#### **SAVE THE DATES**

Lobby Day May 6, 2025 Albany, NY

Deadline to book room at Special Rate for NYSATA Conference June 24, 2025

NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo June 24-27, 2025 Orlando, FL

NYSATA Annual Meeting & Conference July 25-26, 2025 Hofstra University Long Island, NY



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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**CARRIE BURKE** 

Happy spring to our NYSATA Membership! We have been having wonderful weather the last couple of weeks down here on Long Island, and hopefully the rest of you are starting to feel the same thaw come through!

We have some great events coming up in the next few months, including the NATA Clinical Symposia and Expo in Orlando this year, June 24 through 27. Get registered now if you haven not already. We will try to have a NYS get together when we are down there visiting Mickey. More information can be found <u>online</u>.

Other upcoming events include our annual Lobby Day in Albany next Tuesday, May 6. The Governmental Affairs team has been working tirelessly on some important legislation including our updated AT Travel bill, as well as determining as a team what other bills may be appropriate for us to engage with. Please see their report for more information. Additionally, if you have not already done so, please be sure to <u>sign onto the petition to support the US Army maintaining</u> <u>athletic trainers as part of the H2F program</u>. It really only takes about 20 seconds to complete!

If you have not already seen it, we have been posting on social media some of the great speakers we will be having at our upcoming NYSATA conference at the end of July at Hofstra University. Registration is ongoing; please note that there is a room block at the Marriott, but there is a hard deadline of June 24, 2025 to book with the discounted rate. More information is available on the <u>registration page</u>.

We are working with BIANYS and have had multiple COPE events this spring, both in person and virtual. There is more information available on the <u>COPE</u> page of our website, including a map of where we have had seminars. If you are interested in bringing COPE to your area, please reach out to the <u>COPE team</u> for more information.

Finally, Gina Harris, athletic trainer at Bellport High School in Section XI, was named the 2025 Secondary School Athletic Trainer of the Year for District 2 by the

NATA. This award is a reflection of her dedication, skill and service in the secondary school setting. We are incredibly proud to see her hard work and leadership be recognized by the NATA. We look forward to the presentation at the 76th NATA Clinical Symposium in Orlando. This achievement also makes her a candidate for the National Athletic Trainer of the Year, which will also be announced in Orlando.

Please be sure to reach out to the members of the <u>Executive Board and/or your region representatives</u> with any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Orlando and/or at Hofstra this summer!



President Elect Update and Conference & Program Chris Napoli, MS, ATC

NYSATA 2025 Annual Meeting & Conference Update

We are thrilled to share that registration for the 2025 NYSATA Annual Meeting & Conference is growing—52 attendees are already signed up, along with 7 sponsors and vendors.

Did you know this year's conference is being offered in a hybrid format? If you can't make it to Long Island, you can still attend virtually! This is a great opportunity to earn continuing education credits and engage with the NYSATA community from anywhere. For more information and to register, visit the <u>Conference Page</u>.

Have a potential vendor or sponsor in mind for the upcoming conference? Contact the <u>Conference</u> <u>committee</u> with the Name of the sponsor and contact information and we will reach out to them.

#### Lodging Information

We are excited to partner with the Long Island Marriott for conference accommodations. Conveniently located near Hofstra University, Jones Beach State Park, and other iconic Long Island destinations, this is the perfect place to stay. <u>Book by June 24, 2025 to secure your special conference rate!</u>

#### Congratulations to Our National and D2 Spring Award Winners!

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our District 2 members this spring:

- Carla Pasquarelli D2 SSATC Servant's Heart Award
- Gina Harris NATA D2 Secondary School Athletic Trainer of the Year
- Jeff Sage Michael S. Goldberg College Grant
- Megan Whitmore Michael S. Goldberg Secondary School Grant
- Rachel Sereno (Student) James Thornton Leadership Scholarship
- Kieran Scanlan (Student) NATA Foundation Best Summary Evidence Research Award

Thank you to all our members who continue to represent NYSATA with excellence and heart. We cannot wait to connect at the conference—whether in person or online!



#### Secretary Update Missy Wilson, MS, ATC, CEP

NYSATA has had a decrease in overall membership of 138 total members (-10.6%). Overall D2 membership is down 438 members (-10.1%). There has been an increase in student members by 13, we have had a 136 person drop in certified professionals. NYSATA membership comes from your NATA membership. Remind your fellow ATs about the membership incentive of accessing more than 150 courses/200 CEUs free with

membership through the NATA EducATe On-Demand Course Catalog. You can complete your continuing education at your own pace—anytime, anywhere.

