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November 3, 2020

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Abraham Award Nomination
Deadline

November 15, 2020

Scholarship Application Deadline

November 20, 2020

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November 30, 2020

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December 31, 2020

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January 8-11, 2021

**2021 NYSATA Annual Meeting
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NEW YORK STATE NYSATA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ARTURO (ROY) FLORES, MS, ATC

Happy Autumn to you all! I am glad to see that we have a lot of interesting athletic training content across the state through different social media accounts. I would also like to thank all of you that participated in NYSATA Recognition Week. It was a great turnout of AT recognizing one another as well as schools and participants sharing the love. I apologize if my video message to kick off the week was a bit muffled, but the mask had to stay on in Washington Square Park.

To continue our theme of leadership from the last newsletter, I would like to welcome three more to the NYSATA ranks. Jay Pachter will represent Region 4 and Jacob Habermehl will represent Region 7. I am happy to announce that Journye MacDonald from Ithaca College will be our liaison on the EATA Student Delegation. Journye will also chair our student committee, which will have representatives from each AT program in the state. Please make sure your program has a representative on this committee.

I am happy to hear that sports are starting to return to our state. Please remember to enforce your new protocols and continue to communicate with your medical directors, athletic directors and school nurses to make sure you have a streamlined process. Use each other as a resource, especially if you come across a difficult situation.

Awards and scholarships season have begun! Please apply and nominate people (it is free money). All the information can be found on [our website](#). The applications deadlines are also on the calendar on [our homepage](#).

Please remember to renew your NATA membership. They are also offering different payment plans. Check out the [NATA webpage](#) for the details.

We are continuing to provide opportunities to share with our membership, but there can always be more. Work with the ATs in your regions/sections to bring up ideas. I know zoom fatigue is a real thing, so let us see if there are other ways to stay engaged. Photo scavenger hunts are one of my favorites. I have met with most of the committees and they want to collaborate with membership. I am sure their D2 chairs have lots of information to share as well. Please reach out to any of the committee chairs if you have an interest in their group.

At this time, I want to give a shout out to the AT entrepreneurs in our state. Some of you have taken to the airways and started podcasts, social media campaigns, and websites all to push the profession of AT. Again, let us show everyone how diversified our ability, knowledge, and skills are.

We will have our next state meeting during VEATA (January 8-11, 2021). Once I figure out the platform information, I will share the date and time. Please remember that I have an open (virtual) door policy. Feel free to reach out anytime. It is a great time to be an athletic trainer, with all the ways we have pivoted and transformed our expertise to become knowledgeable healthcare providers. Thank you all that you have done for the profession!

Stay healthy and safe!

Roy



Awards

Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC - Chair

The NYSATA Awards committee continues to accept nominations for the [John Sciera Athletic Training Service Award](#), for the [Thomas J Sheehan Award](#), and for the [Kent Scriber Recognition Award](#) up until November 30. If you know of someone

who might be deserving of these awards, please contact the [Awards committee chair, Deanna Errico](#).



Conference & Program

Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC - Chair

Call for Proposals

The NYSATA Conference Program Committee is assembling the programming for the **2021 NYSATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia**,

to be held Friday June 11 - Saturday June 12, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Schenectady, NY. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this conference may be virtual.

The NYSATA Conference Program Committee is dedicated to the development of an educational 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.

[Read More Here Call for Proposals](#)



Abraham Award

Meg Greiner, MS, ATC - Chair

Applications for the 2021 Joseph Abraham Award are being accepted. The application is available on the [NYSATA website under Joseph Abraham Award](#). Completed applications are due by November 15, 2020. Any questions,

please [email Meg Greiner](#).

Membership

There were 2 elections held during the summer, both regional representative positions. We would like to congratulate Jason Pachter (Region 4) and Jacob Habermehl (Region 7) on being elected into their new roles. The Membership & Nominations committee held their first new committee meeting on September 9, 2020. Thank you to the following members and executive board members Lauren McIntyre, Kevin Joyce, Trevor Cramer, Cleon Clayton, and Carrie Burke for being a part of this newly formed committee. The committee is looking for regional representation from regions 2, 3, and 4. If you are in those regions and would like to be a part of the Membership & Nominations committee please [reach out to us by email](#). Next committee meeting is scheduled on Election day, November 3, 2020 at 7pm.



