

**NEW YORK STATE**  
**NYSATA**  
**ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION**

**THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



ARTURO (ROY) FLORES, MS, ATC

It seems like we were just talking about sports coverage in the last newsletter and now, we are about to hit preseason. I hope you all had an opportunity to take time for yourselves!

So now we are at the halfway point of my presidency, and I have to say it has been like a wooden roller coaster at any of New York State's amusement parks. But we pulled through, together. The first thing I want to say is thank you to the membership. Also, thank you to all the NYSATA leadership throughout the state. From the region representatives to the committee chairs and committees, to the executive council, all of us have worked with our membership's needs and comments to improve the profession of athletic training in NYS. Of course, the elephant on the treatment table is the legislative stuff. That is one of NYSATA's goals. I am proud of the last-minute grassroots effort to raise more awareness of our cause. But our association, NYSATA, is more than that and can be more than that!

I will reiterate my vision from day one: "We need to lean on and check in with one another. We need to be family." To reach this vision, I have one ask for all of the membership:

***Please communicate with us. Please let us know your needs. Please provide us with feedback.***

We had some great engagement and interactions at the beginning of the pandemic. Athletic trainers across the state were checking in with one another. We had discussion groups that met every two weeks. Then all of it just stopped. Our state elections for several positions had less than 50% of the membership cast a vote. As a leader, I want the best for all of us in NYSATA, but it cannot be what one person wants, or accomplished by one person. A successful leader hears all the parts and brings the group together in a direction that is beneficial to all its members. As I have shared with our state leaders, this is a volunteer position. Do not think you have to accomplish things all by yourself. Reach out and ask

**SAVE THE DATES**

HS AT ATLAS UPDATE  
August 1, 2021

NY AT Recognition Week  
Sept. 24 - Oct. 4, 2021

Free CEU Event  
September 26th  
6:00 - 7:30PM

Nominations for NYSATA  
Awards Due  
November 1, 2021

NATM  
March 2022

NYSATA Conference  
Schenectady, NY  
June 10-11, 2022

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for help. This is where I call out to all the members: athletic training students and young professionals, retired members and hall of fame members. I want to hear from athletic trainers in a traditional setting, athletic trainers in an emerging setting, educators in our athletic training program throughout the state. There are over 1500 members in our database. Tell us your unique stories, your successes, your struggles, your new entrepreneur initiative, or an “a ha!” moment in your professional life. Please consider following our social media, tagging us in your athletic training posts, and visiting our website for any and all updated information. This time, I am not preaching volunteerism, I am encouraging membership engagement.

Now, I would like to welcome our newest leaders in NYSATA. Congratulations to Kristen LoNigro (Region 1 LI), Will Zinsler (Region 1 NYC), and Kyle Roepnack (Region 3). Congratulations also to Dave Byrnes (Treasurer) and Mike Mirabella (Region 2). Thank you to Nicole Hovey, James Pierre-Glaude and Carla Pasquarelli for your continued support with NYSATA. We also congratulate our inaugural recipients of the NYSATA Diversity Scholarship. We had two qualified candidates that split the award: Journye MacDonald and Giana Earrusso from Ithaca College. All were presented during our state membership meeting last June.

**Please mark your calendars: NYSATA Athletic Trainer Recognition Week** is happening from September 24 - October 4. Our PR committee is working on some things. We also want to see you celebrate yourselves and welcome the recognition. You deserve it!

This newsletter is a good one. All the leadership will be introducing themselves and their committees throughout the content. Our committees and region representatives are developing initiatives throughout the state. Hopefully, we can all start networking again in groups and in person. It could be an opportunity to meet the visiting AT at your home game. Share this newsletter with other athletic trainers that may not be familiar with NYSATA. Finally, remember to show your worth professionally and personally.