## District 02 at a Glance

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	Member Type	DE	NJ	NY	PA	Total
Active	Associate	2	12	18	9	41
	Certified Professional	108	749	1066	1439	3362
	Certified Retired	18	74	77	160	329
	Certified Student	3	28	28	33	92
	Honorary	0	4	1	5	10
	Licensed Professional	0	7	2	8	17
	Retired	0	1	1	2	4
	Student	23	112	104	247	486
	Total	154	987	1297	1903	4341

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#### **Regional Distribution**

NYSATA's largest region is Region 1LI, followed by Region 2, and Region 5. College/University and Secondary School settings are the majority of our membership.





### Governmental Affairs Report and Legislative Update Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC and Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC - Co-Chairs Karin Carreau - Carreau Consulting

NYSATA Governmental Affairs co-chairs hosted a Town Hall on March 20, answering questions about the upcoming enactment of the licensure bill and the rules and regulations that were accepting comments at the time. These rules and regs were adopted as of April 23, but did not seem to use any feedback given.

This year's important legislative push is the AT Traveling Bill. ATs outside of NYS will not necessarily be NYSED licensed ATs traveling with their teams for competitions and events, but will be licensed in their own jurisdiction. NYS needs to pass this bill to allow those ATs to practice here in NY. The bill limits them to a short period before and after the competition/ event and to only work with their athletes. This bill passed the Senate, however, since then, the State Education Department (NYSED) decided that some adjustments needed to be made. NYSATA is currently helping with the tweaking of language to accommodate NYSED's concerns. It is imperative that this bill pass the Senate and the Assembly in the next month or so and before NYS ATs become licensed. You may receive a request from us to make a phone call to your legislator in the next month if necessary. We ask that you please help us on this because if a traveling AT cannot come to NY, it will impact you. We will provide more background info and scripts.

NYSATA Governmental Affairs just finished up another very successful COPE (Concussion Outreach Prevention & Education) session. Again, this is the grant we received from NYS and share with the Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS). Presentations

were held this spring at Ithaca, Albany, Jamestown, Hempstead, Poughkeepsie, Queensbury, Massena, Lansingburgh, and Baldwinsville, plus one virtual presentation. The concussion education opportunities have been very successful with over 500 total attendees on this grant. Thank you to those ATs who helped! Dino Angelopoulos, Dave Boyd, Aimee Brunelle, Cleon Clayton, Vanessa Cook, Megan Gebert, Chris Hummel, Bob Jones, Kristin LoNigro, Mike Powers, and others.

Look for an upcoming Video Social Media campaign in the coming months to help educate the public on concussion and athletic trainers!



NYSATA Account Balance Adam Hymowitz ATC - Treasurer (as of April 21, 2025)

	Brokerage Account		
Symbol	MUTUAL FUNDS/ ETFs	Market Value	Quantity Held
AMLP	Alerian MLP ETF	\$8,470.55	177
BMSIX	Blackrock Income Fund	\$10,857.84	1225.49
TOTL	SPDR Doubleline Tactical ETF	\$31,808.88	800
IWM	Ishares Russel 2000ETF	\$11,008.80	60
VCIT	Vanguard Intermdiate Term ETF	\$9,676.76	120
VCSH	Vanguard Short Term ETF	\$11,799.75	150
FRBXX	Fidelity Treasury INSTL	\$10,090.41	\$10,090.41
Symbol	U.S. COMMON STOCK	Market Value	<b>Quantity Held</b>
ARCC	Ares Capital	\$15,831.92	800
BX	Blackstone Group	\$12,166.50	100
JNJ	Johnson & Johnson	\$9,464.28	60
Κ	Kellanova	\$11,522.70	140
MDLZ	Mondelez Intl Inc	\$8,456.25	125
PFE	Pfizer	\$8,828.00	400
PG	Proctor & Gamble	\$13,441.20	80
PRU	Prudential	\$9,736.50	100
Т	AT&T Inc	\$14,107.43	525
UL	Unilever	\$11,227.12	175
VZ	Verizon	\$10,891.25	250
Symbol	PREFERRED STOCK	Market Value	<b>Quantity Held</b>
T.A	AT&T Inc	\$7,860.00	400
JPM.K	JP Morgan PFD	\$16,320.00	850
Symbol	CORPORATE BONDS	Market Value	Quantity Held
	N/A		
	CASH, CASH ALTERNATIVES AN		
	Cash Balance	\$7,927.79	
	Brokerage Portfolio Grand Total	\$251,493.93	
	Business Brokerage Account	\$13,828.87	
	Account Total	\$265,322.80	



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## **The NYSATA Newsletter**

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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.