Governmental Affairs Report

Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC

Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC

Co-Chairs



The NYSATA Government Affairs committee would like to thank each of you who took the time during Athletic Training Recognition Week to contact your legislators. This was a great opportunity to let your Senator and Assemblyperson know who you are and about your passion about athletic training. For those who did not get a chance to do it, it is not too late. You can contact them anytime and use the

script we shared with you for Athletic Training Recognition Week to make them aware of the athletic training bill and to encourage them to co-sponsor our bill.

It has been an unusual year to say the least. Generally, the legislature is in session from the first week in January through early to mid-June, however, the pandemic significantly shifted their schedule and focus. While they scrambled to implement unprecedented mechanisms and regulations to allow for virtual sessions, they found themselves inundated with constituent realities such as mass unemployment, food insecurities, lack of healthcare access on a grand scale, and civil discourse not seen in decades. Hence, most of their attention has been focused on bills directly related to COVID-19. While they were rumored to convene for another mini session in early fall, that might take up non pandemic bills, no such session materialized. Currently, they are said to be returning in

mid-December but this too is fluid. Fortunately, they and their staff remain very accessible and engaged so please do continue to help us put a human face on our issue, share why licensure is so important to you, especially in this economic climate, and reach out to them before the official start of the 2021 session.

Your Government Affairs chairs have continued to be busy meeting once a week throughout the summer and fall to keep our forward momentum, and to continually strategize how to best position ourselves when the legislature does in fact return. We have updated bills in both the Senate and the Assembly that are the same (S5127A and A5499B), and we have sought input from AT leaders to be sure we have not missed any aspects of practice. We have worked closely with Buzz Media Solutions, the Public Relations group NYSATA hired a year ago, to dovetail with our legislative efforts of educating the public about the AT Profession, especially in the midst of a health emergency.

If the legislature does not return until 2021, our bills will be reintroduced with new numbers, but the substance will remain the same. Given our language was amended over the summer, our lobbyist, Karin, has been meeting with all pertinent committee members and Chairs in each house to walk them through those changes. We will be ready to move forward as soon as the session calendar allows.

Thank you again for your continued support and for taking action every time we contact you to do so. While we recognize the process appears to move at a glacial pace, please know that your engagement matters and it is making a difference.

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 National Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc. political action committee

NYSATA Legislative Update

Karin Carreau, Carreau Consulting



As you have read in the Government Relations report, we have continued the steady drum beat on the NYSATA licensure bill, despite the COVID-19 crisis and unusual legislative session calendar but we have also been acutely aware of the political landscape and the potential changes here in NY. While much of the world's electoral focus has been at the top of the

ticket battle for the Oval Office, New York State races are also heating up as all 63 Senate and 150 Assembly seats are up for re-election. Of note, the statewide offices (Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller) are not on the ballot this year. Though 26 seats in the Assembly are open and several more are considered contests, the lower house's supermajority does not appear to be in peril. The action, so to speak, is playing out in the Senate races where a huge influx of cash by independent billionaires such as cosmetic executive Ron Lauder, police unions and a Virginia-based entity known as Good Government for New York have (combined) spent nearly \$4 million to support Republican candidates running in key suburban and upstate races this year.

In 2018, Senate Republicans lost their decades long hold on the Chamber in a number of stunning defeats across the State. Regardless of the funding being poured into campaigns, the work to regain ground is considered to be uphill as nine Republican held seats have or will be vacated due to an unprecedented number of announced retirements and resignations over the last several months. Nonetheless, the battles are expected to be at full throttle until Election Day on November 3, as Senate Democrats stand two seats away from having a veto proof majority and thereby controlling the once-in-a-decade redistricting process following the 2020 census with long-term implications for the balance of power in the upper house.

