

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Nominations for  
NYSATA leadership  
positions due date**

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February 9, 2021

**National Athletic  
Training Month**

March 2021

**NYSATA Virtual  
Lobby Week**

April 12-16, 2021

**NYSATA Conference**

June 11-12, 2021

**NATA Convention**

June 29 - July 2, 2021

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**THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

ARTURO (ROY) FLORES, MS, ATC

As I have started with each newsletter, I hope you are all safe and well. We can all agree that this has been an interesting year for everyone. As athletic trainers, we pivot and “MacGyver” around all situations thrown at us. As we prepare for the next season of events, it is truly a time to show that “Athletic Trainers are Essential”. Though we are not able to have NATM in NYC as a live event this year, we will have an alternative event. Please follow our social media accounts and check our website for more details.

We have a new member in our leadership. Nicholas Clark will step in as our Public Relations committee co-chair. Nick will most definitely be looking to grow his committee. Please contact him if you are interested.

The leadership wants to make sure that you are all informed of things pertaining to athletic training in NYS. That being said, it is also important to recognize that these committee chairs and members are volunteering their time because they want to be leaders and want to represent you, the membership. In my six months, I have heard “What is NYSATA doing for me?” I now turn the question to you. “What are you doing for athletic training in NYS?” I am not asking you to parade a banner around saying “Look at me, the ATC.” In a sense though, you can do that on a smaller scale. Our employers have looked to us to assist with protocols for the new normal. We work with other healthcare providers who have never heard of an athletic trainer. Remember that you are the best advocate for you. You can bring awareness and educate others on the diversity of your knowledge and your profession. We are not only water carriers and tapers. We do a lot more! NYSATA's goal is to make resources available to you to have these conversations.

Following in the footsteps of our summer donations for organizations that assist in COVID, we made donations to organizations that assist in social change. Last month, NYSATA donated a total of \$2000 to the ACLU, NAACP, Girl Scouts of Nassau County, and Sistahood (an AT group). We also donated \$1000 to American Amputee Soccer Association which made NYSATA a sponsor. We are glad to help

an organization where one of our own is an Athletic Trainer. Thank you James Pierre-Glaude.

With the VEATA event being successful, I must say that so was our state meeting. We had about 200 people login. Along with providing our updates, we recognized our Scholarship winners:

### **District 2**

Moriah Gregory (Daemen College)

#### **NYSATA**

Jesse Toth (Daemen College)

#### **Ed Abromoski**

Victoria Parr (U. Buffalo)

#### **Paul Demartinis Memorial**

Hannah Palau (Stony Brook)

#### **NYSATA**

Keiona Nance (U. Buffalo)

We are also proud to announce that we have a New NYSATA Scholarship for Diversity. Details for this scholarship can be found on our [website](#). The award will be given out during NATM.

More Congratulations: The Joseph Abraham Award winners are Aimee Brunelle and Kurt Pfaffenbach of Colonie Central High School.

This year's John Sciera Winner is Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC.

The 2021 D2 Quiz Bowl winner is from NYS: Jess Baun (Daemen College).

Please apply for awards, grants and scholarships. It is free money! Also check out the NATA Foundation website for other events and contests. We are continuing our partnership with [Brain Injury Association of New York State \(BIANYS\)](#). We are also working on a collaboration with [Team Up for Sports Safety \(TUFSS\)](#).

We are preparing for another legislative year and we will host a Lobby Week. Of course, it will be a virtual event alongside our [Get in the Game NY](#) campaign. We are also looking to collect more images of our athletic trainers in action. These photos will be used throughout all our marketing avenues. If you are providing photos for our stock, please remember to fill out a [photo release which is located on our website](#). More details to follow....

Our nominations process is currently open for leadership positions in NYSATA. They will run until February 9, 2021. Please use the [form on our website](#).

Returning back to NATM. The calendar on our website is available for all members to use. If you are hosting an event, please provide the information to your Region Representative.