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## Governmental Affairs Report

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

The New York State Legislature ended its session on June 17 and while our bills did not pass, we had strong participation this year by our members. We would like to thank those of you who participated in NYSATA governmental advocacy campaigns by signing the Get in the Game NY letter, and heeding our request to make phone calls to targeted legislators. Those individuals needed to hear from athletic trainers and advocates of athletic trainers. They needed to know this was an issue that was important to many people and inundating their offices with phone calls at the opportune moment to help them recognize this importance was key in our efforts to get our bills to pass this year. Unfortunately, time was not on our side and we fell short once again.



However, we – your GA co-chairs and lobbyist Karin Carreau - already began planning for next year by meeting with our senate and assembly office sponsors immediately after session ended in June as well as another planned meeting in late July. We also ask you to begin planning for the next opportunity by contacting your legislators now and inviting them to your athletic training facility. We have made this request before, but as incredible as it may seem, too many people just do not clearly understand the important role of the athletic trainer – and **we need to continue to educate**. It was very clear with our efforts this past spring that this is a very necessary step. **We need YOU to step up and make the invite!** You may need to check with your institution for any requirements to invite someone from the government to your institution, but this can be a good experience for everyone.

You will hear from your NYSATA Government Affairs for additional directions in the fall for how you can help. As you know, we are always available and you should always reach out directly to [Aimee or Deanna](#) if you have questions about the bill.



Conference &  
Program  
Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC - Chair

## IF WE BUILD IT, WILL YOU COME? 2022 NYSATA LIVE CONFERENCE

Reserve **June 10-11, 2022** on your calendar and plan your trip to Schenectady! We are returning to a LIVE conference format and want to make this a SPECTACULAR experience as we renew our connections (seemingly lost in endless Zoom calls), meet new colleagues, and learn together!

Why Schenectady? The [Doubletree hotel](#) and city of Schenectady were wonderful hosts in 2019, and we would be remiss not to return for a second time. And not only does Schenectady have a unique name, it also has a unique mix of things to do, places to see, food to eat, and drinks to...well...drink. Enjoy classic amenities in a revamped setting along a beautiful waterfront. From the Rivers Casino & Resort to six local craft breweries, to the variety of family attractions - Schenectady has everything you need in a weekend getaway. We hope this is everything you need to convince you to [Discover Schenectady](#).

The drive to our conference hotel is an easy one – fewer than 20 minutes northwest of Albany. For those who would prefer a scenic, relaxing ride on the train, the Schenectady train station is within walking distance of the hotel. We will again provide transportation to/from the hotel for those arriving on Amtrak!

To facilitate this moving forward seamlessly, I have several opportunities for you to engage and assist!

**Program review committee (PRC):** review conference proposals – a few spots are open, and ideally, we are looking for an educator or two to fill these spots.

**Program committee:** place the call for proposals, collect them, pass them along to the PRC, and finalize the program, among other tasks. They will also work with our BOC chair and conference moderator.

**Sponsors/vendors:** To help defer the cost of the conference (and pass those savings onto our membership), this volunteer will help solicit sponsorships and plan for the vendors. We have an established list of contacts, but we are always looking to grow.

**Social activities:** We want to make this a family fun weekend, and in addition to the Friday evening conference social, we plan to have other activities available. What are they? This is where you can help!

**Technology:** We hope to have a new conference platform; are you good with online tech? If so, we can use you here!

**Silent auction:** Yes, we are hoping to have an online silent auction this year, available for anyone, anywhere! We will need this volunteer to help identify and request donations from non-sponsors/vendors. They will also work with the technology volunteer to set up photos and descriptions online.



### **You will not be doing this on your own!**

I will be working right alongside you, to help with continuity of experiences ... Many hands make light work!

Lastly – consider submitting a presentation proposal! This will open in November and close shortly after EATA. We hope to have our program finalized in February so start planning now!

[Please email me](#) if you would like more details or have any questions!