In addition to nine vacant seats being defended by Senate Republicans, several races around the state held by freshman Democratic members are reported to be bloody battlegrounds, such as District 3, where Senator Monica Martinez (D), Chair of the Domestic Animal Welfare Committee is staking out her territory against Republican challenger Alexis Weik. In District 5, Senator Gaughran (D), Chair of Local Government and Republican challenger, veteran and small business owner, Ed Smyth, are traversing a bumpy road toward Election Day. District 6, is seeing a battle between Senator Kevin Thomas (D), Chair of Consumer Protection Committee and Vietnam

Veteran, Town Councilman Republican Dennis Dunne, while in District 22, Senator Andrew Gounardes is fighting to stay alive against Republican challenger, Vito Bruno, founder, and CEO of AM-PM Entertainment Concepts, whose claim to fame was his early work at 2001 Odyssey, the Brooklyn club made famous in the John Travolta classic "Saturday Night Fever."

Further up the river, in District 40, freshman Senator and Chair of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Committee, Peter Harckham (D), is fending off a challenge to his seat by Republican and former Westchester County Executive, Robert Astorino. Astorino, you may remember, launched an unsuccessful campaign against Governor Cuomo in 2014. And in District 42, Senator Jen Metzger (D), Chair of the Agriculture Committee is battling with Republican backed and well financed Mike Martucci, farmer, philanthropist, and school bus business owner.

Congressional Races to Watch

Seven of New York's 27 Congressional seats are considered to be competitive heading into Election Day. In New York's 1st Congressional District, located in Eastern Long Island, Democratic challenger Nancy Goroff is seeking to unseat Republican Lee Zelden (Former NY State Senator). Next door in New York's 2nd Congressional District, in a seat left empty by retiring Representative Peter King (R), Democratic candidate, Army Veteran and former educator, [Jackie Gordon](#) is taking on Republican candidate (current Assembly Member) Andrew Garbarino. The open seat is considered a [toss-up](#) by the Cook Political Report. In New York's 11th Congressional District, covering Staten Island and parts of South Brooklyn, Freshman Representative Democrat Max Rose is battling for his political life against Republican Nicole Malliotakis, who currently serves in the New York State Assembly. Moving into the Hudson Valley region, two seats are being highly contested, beginning with New York's 18th Congressional District where Democratic incumbent Sean Patrick Maloney, facing off against Republican challenger Chele Farley. In New York's 19th Congressional District, Freshman member, Democrat Antonio Delgado is battling to keep the seat against Republican opponent Kyle Van De Water, an Army veteran, and a practicing attorney in Poughkeepsie. While Representative Anthony Brindisi, in the 22nd Congressional District in central New York is locked in a dead heat rematch with Claudia Tenney. Further West, in New York's 24th Congressional District, Republican incumbent John Katko is on the defensive against Democratic candidate Dana Balter.

To review a comprehensive 2020 Pre-Election Analysis and important voting information prepared in partnership between Carreau Consulting and Gallo Associates, please [visit NYSATA website](#).

NYSATA Account Balance

David J. Byrnes, MS, ATC - Treasurer

(as of October 28, 2020)

MUTUAL FUNDS/ ETFs	Market Value	Quantity Held
Vanguard Malvern Short Term ETF	\$15,306.00	300.00
Vanguard Short Term ETF	\$12,427.50	150
Alerian MLP ETF	\$3,536.46	885
Blackrock Credit Strategies	\$12,524.50	1225.49
SPDR Doubleline Tactical ETF	\$39,448.00	800
U.S. COMMON STOCK	Market Value	Quantity Held
Illinois Tool Works	\$7,728.40	40
AT&T Inc	\$14,967.75	525
Ares Capital	\$11,160.00	800
CVS	\$7,300.00	125
Pfizer	\$14,680.00	400
Mondelez Intl Inc	\$7,181.25	125
Unilever	\$10,794.00	175
Kellogg Company	\$9,042.60	140
Johnson & Johnson	\$8,932.80	60
Proctor & Gamble	\$13,899.00	100
Blackstone Group	\$10,440.00	200
Verizon	\$8,923.50	150
CORPORATE BONDS	Market Value	Quantity Held
Arrow Electronics	\$12,199.68	
Viacom	\$20,609.40	
Boeing	\$15,195.30	
Morgan Stanley	\$15,181.50	
BB&T	\$15,070.20	
Dr Pepper Snapple	\$15,582.30	
PREFERRED SECURITIES	Market Value	Quantity Held
Capital One	\$8,778.00	350
Wells Fargo Deposit Account (Investment)		
Checking Account	\$80,838.84	
Account Total	\$391,746.98	