## **Regional Reps**

Region 1 LI Nassau, Suffolk Kristin LoNigro MSEd, ATC College/University - Academic

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Emerging Setting



#### Region 4 wis, St. Lawrenc

Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Franklin, Hamilton, Clinton, Essex, Warren Jason Pachter, MS, ATC, CSCS College/University

## **Regional Reports**



#### **Region 1 LI** Kristin LoNigro, MSEd, ATC

**Congratulations to Lisa White, ATC**, on her recent retirement from Orthopedic Associates of Long Island (OALI)! Lisa spent the past nine years working alongside Dr. Danielle DeGiorgio, bringing compassion, expertise, and dedication to every patient she treated. Her career began as the first Graduate

Assistant Athletic Trainer at Hofstra University, followed by a ten-year tenure at Adelphi University. She then fulfilled a dream by joining the New York Liberty, where she served as an athletic trainer for 15 years. After her time in professional sports, she transitioned to OALI to work with Dr. DeGiorgio.

We thank Lisa for her many years of service and wish her all the best in retirement!

**Gina Harris, Athletic Trainer at Bellport High School** was named the 2025 Secondary School Athletic Trainer of the Year for District 2 by the NATA. This award is a reflection of her dedication, skill and service in the secondary school setting. We are incredibly proud to see her hard work and leadership be recognized



by the NATA. We look forward to the presentation at the 76th NATA Clinical Symposium in Orlando. This achievement also makes her a candidate for the National Athletic Trainer of the Year, which will also be announced in Orlando. Good Luck Gina!

**Claudine Weiner** received the 2025 Outstanding School of Health Professions Alumni Award from Stony Brook University. Claudine's career has amassed many accolades over the past few decades. Her teaching career has paved the way for so many. In 2001, she created the Sports Medicine elective at Ward Melville High School. She is a fierce advocate for our profession, constantly educating her students about the roles and responsibilities of athletic trainers, as well as pushing the district to create and implement the 3D Anatomy Lab for her classes.

#### **Region 5**

Chemung, Tioga, Broome, Oswego, Cayuga, Seneca, Oneida, Cortland, Onondaga, Madison, Tompkins, Schuyler

Kevin Joyce, MSEd ATC, CSCS Secondary School

Region 6

Livingston, Ontaria, Monroe, Yates, Stueben, Wayne Phil Steckley MS, ATC, CSCS College/University

#### **Region 7**

Orleans, Cattaraugus, Genesee, Wyoming, Erie, Niagara, Allegany, Chautauqua Cleon Clayton MS, ATC, CPT Secondary School Congratulations again to Gina and Claudine. You have both truly elevATed the profession and we are lucky to have you on Long Island and involved with the Suffolk County Athletic Training Association community.

#### Hofstra University

The Hofstra Athletic Training Program kicked off National Athletic Training Month (NATM) with a COPE (Concussion Outreach Prevention and Education) event on March 3rd. Guest speakers included Michelle Kellen, Professional Development Manager for the Brain Injury Association of New York State; Dr. Russell Camhi, Northwell physician and Team Physician for Hofstra Athletics; and Assistant Professor Kristin LoNigro. They addressed students, coaches, athletic trainers, nurses, and community members on the prevention, recognition, and treatment of concussions. News 12 covered the event to help promote concussion awareness.

Students also participated in a casting workshop led by Hofstra alum Mike Schmidt, where they learned practical skills in casting applications.

In collaboration with Physician Assistant and Nursing students, AT students took part in an interprofessional learning event titled "From Pap Smear to Progress: The Evolution of Cervical Cancer Screening and Modern Recommendations." They viewed the PBS documentary "The Cancer Detectives", followed by a discussion on pap smear guidelines, Gardasil vaccine recommendations, and how to properly refer patients to community resources.