## Conference & Education Committee - Chair Governmental Affairs - Co-Chair

Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC

I became involved with NYSATA in the early 2000's, a few years after returning to New York State. The newsletter editor position opened up, and with my previous experience assisting while still a student at Stony Brook, this was a good fit for me. As I thoroughly read all the reports, this newsletter editor position completely opened my eyes to all the volunteer work being done in the state. I believe we have a tendency to skim information, as we sometimes feel overloaded and possibly overwhelmed. However, the NYSATA newsletter gives us information on everything around the state - celebrating accomplishments, involvement opportunities, and of course the general news of our peers and colleagues. It also made me feel more comfortable with moving into a leadership role; having the historical knowledge benefited me in developing a future vision for our state association.



## ATs Care

Susan Geisler, MA, ATC, PT - Chair

The NYS ATs Care Committee is an officially recognized committee of NYSATA. We are composed of 13 members throughout NYS to provide assistance to athletic trainers throughout the 8 regions who have incurred a critical incident. During this past year committee members responded to four critical events, providing support and concern to their AT colleagues.

Please [visit the web page](#). If you would like to participate in the training "Assisting Individual in Crisis" and be considered, as openings occur, to become a committee member for the NYS ATs Care Committee, please [send me an email](#) to be notified when training sessions will be provided.



## Hall of Fame

Andy Smith, MS, ATC - Chair

I am Andy Smith, the Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee. I joined the NYSATA leadership nearly 30 years ago to get more involved in my profession. If you know of an AT in New York State who fits the [criteria for nomination into the Hall of Fame](#), please do not hesitate to [nominate them](#).



## Young Professionals

Michael Henne, ATC, CES - Chair

My name is Michael Henne and I am the chair of the Young Professional committee. I work in an emerging setting, at Columbia University Medical Center with their Orthopedic Surgery Department. I joined the NYSATA leadership because when I started my career as an Athletic Trainer, I lacked the mentorship from others in the profession and wanted to make a change. I am always available to chat with YPs!



## Membership & Nominations

Christopher Napoli, MS, ATC - Chair

Hello, I am Chris Napoli, the chair of the Membership and Nominations Committee. I joined NYSATA leadership to help promote our profession and bring it to the next level. As a YP, I have constantly heard the words "we can never get things done", and I have taken that quote personally saying I want to help this leadership in getting to the next level. If it is not you then who? If you have any ideas for the membership and Nominations committee,

please feel free to contact us! Lauren McIntyre, Trevor Crammer, Kevin Joyce, Cleon Clayton, Adam Hymowitz, Chris Napoli.

The Membership and Nominations Committee recently held elections in the spring for NYSATA Treasurer, Region 1 LI Rep, Region 1 NYC Rep, Region 2 Rep, and Region 3 Rep. We have also added Adam Hymowitz to our committee. We welcome Adam's youth to this committee as well as representing Region 1 LI.



## College & University

Jeff Carter MEd, LAT, ATC, EMT-B, CSCS - Chair

Hello, I am the chair of the College and University Committee. I joined NYSATA to help create a source for communication and resources within the state for the large number of athletic trainers working within our setting at all levels. Over the course of the next year our committee hopes to survey the members who work within this setting looking for ideas and concerns. We also hope to create a directory for college and university staffs and a depository for policies/protocols. Finally, our committee will look to help young professionals develop relationships/mentorships with more experienced members in this setting.



## Newsletter

Douglas Sawyer, MS, ATC - Chair

Originally from Indiana, I took my first job at a high school in south Texas. I came to NY in 2000, and spent the next 19 years working at the high school level. In 2011 NATA D2 was looking for people to help start and manage their social media accounts. I had never had any interest in volunteering professionally, but thought what the heck, and I became their LinkedIn account manager. From there things snowballed. The following year I was managing social media account for the Section One Athletic Trainers' Society (SOATS), and was informally helping NYSATA with their social media. In 2013 Aimee Brunelle, NYSATA President-Elect at the time, decided to step down from her Newsletter Chair. I stepped

into the role, and have been enjoying serving all of you since then. It is easy to get involved, you just have to take that first small step.

Newsletters are published quarterly: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. Submissions are typically due 2 weeks prior to publication and can be sent to your [regional rep](#), or to [me](#).