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The NYSATA Newsletter

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Otsego, Saratoga, Albany, Rensslear,

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Region 4

Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Franklin,

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Region 5

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

Jennifer Petruzzo, MS, ATC, CSCS
Cornell University

Region 6

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Stueben, Wayne*

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Region 7

Orleans, Cattaraugus, Genesee,

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Regional Reports

Region 1 NYC

Nicole Hovey, MS, ATC

Columbia University

Since March 13, our staff of athletic trainers have transitioned entirely to working remotely. Early on in the spring we started our end of

year to-do list by reviewing and updating our policies, procedures, and emergency action plans, updating EMR for the year, and preparing for the year ahead. Many staff members have been placed onto committees to help with our institutional plan and policies for re-opening and re-integration of phased athletic activities. We have been very fortunate to not have had any furloughs or layoffs related to COVID-19 in the AT department so far. We were also a part of putting together the first Ivy League Symposium in early August offering free category A CEUs. It was a great opportunity to share a diverse array of topics from a fantastic panel from across the entire Ivy League.

In exciting and good news, we had a new athletic trainer, Juliana Jimenez, join us on March 16. She was able to be brought on before our hiring freeze was implemented and was on-boarded completely remotely. Juli, a Houston, Texas native, comes to New York City after working at

Penn State University for nearly two years and completed her studies at the University of Texas and University of Virginia. She brings a diverse working experience from her international athletic training internships with the Canadian soccer tour to Ethiopia, to completing Maymester, a traditional Chinese Medicine program, including clinical rotations, and massage therapy training in Taipei, Taiwan.

Currently, Columbia University is on an entirely online learning model this semester. Our athletic trainers are also faculty in the physical education department, therefore we have transitioned to formulate remote curriculum for activity and wellness classes for the undergraduate students and continue to teach these courses via zoom.

As we continue to await re-opening of our facilities, we have been doing our pre-participation examination process remotely as much as possible, including concussion baseline testing, and telemedicine screening appointments with returning student-athletes and incoming freshman/transfers. We have been able to rearrange our athletic training room spaces to accommodate social distancing and our COVID-19 policies and look forward to welcoming student-athletes back when permitted by the university.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY





Mary Krontiris

It has been roughly 8 months since the day New York officially declared a state of emergency. In a city where we are known for our tourism, Broadway, and restaurants, NYC had to put a pause on it all, including the love of our sports.

COVID-19 placed a massive sports shutdown globally, from professional to youth level competitions. The idea of not having the Summer Olympics, March Madness, delay Baseball, to a no preseason football was tough to sink in, for all the sports fanatics like myself.

Physically and mentally, the pandemic has taken a toll on us all, from athletes itching to get back on the field to staff hoping to have their jobs back.

Prior to the unforeseen outcomes of COVID-19, I was a freelance athletic trainer working in the Private School sector. I had the pleasure to network and build relationships with schools across the NYC metropolitan area.

Unfortunately, like millions of others, I lost my job. Despite some sports returning in NYC, private and public schools are still faced with guideline protocols, causing them to postpone Fall athletics to even canceling it entirely.

It was not easy, but during my sequestered time in NYC, I took the time to really reflect on what could be done differently to improve problems that were seen prior to COVID and figure out a method to make it safe for athletics to return.