Amanda Monk from NeuroTour visited to discuss patient care in older populations within the performing arts. She also conducted a handson session with students on Kinesiotaping techniques. (pictured left)

As part of the NBATA: Assist and Aspire Mentorship Program, students met with Jonathan D'Angelo, Senior Athletic Trainer for the New York Knicks, and Naoya Fujii, Assistant Athletic Trainer. The students gained insights into the roles, responsibilities, and daily life of athletic trainers at the NBA level.

To close out NATM, Hofstra AT students and faculty traveled to New York City and joined other athletic trainers and students in the TODAY Show Plaza, celebrating and promoting the profession in a fun and high-energy setting.



Assistant Professor Kristin LoNigro was selected to speak on the National Girls & Women in Sports Day panel hosted by Hofstra University's Athletic Department. She and fellow panelists shared how their experiences in sports shaped who they are today, inspiring the next generation of female athletes. (pictured next page, top left)

In recognition of National Public Health Week, the Athletic Training faculty led a week-long initiative where they certified over 50 students in CPR/AED and Narcan administration.



#### Stony Brook University

In March, the Stony Brook University School of Health Professions (SHP) held its Outstanding Alumni Award Ceremony recognizing the accomplishments of nominated alum from each program (AT, BSHS, CLS, OT. PA, PT, RC, Applied Health Informatics & Health Care Policy Management). An in person and virtual event was conducted to reach students from all programs so they could participate by listening to the valuable messages shared and asking questions of program recipients. This was followed by an in-person reception. Please join us in congratulating Claudine Weiner ATC '93 as this year's Athletic Training Outstanding Alumni Award recipient. (pictured right Kathy Koshansky, Claudine Weiner '93, Xristos Gaglias)

Program students and faculty participated in an Interprofessional Education (IPE) event with all students in the School of Health Professions. Throughout the event 340 students participated in an interactive "Escape Room" style event. Participants worked in teams to solve puzzles and complete activities, unlocking clues that lead them through a series of stations. This year's focus was on the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) Core Competency of Teams and Teamwork, helping students apply principles of effective collaboration, practice shared leadership, navigate team dynamics, and enhance decision-making skills in a fun, engaging environment designed to strengthen interprofessional development.





#### **Region 1 NYC** Erica Marcano, MS, ATC, CSCS

The Athletic Trainers in Region 1 NYC had a NATM full of festivities! With a different event each week of the month, there were plenty of opportunities to celebrATe and advocATe. We kicked off Week 1 with a Networking Night hosted

by Columbia Orthopedics, and sponsored by Ivy Rehab and Nexus Sports Medicine. Week 2 featured a Happy Hour hosted by PHITWell and sponsored by SportGrips. For Week 3, PHITWell treated us to a Peloton Studio takeover, where former collegiate athlete and current Peloton coach Andy Speers had nothing but great things to say about our profession! The class is available to take on-demand (search Andy Speers' 60 minute strength, class date March 23) through the Peloton app. We closed out the month in



Week 4 with our annual appearance on the Plaza at TODAY, where NYC ATs were joined by ATs and MSAT students from Region 1 Long Island, as well as ATs and pre-AT students representing ATSNJ.

On behalf of Drs. Bottiglieri and Trofa, we are pleased to invite you to the 2025 SidelinesCourse, hosted by Columbia Orthopedics. This annual program, which takes place on June 5, 2025, is specifically designed to equip athletic trainers with the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver high-quality sideline care for athletes. <u>More information and registration available online</u>.





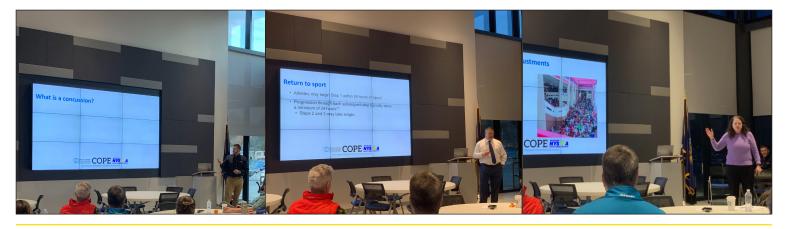


#### Region 3 Dave Haverly, MS, ATC

Athletic trainers, nurses, coaches, parents, and other healthcare professionals attended the COPE: Concussion Outreach Prevention Education event on March 11, 2025 at Queensbury High School in Queensbury, NY. This was a free event held in conjunction with NYSATA and BIANYS. Speakers for this event included athletic trainer Robert

Jones from Queensbury High School, Dr. Leonard M.D. from Hudson Headwaters Health Network, and Michelle Kellen from BIANYS.