## Awards

Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC - Chair

I became interested in the heroes of athletic training back in 1996 when I was asked, as a young professional and still secretary to NYSATA, to initiate the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA) newly formed Information Center. This was not what you would expect of an information center. Instead of answering questions, I was tasked with finding and sharing information about all those members from the EATA who had won awards – be they EATA awards or NATA awards or the NATA Hall of Fame – and to go back in history to find them. I learned so much about amazing individuals who had done so much for our profession. Stepping into the NYSATA Hall of Fame committee shortly after its formation in 2003, and into its chair position in 2006 was ideal, having learned about well over 50 EATA members who were already honored in the NATA Hall of Fame.

Recently I took over as the NYSATA Awards chair, and I know there are many people who have done a lot for NYSATA and for athletic training in New York State – and they deserve to be honored. It is not appropriate for me to nominate anyone; I have to rely on you, the membership, to nominate individuals who are worthy of recognition. If you know of someone who has done great things in NYS – please consider honoring them with the John Sciera AT Service Award (Aimee Brunelle was our 2021 winner), or recommend someone to your regional rep for the Kent Scriber recognition award (Rick Knizek was our 2021 winner). There is also the even more prestigious Sheehan award to consider for very dedicated NYSATA members.

Please consider nominating an individual by November 1 for one of the NYSATA awards: Scriber, Sciera, Sheehan by [contacting Deanna Errico](#). If you are unsure which award is most appropriate, just feel free to [email me](#) any questions. If you feel there is a member who deserves recognition via the Hall of Fame – please [contact Andy Smith](#).



## Diversity & Inclusion Committee

LaTonja Lee, MS, LAT, ATC, PES - EDAC Chair

Matthew Rawlins, MS, ATC, CSCS, ART - LGBTQ+ Chair

On June 5, 2021 USA Lacrosse and NYSATA Diversity and Inclusion committee teamed up to work with underserved youth in neighboring communities all over Long Island.

The clinic took place at Lincoln Park in Hempstead, NY where over 160 boys and girls from ages 5-15, came to participate and experienced a fun, action packed day of lacrosse, and information about the profession of Athletic Training. USA Lacrosse provided a two-hour instructional clinic led by some of the best coaches and players in the country, while NYSATA D&I was on hand to contribute medical supervision and intervention.

Before the clinic started, NYSATA D&I ran the kids through a light stretching session, informing them that warming up their muscles prior to activity helps to reduce, if not prevent, injury; then the larger group broke out into the smaller groups for the instructional rotational sessions.

The NYSATA D&I committee gave brochures and stickers, healthy snacks, and plenty of water was provided to keep everyone hydrated to prevent heat illnesses. In addition, a table was set up to display common items used for stretching, first-aid care, and taping supplies. The Information Station was available for parents and participants to stop by and learn more about the profession of Athletic Training, and specifically, the duties and responsibilities of an Athletic Trainer.

During the event NYSATA D&I team broke up into groups:

1. Information Station: a diversity brochure was given to those who came by. NYSATA D&I members also went into the bleachers where parents, grandparents, and guardians were to share the brochure and continue conversations about the profession of Athletic Training.
2. Fueling and heat prevention: water and snacks were distributed during the sessions to make sure the participants were hydrated and to prevent any heat related illnesses.
3. Injury and wound care: Was located at the tent site where participants would come over with any concerns or needs and provided emergency care if necessary.

Overall, NYSATA D&I hopes to continue working with clinics as such while exposing the youth and parents of the importance of having an Athletic Trainer in schools and at all sporting events.





## NYSATA Legislative Update

Karin Carreau, Carreau Consulting

The 2021 Legislative Session has been like none other preceding it. As the first gavel fell in early January, New York was facing a budgetary crisis of a \$15 billion budget deficit, that absent a federal bailout, threatened devastating across-the-board cuts to vital programs and services. Catastrophic cuts were, however, averted after a combination of increased tax revenues and \$12.5 billion from the American Rescue Plan. Today, as the burdens of the pandemic begin to lift and the state reopens, the future for New York looks much brighter and the second half of session reflected as much as the legislature was finally able to turn its attention to a number of issues not directly focused on COVID-19.