As Albert Einstein once said, “In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity,” and that is exactly what happened.

My career as an athletic trainer was key and super helpful to prepare me for the journey as a first-time entrepreneur. As an athletic trainer, we are not always recognized for our level of creativity, courage and the ability to quickly adapt new skills and react to challenging circumstances, which means having to do things that we never thought we would be able to do.

That is exactly how I felt when I started my company. The Krontiris Method was born out of my experience as well as the experience of many others, and designed to solve a serious, troubling, and avoidable problem that occurred so

frequently. It was hard to believe that a credible solution was not readily available. This is not something that was unfamiliar to athletic trainers and other professionals in the athletic ecosystem. What others and I saw in the profession is simply a lack of clear communication among all the stakeholders in the athletic ecosystem, professionally monitored execution, and poor training that was causing avoidable minor injuries into becoming potential major life-threatening outcomes.

Thankfully The Krontiris Method is not the only platform that has recognized and is addressing the Danger Gap. It is one of the several organizations committed to actively thwarting the embarrassingly high statistics of injuries seen in athletics, and providing a new method to operate and return safely due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Working as an athletic trainer, I always went beyond my scope of work in providing the best of care to my athletes. I am passionately committed in being a leader in catalyzing effective processes and assisting all the stakeholders within an athletic ecosystem (i.e. School Administrators, Athletic Directors, Athletic Trainers, School Nurses, Coaches, Student Athletes, Parents and Affiliated Healthcare Providers) with The Krontiris Method platform.

Being that we are all in a time of taking things day by day, athletic trainers are resilient, adaptive and know well what it takes to be flexible when things don't always turn out the way you expect. We were taught to step outside of our comfort zone and be flexible in facing the challenges as they present themselves. Athletic trainers have these core values, and no matter what curveball may come our way, we will get through this together.



Region 4

Jason Pachter, MS, ATC, CSCS

Congratulations to Deanna Errico on being named to the District 2 Resource Bank Committee.

On behalf of our region, we want to commend Daniel Dennett, Associate

Professor and Director of Health & Physical Education Transfer Program at SUNY Adirondack, and the remaining NJCAA Region 3 Health and Safety Committee on being proactive with responding and preparing during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the NJCAA Region 3 Health and Safety

committee has updated the Health and Safety protocols. In addition, Dan has provided updates to all their coaching staff in CPR/AED certification along with information from NFHS Education on COVID-19 for Coaches, Sport related Concussions & Sports, First Aid & EAP for Athletics.



Region 5

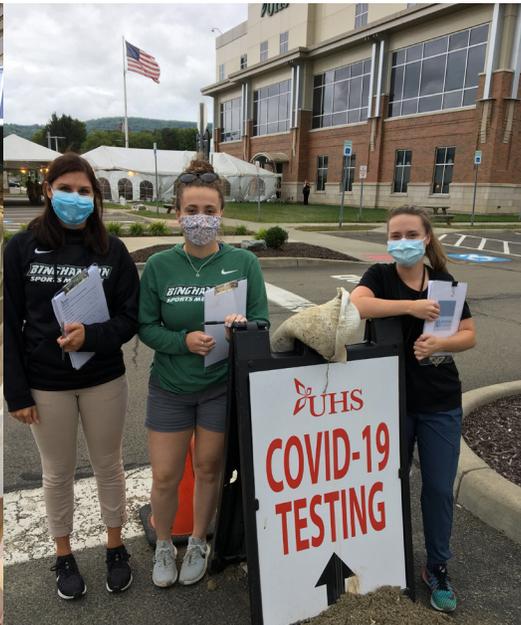
Jennifer Petruzzo, MS, ATC, CSCS

Binghamton University

We want to highlight a collaboration between the entire UHS Sports Medicine Athletic Training team (both outreach athletic trainers and orthopedic office athletic trainers) and Binghamton University Sports Medicine Department to provide pre-participation COVID testing for the entire Binghamton University Student-Athlete population.