I am glad to be able to inspire athletic trainers, from students to Hall of Famers. We thank you for your membership to our state association. We have new NYSATA pins to distribute to all of you. Please make sure that your contact information is updated on the NATA database.

Keep us informed of what you are doing. Our leadership is always available to hear from you!

Stay healthy.

Stay safe.

Be greAT!

### **Roy**



## **Nation Athletic Training Month 2021**

Our annual month to celebrate and advocate for our profession is quickly approaching. Keep an eye on the [NYSATA](#) and [NATA](#) websites for additional information on contests and ways to help us promote athletic training.



## Governmental Affairs Report

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

This year's New York State legislative session began January 6, 2021. With a new session, our bills had to be reintroduced (we are using the versions that finished out 2020). The Senate bill has made it out of Bill Drafting and is **bill number S.2023**. We are still waiting for the Assembly bill. Once our bills pass, there are already a few small tweaks that

need to be made – but our lobbyist assures us this was the best approach. Fortunately, both our sponsors were re-elected.

In fact, our Assembly Sponsor, **Michaëlle Solages**, has ascended to prominent leadership positions within the house. She is now the Deputy Majority Leader and the Leader of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus.

This bill is to gain licensure. Your certificate may say license on it, but we are not considered a licensed profession. We are certified, and this limits us and only gives us title protection, not protection of our scope of practice. This bill also clarifies our scope of practice, especially as it relates to neurological injury care, removes the limitation of settings, and provides further protections. Our Assembly Sponsor has asked us to garner letters of support from schools across the state. We will soon be sending requests for you to help us get those.

We are reigniting the [Get in the Game NY website](#) as soon as we have new bill numbers for both the senate and the assembly. [Get in the Game NY](#) was very successful last year. but because there are new bill numbers everyone will need to go to the website when it is ready and sign the letters again. The website will automatically generate letters to be sent to the legislators. We will share the link as soon as those new bill numbers come out. You can read the letter, and electronically sign it. We will also ask you to get your friends/family/school involved as well.

Lobby day will become lobby week, as participants will schedule a virtual appointment during the week of April 12. We are planning to kick lobby week off with a virtual press conference. To do this we will be collaborating with our sponsors, our lobbyist and our PR group, Buzz Media Solutions to assist us. Speakers will include professional sport setting ATs and possibly a professional athlete to help publicize it.

We continue to engage students, student groups, and faculty in government affairs. NYSATA will provide advocacy curricular materials to universities for the spring semester and will engage the students in lobby week.

Everyone's help is needed as we move forward with our legislative agenda. If you receive a VoterVoice request know that it comes from Aimee, and she is targeting you and your region specifically. We need you to act on that request as we are really relying on your assistance. We cannot do this alone.

## NYSATA Leadership Position Openings

If you, or someone you know, are interested in taking a bigger part in our profession, please submit a nomination for one of the following positions: Treasurer, Region 1 NYC Regional Representative, Region 1 Long Island Regional Representative, Region 2 Regional Representative, and Region 3 Regional Representative. Nominations are due by February 9, 2021.



## Abraham Award

Meg Greiner, MS, ATC - Chair

The 2021 Joseph Abraham Award winner is Colonie Central High School and athletic trainers Aimee Brunelle and Kurt Pfaffenbach. Colonie Central along with Aimee and Kurt provide outstanding care and support to their student-athletes. **Congratulations.**

## NYSATA Legislative Update

Karin Carreau, Carreau Consulting



While the Capitol was officially closed to the public in mid-March of 2020, the work of legislators, their staffs, and advocates/lobbyists, simply moved to a virtual platform. Given the continuing rise in cases and the slow roll out of vaccines across the state (and country, for that matter), the 2021 session is expected to continue through

the use of virtual technology for the foreseeable future. Some legislators and their staff are at the capitol, but much of their committee work is happening virtually.