While the Senate gavelled out at 9:25 pm on Thursday, June 10, 2021, the Assembly continued to go until 4:22 am on June 11, 2021, effectively adjourning the regular session, though both the Senate Majority Leader and the Assembly Speaker intimated they may be back in the coming weeks to discuss a number of big-ticket items that did not cross the finish line. Two such items that received an enormous amount of legislative effort and last-minute negotiations between the Legislature and Executive were related to the separate roles of the MTA chair and CEO, confirmation of such appointments and a criminal justice reform known as the "Clean Slate" bill, which would automatically seal criminal records for misdemeanors after three years and felony offenses after seven years, though not offer complete expungement. Most morning after politico blogs suggest they will return imminently to deal with these issues.

The NYSATA Government Relations Team is hopeful there will be such a return, as the houses adjourned without taking up our (or ANY professions) licensure bills yet again. Despite the nonstop work readying the bills for passage and the optimism of our sponsors, the bill remains an open issue, poised to be taken up should there be a return to Albany over the summer and fall months. As a matter of fact, since January 1, 2021, the start of the 2-year term of the Legislature through Monday, June 28, 2021, 14,846 bills were introduced. From January 1, 2021, through June 11, 2021, the Senate passed 1,559 bills, while the Assembly passed 1,054 bills. Of the 892 bills that passed both houses this year (the third highest since 1995, according to Politico): 159 have been signed into law, 2 have been vetoed, 76 are on Governor's desk for consideration, and 652 have not yet been delivered to the Governor. None of these bills have been professional licensure bills despite the many that are routinely introduced and re-introduced each session.

While we understand that much care and consideration is taken before altering a profession's scope of practice or enshrining a scope of practice with a license, we also understand it is far past time that our bill advances across the finish line. Your unprecedented grassroots efforts this session (particularly at the end of June) was immensely helpful in moving the ball closer and as such, we ask that you continue your efforts. Call your Senate and Assembly member. If you spoke to them (or staff) in June, let them know you are following up and ask them again to cosponsor the bill (if they have not yet done so) and to request it be a priority upon the legislature's return to Albany. We know you are weary but it is the bottom of the ninth and it only takes a few minutes. Should you need to identify your member, simply visit the [Assembly](#) and [Senate](#) websites.

## Free CEU Event!

**Sunday, September 26, 6:00 - 7:30PM**

### **NYSATA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Panel Presentation**

Dr. Ashley Crossway (SUNY Cortland) - LGBTQ+

Dr. James Pierre-Glaude (Stony Brook University) - Disability

Dr. Rene Shingles (Central Michigan University) - Race & ethnicity

**Registration for this free CEU event will be coming soon!**



## Secondary Schools

Jarett Rhoads, MEd, ATC, CSCS Co-Chair

Hello all. I am Jarett Rhoads, Region 6 Representative and Co-Chair of the Secondary School Committee. Seventeen years ago, I joined the NYSATA leadership because I was trying to impress my first professional boss who had just become the NYSATA president. OK, maybe that was not the best of intentions but here I am, still going. If it were not for that self-serving decision, I never would have created relationships with some of the finest athletic trainers across the state and developed a passion for progressing and evolving the profession. It was never my intention to be involved for this long, but it has become an ingrained part of me and has taken a prominent role in the legacy that I want to leave behind to younger athletic trainers. I urge you all to be active! Be involved! Take pride in your profession! You will **NOT** regret it!

Congratulations to the following schools on their recent recognition as a NATA Safe Sports School – 1st Team Designation:

*Pictured below, Canandaigua Academy and their athletic trainer, Jeremy Herniman.*



*Pictured below, Horace Mann School. Their athletic trainers are Amy Mojica, Khiray Bautista and Jaime Pachesa*



*Pictured below, Eastchester High School and their athletic trainer, Patrick Kilcarr.*



**Excellent job!!  
This brings the total  
NATA Safe Sports  
Schools in New York  
to 45.**

# Save the Date!

Our 2021 NY AT Recognition Week will take place from September 24 to October 4.  
Additional information will be sent out soon.