The Operation was coordinated and executed in just over 3 weeks. Preparation included scheduling of appointments, communicating with student-athletes, shadowing the operation of the UHS COVID testing tent, credentialing athletic training staff to perform swabbing efficiently, coordinating the arrival of athletes for their appointments, and preparation of the COVID testing kits to ensure the daily operation moved smoothly. The entire operation was organized and executed by a team of Athletic Trainers from both UHS Sports Medicine and Binghamton University (17 athletic trainers in total assumed a role during the week long endeavor).

Binghamton ATs provide COVID Testing



Kate Baginski, MS, LAT, ATC
 UHS Sports Medicine
 Samantha Familo, LAT, ATC
 UHS Sports Medicine
 Lauren Pettyjohn-Robin, LAT, ATC
 UHS Sports Medicine
 Hayley Quirk, LAT, ATC
 UHS Sports Medicine

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 UHS Sports Medicine

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 Kate Baginski, LAT, ATC
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**Above:**

Taras Kostyk, MS, LAT, ATC
UHS Sports Medicine
Elyse Wilbur, MS, LAT, ATC
UHS Sports Medicine
Kate Baginski, MS, LAT, ATC
UHS Sports Medicine

Below:

Samantha Familo, LAT, ATC
UHS Sports Medicine

**Cornell University**

The AMSSM and ACC came out with new recommendations that all athletes who have been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 should have an electrocardiogram (ECG) evaluation and screening prior to sports participation. With the Cornell Health Center in limited operations to prioritize needs of the pandemic, Cornell University Athletic Trainers stepped up and assisted with this massive undertaking. Under the direction, supervision, and guidance of Cornell Health's Team Physician and Director of Sports Medicine, four athletic trainers were trained on how to administer the ECGs. Katy Harris made an organized schedule that spanned the two days in order to complete them. There were two female ATs present for the female athletes and two male ATs present for the male athletes. Having the second AT allowed the use of a medical chaperone to safeguard both the ATs and the athlete. The other athletic trainers on staff, and our athletic insurance coordinator, were present to help screen athletes at the door for COVID-19 symptoms and completed temperature checks. They then walked the athletes in and out of the building to help maintain social distancing.

Katy Harris, Ed Kelly, Jenny Petruzzo, and Casey Williamson worked long days to administer the 82 electrocardiograms. They were then reviewed by both the sports medicine physician and an area cardiologist in order to complete the medical clearance for the athletes. It was a huge team effort that went so well. Kudos to all involved!

Cornell ATs pose prior to ECG testing

Pictured Below: Jenny Petruzzo, MS, ATC, CSCS,
Katy Harris, MS, ATC
(Additional Picture next page)



Pictured Below: Ed Kelly, MS, ATC,
Casey Williamson, MS, ATC, CSCS



Ithaca College

In the Department of Exercise Science and Athletic Training, Todd Lazenby, MA, ATC was promoted to Clinical Professor and Jenn M. McKeon, PhD, ATC, CSCS was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure by the IC Board of Trustees.

Dr. Paul R. Geisler, EdD, ATC, Professor and Director of Athletic Training Education presented a webinar based research talk on programmatic outcomes in athletic training at the 2020 European Board of Medical Assessors' Virtual Conference, "Past, Present and Future Assessment in Medical Education" on Thursday, October 15, 2020. The conference was originally scheduled in early September, and to be held in Glasgow Scotland, but was moved online due to COVID-19.

In response to the COVID-19 shutdown, the AT Education program implemented a patient-less clinical education program for junior and senior AT majors by creating 9 clinical pods of three students and one faculty/preceptor, and a Virtual Preceptor program. Existing faculty members and clinical preceptors are working three times/week

with their pods on patient simulations, policy and practice review, and clinical proficiencies; while 27 program alumni now working in varied professional settings volunteered to serve as Virtual Preceptors, meeting their assigned AT major 1-3 hours/week to discuss position statements, current evidence, clinical case pattern presentations, and professional issues in one on one, online conversations and mentoring.

Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists

Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists (SOS) is excited to have Rebecca Veltrie, MS, ATC (pictured right) join our Sports Medicine Team. Rebecca is joining a team of nine part- and full-time Athletic Trainers serving the Syracuse-area. Rebecca specifically is the Athletic Trainer at Baldwinsville High School, where she was enthusiastically greeted with two fractures on her first day.



We are also very excited to announce the promotion of Laura Goodwell-Velez (pictured right) to the DME Coordinator for SOS. Laura previously served as the Athletic Trainer for Phoenix High School and will continue to coordinate our Continuing Education offerings. To see a current list of available and future courses visit our [website](#).



Region 7

Jacob Habemehl, MS, ATC, ACLS

Upcoming Region 7 Event

Sports Medicine Concepts, Inc will be hosting an On-ice Workshop on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 on the "Management of Critical Injuries in Hockey". Please visit Sports Medicine Concepts, Inc [website](#) for more information.

University at Buffalo

Second year MSAT student Keiona Nance was awarded an NATA Research and Education Foundation Masters Research grant, one of only three awarded in the nation. The funds will go towards completing research aimed at improving treatment for exertional heat stroke called "The effect of water stirring on cold water immersion rates". She is being



mentored by Assistant Professor Riana Pryor, PhD, ATC.

Second-year student Sara Kolipinski has volunteered her time in assisting the University in their surveillance testing for Covid-19. Her efforts have helped the University test about 3,000 students, faculty and staff every two weeks.

Daemen College

The DCAT program hosted a suturing/Knee aspiration workshop with Dr. Michal Freitas. He taught the 2nd year MSAT students



how to suture and staple lacerations and demonstrated how to aspirate a knee joint.

Excelsior Orthopaedics

Taylor Miller joined Excelsior's Outreach Athletic Training team on July 6. Taylor holds her B.S. in Health and Fitness and M.S. in Athletic Training from Daemen College. Taylor will be joining Head Athletic Trainer, Marcy Gerlach, within the Sweet Home District of Buffalo, NY.

Hannah Emerson joined Excelsior's Outreach Athletic Training team on June 22. Hannah graduated Magna Cum



Laude with her BS in Exercise Science and her MS in Athletic Training from Adrian College (Adrian, MI). She is also a practicing Emergency Medical Technician. Hannah will be providing Athletic Training services to the student-athletes of West Seneca East (Buffalo, NY).

David Dyson joined Excelsior's Outreach Athletic Training team on June 22. David holds his BS in Health and Wellness and MS in Athletic Training from the University at Buffalo. A former collegiate football player, David is originally from New York City. David will be joining Head Athletic Trainer, Nate Suchyna, at St. Francis High School of Buffalo, NY.

Lucas Baker joined Excelsior's Outreach Athletic Training team on October 5. Lucas holds his BS in Athletic Training from SUNY Brockport. He completed his MS in Athletic Training from West Virginia University. Lucas will be providing Athletic Training services to the student-athletes of Williamsville North (Buffalo, NY).

Mikala McCartney joined Excelsior's Outreach Athletic Training team on August 10. Mikala holds her BS in Athletic Training from Alfred University. She is currently continuing her education as she pursues her MS degree. The Elma, NY native will provide support to Excelsior's Outreach program and within the Physical and Occupational Therapy department.

The coronavirus did not stop Western New York from hosting one of the largest cancer-fighting fundraisers. Excelsior's Certified Athletic Trainers provided first-responder coverage for the 2020 [11 Day Power Play Community Shift](#), which raised \$1.1 million for Roswell Park, Camp Good Days, Oishei Children's Hospital, and Make-A-Wish of Buffalo, NY. Certified athletic trainers were involved in the overall safety of all participants, including pre-event safety meetings related to COVID-19 that kept all involved healthy.

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We are excited to welcome Griffin Spatorico, MS, ATC (North Tonawanda, NY) at Niagara Falls High School and Mr. Nick Economou, MS, ATC (Vestal, NY) at Kenmore East High School.