**Region 4** Jason Pachter, MS, ATC, CSCS

#### St Lawrence University

St Lawrence University is proud to announce the following promotions:

Nikki Williams has been promoted to the Associate Head Athletic Trainer, assuming additional administrative duties within the St. Lawrence Sports Medicine Staff.

Brian Atkins has been promoted to Associate Athletic Director for Health, Performance and Wellness.

#### SUNY Plattsburgh

SUNY Plattsburgh's Athletic Trainer Staff hosted its annual athletic training day. Students from Saranac High School's health class which features an athletic training education session visited the SUNY Plattsburgh Athletic training facilities for a day of hands-on learning. The students went through a variety of learning activities that included a taping lab, a modality lab and a rehab exercise lab.









#### **Region 5** Kevin Joyce, MSEd ATC, CSCS

#### Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists

Allie Balotin, MS, ATC Graduates from Emergent Leadership Program

Allie Balotin, MS, ATC (athletic trainer for Jamesville-Dewitt High School via Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists (SOS)) graduated from SOS' Emergent Leadership Program this past February. Through this journey, Allie and her fellow graduates (from a

variety of departments in SOS, both clinical and non-clinical) gained the five core fundamentals of Emergent Leadership:



- 1) Leadership Presence
- 2) Communicating Clearly
- 3) Leadership Agility
- 4) Building Teams
- 5) Driving Performance

Congratulations, Allie!



us! The Cornell Sports Medicine staff had a blast showcasing their personalities and getting a taste of what athlete media day feels like—with a fun sports med twist. Want to see more of our photos? Follow us on Instagram.

The Cornell Sports Medicine team recently came together to celebrate two incredible staff members who are embarking on exciting new journeys. It was a heartfelt reminder of the strong sense of family within our department—and that there's always something worth celebrating when we're together. (pictured below)

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SOS Athletic Trainers at the Finish Line of the Syracuse Half Marathon for the 5th Year!

Pictured top left: Amy Grover (SOS), Caitlin Hill (Baldwinsville HS), Brandi Brown (SOS PT/AT), Kevin Joyce (Hannibal HS), Nicole Halloran (Solvay HS), Guliana (student volunteer from SUNY Cortland), Ally Sauter (Baldwinsville HS)

SOS Celebrates National Athletic Training Month SOS athletic trainers found time to connect before going to work for some lunch-time bowling! (pictured second left)

Amy Grover, MS, ATC, spoke with ESPN Radio hosts Steve Infanti and Paulie Scibilia about athletic training, NATM, and other sportrelated topics! <u>Listen to the segment online</u>.

SOS featured all of their outreach athletic trainers on social media. Follow along at @sosbones on Instagram!

Congratulations to Meghan Whitmore (Athletic Trainer at Phoenix High School) for winning the Michael S. Goldenberg Secondary School Grant through D2.

#### **Cornell University**

Our team took a break from the sidelines to step into the spotlight during a special media day dedicated just to







Athletic Trainers from Cornell Sports Medicine recently attended the Cortland Sports Medicine Symposium at SUNY Cortland. The event was both educational and engaging, providing a valuable opportunity to learn, share insights, and network with fellow ATs and students from the region.

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#### **Region 6** Phil Steckley MS, ATC, CSCS

Mike Pilato, ATC in Rochester NY, was instrumental in saving a collegiate athlete's life in February. Mike, along with first responder coaches Christian Johnson, Zach Ferrara and two athletic training student aides, Maddie Young and Rosie Morse sprung into action helping resuscitate a 21-year-old male track athlete after he collapsed, and his heart stopped during warm up activities prior to a collegiate indoor track meet. The athlete has been released from hospital and is progressing well. Kudos to Mike and the others with their immediate and appropriate response to this emergency situation.



#### Nazareth University

Nazareth University recently hosted the NCAA Division III indoor track and field meet in Rochester NY. Athletic Training and concussion awareness was promoted daily with COPE educational materials. (pictured left)

During National Athletic Training Month, the athletic training staff at Nazareth University provided an emergency preparedness seminar for their coaching staff. Appropriate emergency action plans and procedures were practiced utilizing a hands on approach. (pictured below)

An emergency preparedness seminar for all Empire Eight ATs will be presented by Sports Medicine Concepts on Tuesday, August 5, at Nazareth University. More details will be shared in late spring.