## NYSATA Account Balance

David J. Byrnes, MS, ATC - Treasurer

(as of July 12, 2021)

<b>MUTUAL FUNDS/ ETFs</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Quantity Held</b>
Alerian MLP ETF	\$6,375.26	177
Blackrock Credit Strategies	\$13,039.21	1225.49
PCY Invesco ETF Emerging Markets	\$13,774.95	500
SPDR Doubleline Tactical ETF	\$38,731.84	800
Vanguard Malvern Short Term ETF	\$15,623.97	300.00
Vanguard Short Term ETF	\$12,399.95	150
<b>U.S. COMMON STOCK</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Quantity Held</b>
AT&T Inc	\$14,983.55	525
Ares Capital	\$16,048.00	800
Blackstone Group	\$20,248.00	200
CVS	\$10,245.00	125
Illinois Tool Works	\$9,066.40	40
Johnson & Johnson	\$10,213.80	60
Kellogg Company	\$8,934.80	140
Mondelez Intl Inc	\$7,847.50	125
Pfizer	\$15,966.00	400
Proctor & Gamble	\$13,689.50	100
Prudential	\$10,171.00	100
Unilever	\$10,472.00	175
Viatis	\$696.53	49
Verizon	\$8,450.13	150
<b>CORPORATE BONDS</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Quantity Held</b>
Viacom	\$21,425.10	
Boeing	\$15,086.70	
<b>Wells Fargo Deposit Account (Investment)</b>	\$69,291.34	
<b>Checking Account</b>	\$15,749.00	
<b>Account Total</b>	<b>\$378,529.53</b>	

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# AT YOUR OWN RISK

## 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](#).

## Regional Reps

### Region 1 LI

Nassau, Suffolk

Kristin LoNigro MEd, ATC

Hofstra University

### Region 1 NYC

Richmond, Kings, Queens, Bronx, New York

Will Zinser, MS, ATC

Harkness Center for Dance Injuries

### Region 2

Westchester, Rockland,

Putnam, Sullivan, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster

Michael Mirabella, MS, ATC, CSCS

White Plains High School

### Region 3

Montgomery, Delaware, Fulton, Greene,

Otsego, Saratoga, Albany, Rensselaer,

Schenectady, Columbia, Washington,

Schoharie, Herkimer

Kyle Roepnack, ATC

Herkimer College

### Region 4

Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Franklin,

Hamilton, Clinton, Essex, Warren

Jason Pachter, MS, ATC, CSCS

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Chemung, Tioga, Broome, Oswego,  
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Jarett Rhoads, MEd., ATC, CSCS

Eastridge High School

### Region 7

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Wyoming, Erie, Niagara,

Allegany, Chautauqua

Jacob Habemehl, MS, ATC, ACLS

Buffalo State College



## Regional Reports



### Region 1 LI

Kristin LoNigro, MEd, ATC

**Section Eight Athletic Training Society (SEATS)** is open to all Nassau ATs, please reach out to [Meaghan \(Maguire\) Reichert](#) for more information.

### Hofstra University

Hofstra congratulated their 2020 graduating class with an in person commencement. (pictured right)

Eleni Georgiana and Logan Hernandez '20 are employed at Northwell Health.

Our 2021 (pictured below) class was able to have an in-person graduation reception where we inducted 5 students into Iota Tau Alpha: Melina Bruzzone, Bailey Dillworth, Melissa Medina, Matt Powers and Bryce Tolmie.

HU Alum Marissa Gallo '18 is a new Assistant AT with Volleyball at George Washington University.





### Region 2

Michael Mirabella, MS, ATC, CSCS

Being the Region 2 Rep for NYSATA has been a fantastic experience. When I was first asked to step in as the Region 2 Rep by Deanna Ericco I thought it would only be for a short time. Now years later here we are. I have enjoyed my time as the Region 2 Rep because of all the relationships I have forged over the years. The experience has also shown me how NYSATA works and the great things they do for ATs in NY.



