletic training profession

Nicholas Olszewski

Nicholas, an Alpha Eta Honor Society nominee, is excelling in the classroom as a graduate student at University of Buffalo with a 3.96 GPA. He has volunteered at the NHL Player Scouting Combine, NHL Referee Combine, and US U16 Boys Box Lacrosse World Championships. Nicholas participated in the Pre-Athletic Training club at Slippery Rock University and was also inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success during his undergraduate career.

NYSATA Memorial Scholarship

Criteria: excels in the classroom and promotes the athletic training profession within their community

Matthew Fabian

Matthew is entering his final semester where he is excelling in the classroom with a 3.6 GPA, clinically as a senior ATS, and an Ithaca College All-Academic varsity student athlete. He has volunteered assisting in a retirement home and mentoring youth with physical and/or mental disabilities.

NYSATA Ethnic Diversity and Inclusion Academic Scholarship

Criteria: promoting diversity within the Athletic Training community

No 2023/2024 winner



Awards

Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC - Chair

The Thomas Sheehan Sr. Award

The Thomas Sheehan Sr. award was presented to Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC at the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association Business Meeting at the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Symposium. Aimee epitomizes the character, commitment and achievements in New York's athletic training community of Thomas J. Sheehan Sr. Tom was one of the founders of the EATA and served as one of its earliest presidents. He also was integral in developing the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association (NYSATA).

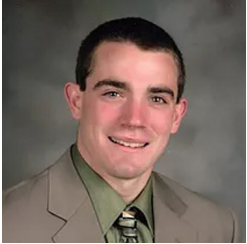
We have seen Aimee in so many roles for NYSATA - Newsletter editor, President-Elect, President, Past-President, Governmental Affairs Co-chair, Conference Chair. Taking on just a few of these positions would be impressive enough, but Aimee's dedication has soared and really taken NYSATA to new heights!

Aimee's role in Governmental Affairs and living so close to Albany has caused her to again and again be targeted by the media for interviews about all things AT. These engagements have made her the face of NYSATA as she continued to clearly exemplify the traits of Thomas Sheehan.

In Aimee's acceptance of the award she shared some personal stories and related how special the NYSATA family is to her - that we are all part of this NYSATA family. Congratulations Aimee! And good luck in your upcoming District 2 Treasurer position in which you represent NYS well as the first New York State member in decades to sit on this board! Another demonstration of Aimee's dedication.

Congratulations to Aimee in being honored with the Thomas Sheehan Sr. Award.





Membership & Nominations

[Christopher Napoli, MS, ATC](#) - Chair

The Membership and Nominations are currently working through the 2024 election process. Nominations opened January 6, 2024 for: President-Elect, Secretary, Region 4 Rep, Region 5 Rep, Region 6 Rep, and Region 7 Rep. Nominations for these positions close **February 6, 2024**, and we will begin reviewing the nominations at that time. The review process will be completed by March 6, 2024, and we will send out emails notifying you of the candidates.

Get to know the Candidates Townhall discussions will be in April. Possible dates for the townhall discussions will be: Regional Reps between April 8-19 (Need to conduct 4. One for each region), Secretary between April 15-19, and President Elect between April 22-25.

Elections are planned for May 5 - May 18. The elections will then be reviewed, and notifications will be sent out to the winners on June 2. Be on the lookout for continued emails related to the elections.

Are you not receiving NYSATA emails? There have been several inquiries of not receiving NYSATA emails, and membership and nominations have a few suggestions that may solve that solution. Log onto the NATA website and check your email linked to your profile. If you are using a school issued email address or work email address your institution or employer may have firewalls set in which the NYSATA emails are not able to pass through. If you are using your personal email, check the spelling of your email address through your NATA profile as well as check your spam mail.

Looking to get involved? We currently have openings for three chairs: Fundraiser, Webmaster, and History and Archives. To learn more about these positions or to apply, or for information on other ways you can become involved and help our association, reach out to our [Membership & Nominations Chair, Christopher Napoli](#).

We look forward to seeing everyone at the NYSATA conference in June!