#### **Region 7** Cleon Clayton MS, ATC, CPT

#### The University at Buffalo

The University at Buffalo is hosting their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Athletic Medicine Educational Symposium on June 13 on UB South Campus. It is worth 8 CEUs and it is FREE. We

host this in partnership with our AT program, UB Athletics (clinical athletic trainers), our School of Public Health and Health Professions, Enovis and UBMD Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine. For more information and to register, visit their website.



#### UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO AMES ATHLETIC MEDICINE EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM Save the Date! 4th Annual CEU Event When: June 13th, 2025 Where: Kimball Hall **UB South Campus** Buffalo, NY 14214 CORE 4 Cost: FREE Updates in Concussion 8 CEUs Research Ortho Cluster Testing Red Flags in Underlying Conditions **Emergency Scenarios** ollow us for more information

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Chiversity at Buffalo Athletic Training School of Public Health and Health Professions

Program director, Ryan Krzyzanowicz, DAT, ATC was one of 21 participants selected to participate in the Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions (ASAHP) Leadership Development Program. This program provides a broad spectrum of training opportunities on topics such as budgeting and leadership for future Deans and leaders in health professions education. Session one was held in mid-April in Nashville, TN. You can read more about it <u>online</u>. (pictured above)



## **Committee Reports**



## Hall of Fame Committee

Bob Gariglio, ATC - Chair

Congratulations to Aimee Brunelle for becoming our newest member of the NYSATA Hall of Fame!

Aimee Brunelle has provided extraordinary service to NYSATA, engaging first as Newsletter Editor, serving in the Presidential

sequence, Governmental Affairs Co-chair, and Conference Chair. At the district level she also served as Newsletter Editor and Treasurer for District 2. During her time as President-Elect and Conference Chair, Aimee created student programming and workshops at annual conferences. Aimee has volunteered with Empire State Games, the Olympic Training Center, and as the healthcare provider for the Haudenosaunee Men's National Lacrosse Team. She has worked at junior college and secondary school levels and served as a volunteer EMT.



Aimee is the face of NYSATA in NYS with frequent television, radio and newspaper interviews in the Albany area; she also provided NYSATA's testimony in New York City for the Council on Youth Sport Safety while president. She is a committee member and chair for the Brain Injury Association of New York State's Concussion Initiative and is an integral member of the Concussion Outreach Prevention & Education (COPE) grant team, which has secured over \$350,000 to support concussion education initiatives.

As GA co-chair Aimee organized Lobby Day for years, participated in meetings with sponsors, senators, assembly members, and assembly program and council, and opposition leaders. She hosted the NFL Alumni players supporting us at the Capitol. Aimee organized and hosted the "Athletic Trainers Save Lives" press event at the NYS Capitol highlighting the Buffalo Bills medical staff's heroic save of Damar Hamlin with the two Bills' ATs and our licensure bill sponsors.

Ultimately her advocacy helped pass the NYS licensure bill.

She has been recognized with many Awards:

**NYSATA Awards:** NYSATA Hall of Fame (2025), Sheehan award (2024), Sciera Service Award (2021), Scriber Recognition Award (2017), Secondary School Grant (2019).

D2 Award: Goldenberg Grant (2019).

NATA Awards: Service Award (2019), Head Athletic Trainer of the Year for Junior/Community College (2015).

Other: Stony Brook Outstanding Alumni Award (2021), BIANYS Educational Advocacy Award (2021).

Thank you Aimee for all you have done! You are more than deserving of this honor.



Young Professionals Michael Henne, ATC, CES - Chair

The Young Professional Committee (along with Columbia University Dept of Orthopedic Surgery and IvyRehab as co-sponsors) held a social/networking event to kick off NATM and we had a great turnout from various settings. Always great to celebrate the champions in healthcare that we are.

#### Fund Raising Thomas Burns, MS, ATC - Chair

The Fundraising Committee is happy to announce that we are in the final steps of creating a Corporate Sponsorship package. We anticipate having this information available in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out for a formal announcement through our various communication channels. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor, please reach out to Thomas Burns.

#### Get Your NYSATA Gear!

The NYSATA store is open, and <u>link</u> can be found on our <u>website</u>. NYSATA receives money from each sale that is used to help our association and its members.

Exclusions Apply.