### Region 3

Kyle Roepnack, ATC

**Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC** was honored in June by the Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) with their Mark Ylvisaker Educational Advocacy Award. This award recognizes an outstanding education professional that has promoted equal access to services, inclusion and acceptance of students with brain injury. Aimee has been active with BIANYS for nearly 6 years, serving in a leadership role on the BIANYS Concussion Initiative Task Force.

**Thomas Fashouer** just retired at the end of May after a 42 year career as an AT. Tom started his career at Union College and was there for 10 years. He then spent 28 years as the owner of Albany Physical Therapy where he had multiple high school and college contracts. Tom finished his career at Russell Sage College where he worked for four years. He also coached Men's and Women's tennis at Russell Sage for 8 years. Tom was NYSATA president in the eighties and worked on getting our current AT law passed.

**Keith Thomas** (Pictured right) from Hudson Valley Community College was awarded the Jon R. Smith "Smitty" Award presented to the NJCAA Region III Athletic Trainer of the Year for the 2020-2021 season.

Keith had this to say about winning the award:

"I am honored to be acknowledged by my peers, and in particular whom this award is named after, Mr. Jon Smith ATC, Retired Head Athletic Trainer of Broome Community College. All of us in Region III worked diligently together during the pandemic to provide the best quality health care for our student-athletes, and propose a plan for our safe return. I would like to thank my peers at the local high schools, colleges, and universities for your support and guidance. The resounding statement that was frequently mentioned: "we can't do this alone". Our entire Athletic Training community are individual moving parts that compliment and support each other. Thank you!"



Recently the NJCAA Region III Athletic Trainer of the Year Award was renamed to the **Jon R. Smith** (pictured left) "Smitty" Award presented to the Athletic Trainer of



"Smitty" Award presented to the Athletic Trainer of

the Year in NJCAA Region III. This is what Jon had to say about having the award being named after him: "Having the privilege to have been the first to receive the NJCAA Region III Athletic Trainer of the Year Award in 2017-18 but now, to have my name attached with it, I am so honored and humbled by this."

Kyle Roepnack, ATC, at Herkimer College and Chairperson of the NJCAA Region III Health and Safety Committee stated, "Jon was the first athletic trainer to reach out to me when I first started working in Region III. He had done this many times before for every athletic trainer within the region. He always passed on lessons he learned from his extensive experience and had a positive effect on all of us athletic trainers in Region III. When the Region III Health and Safety Committee had an opportunity to honor Jon, we took advantage of it. All the athletic trainers in Region III agreed Jon was the best representative for the Region III Athletic Trainer of the Year Award. Jon exemplifies the ideals of athletic training and we are proud his name represents the award for the Athletic Trainer of the Year in Region III."



### Region 5

Jennifer Petruzzo, MS, ATC, CSCS

Hello NYSATA! We have been encouraged to reintroduce ourselves to the membership. I am Jenny, the Region 5 Representative. I joined the NYSATA leadership because I wanted to be an active participant in the growth of our profession within New York State and wanted to represent those within my local region. I would love to create a network within Region 5. If you have interest in helping me out and being a voice for your location please [reach out to me!](#)

### **Cornell University** (pictured right)

Cornell University has hired four Athletic Trainers to their staff starting in the 2021-2022 academic year. Cornell welcomes Taryn Ficken, Matt Foote, Taylor Kolniak, and Amara Pulver. Taryn, Taylor, and Amara join the staff after serving in roles as Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainers at Cornell previously. Matt joins the staff after his time at ETSU and Cayuga Medical Center. Cornell is excited for what they will bring to the staff and the Cornell Athletics community.



### **Syracuse University**

Anthony (Tony) Cosby joined the staff at Syracuse University on June 1, 2021. He went to Ithaca College for his undergraduate degree and received his Masters from University of North Carolina Chapel Hill May 2021. He will be working with the Men's and Women's Track/Field and Cross Country teams.



### Region 6

Jarett Rhoads, MEd., ATC, CSCS

It has been an exciting year at Sports Medicine Concepts (SMC) in Avon, NY. They have recently hired four full time athletic trainers, a training center coordinator, and a business operations manager. The ATs work in the sports emergency care training center in support of their sports emergency care simulation programming and will be providing traditional athletic training services to four area high schools as part of their new outreach athletic training program that was launched on

July 1, 2021. Congratulations to Mike Cendoma and the entire staff at SMC for their growth and providing high quality athletic training services to rural secondary schools.



### Region 7

Jacob Habemehl, MS, ATC, ACLS

Hello, my name is Jake Habermehl and I am the NYSATA Region 7 representative. I joined the NYSATA executive board to contribute to the development and growth of athletic training in NY! My hope is to grow our regional membership and engagement to benefit one another in region 7.

### Daemen College

Second year DCAT student, Anthony Kahley, completed a supplemental clinical this summer with the Niagara POWER baseball team that plays out of Sal Maglie stadium in Niagara Falls, NY. Anthony has worked with preceptors for the DCAT program from Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center. The Niagara POWER is a summer collegiate baseball team that is run by the Sports Management program from Niagara University. The players come from all over the country to come play for the summer to gain more experience.

Second year students, Erica Michalski and Jared Russom will be doing a supplemental clinical with the Empire State ride through Roswell Park Cancer Institute. They both will be under the supervision of the medical director and preceptor, Easton Osborn. This ride will be from July 25-31 which starts in Staten Island and ends in Niagara Falls. The bike riders will complete mileage each day with a ride across the state of New York. Each rider had to raise money to benefit Roswell Park in cancer research to participate. Erica and Jared will be part of the medical team for the riders along with UBMD ER physicians who will be on call for consultations and telehealth visits as needed. This should be a great experience for our students.

### University at Buffalo

Congratulations to our NYSATA Scholarship winners:

Victoria Parr – Ed Abromoski Scholarship

Keiona Nance – NYSATA Memorial Scholarship

Second-year student Marie Pettitt was named to the NATA Student Leadership Committee District 2 Representative. (Pictured right)

The class of 2021 had a 100% BOC pass rate and a 100% employment rate.

Recent alumni (May 2021) Kara Haboian collaborated with students from UB's Dietetic Internship, Masters in Public Health and Social Work to bring Wellness Wednesday's



to the Seneca-Babcock Community Center in the City of Buffalo. The Community Center is the linchpin of this section of the city providing after school programming, meals, internet and more for the families that live here. The students are provided ways to stay healthy, access covid resources, healthy cooking demonstrations and more.

Program Director, Ryan Krzyzanowicz DAT, ATC was named to the NATA Public Health Taskforce. The goal of the taskforce is to ensure public health concepts are being taught in athletic training programs as well as leveraging the role of athletic trainers in public health.

Program faculty and second-year students worked alongside UBMD Emergency Medicine Physicians and Residents, UBMD Orthopaedics Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellows and AMR Paramedics to provide medical care at the finish line of the Buffalo Marathon. All medical staff were placed in interprofessional teams to provide the most efficient patient-centered care. This partnership also includes the City of Buffalo Fire Department providing and decontaminating cold water immersion pools for treatment of exertional heat illness as well as CRESE Research Laboratory at UB for providing the rectal thermistors. (Pictured right)



### ***UBMD Orthopaedics***

UBMD Ortho hired four new graduate ATs: Reanne, Alycia, Annesa, Jalen.

Our Sideline symposium is August 20, 2021, and is once again a live webinar. For more information and to register, please visit our [website](#).

### ***Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center***

NFMMC hired Sydney Stevelinck, MS, ATC to be the new AT at Lewiston-Porter High School. She will be starting on August 2, 2021. We have provided AT services for local soccer tournaments in WNY as well as provided strength and conditioning camps at local schools in Niagara and Northern Erie Counties this summer.