The Governor and his staff are also communicating with the public, the legislature and even the press via virtual platforms as well. As such, in an unprecedented move, the Governor recently kicked off the 2021 Legislative with four mini-State of the State addresses over the course of four days (as opposed to his usual grand event in front of legislators, dignitaries and invited guests). He followed up these addresses with his annual Budget Address the following week.

As is always the case in Albany, all eyes are upon the budget (and will be in the coming weeks) with the opening bell of such work commencing with the release of the Executive Budget proposal. This year, more than any other year in recent history, anticipation of the proposal was mired in both dread of what may be on the horizon and eternal optimism that the federal government will come to our aid and supply a much-needed bail out.

Facing a deficit of \$15 billion, Governor Cuomo announced his Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Executive Budget on Tuesday, January 19. He outlined two options: one that advances an aggressive post-COVID plan focused on reconstruction and one that would create severe pain for all sectors should the federal government fail to provide \$15 billion in relief funding. Absent such assistance the State would be forced to raise revenue, cut expenses, and borrow. With adequate Federal support, however, the Executive Budget would advance the Governor's plan to reimagine, rebuild, and renew New York.

As the timing and amount of new Federal aid, if any, was still unknown when the FY 2022 Executive Budget was released, the Executive has taken a very conservative approach to the State's Financial Plan. While the Governor has asked Congress for \$15

billion in COVID relief, the Executive Budget includes only \$6 billion in new aid, which the Division of the Budget (DOB) believes is at the lower end of possible outcomes. The aid in the Financial Plan is apportioned evenly over two years, with \$3 billion in both FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23, to reduce the FY 2021-22 budget risk if such aid is delayed or approved at a lower level than expected. Consequently, if the aid comes in at a lower level, the FY 2021-22 Executive Budget proposal includes difficult spending cuts in local aid and agency operations as well as tax increases which the Executive asserts will slow the State's economic and fiscal recovery.

Spending Cuts and Tax Increases that could potentially befall the state include:

- Spending reductions in planned local aid spending are expected to provide savings of \$2.2 billion in FY 2020-21 and \$3.4 billion in FY 2021-22 compared to the base forecast.
- School Aid: State funding for school districts is reduced, largely through the consolidation and reduction of certain expense-based School Aid categories and a Local District Funding Adjustment against other reimbursements to districts. However, due to the significant additional federal aid for school districts through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, total district support increases by approximately 7.1 percent in FY 2021-22. (FY 2021: \$0; FY 2022: \$1.5 billion).
- Medicaid: Savings in FY 2020-21 are achieved by reducing rates paid to managed care and long-term care insurance carriers based on lower health care utilization due to the pandemic, the use of available balances, and revisions to estimated costs. In FY 2021-22, savings are mainly achieved from across-the-board reductions and the use of available resources to support spending. Spending under the Global Cap is expected to increase at the indexed rate.
- A PIT Temporary High-Income Surcharge on taxable income over \$5 million, effective tax years 2021 through 2023. Affected taxpayers may opt to prepay Tax Years 2022 and 2023 through 2021 estimated payments. If they select this option, they will receive a repayment via a tax deduction in Tax Years 2024 and 2025.
- Delaying the Middle-Class Tax cut for 1 year by maintaining the 2020 tax rate for 2021. The 2021 tax rate would take effect in 2022, the 2022 tax rate in 2023 and so on until fully phased in by 2026, instead of 2025 as originally scheduled.
- The authorization of mobile sports betting is expected to bring in new revenue for education.

- The legalization of adult use of recreational marijuana is anticipated to raise \$20 million in tax revenue in FY 2021-22.

Should the federal government come through for the state and approve the Governor's full request for \$15 billion in federal aid it would enable the State to reverse or modify many of these difficult proposals. In anticipation of this possibility, the Executive Budget includes a contingency appropriation to enable restorations. According to the Governor's Executive Budget Briefing Book, such restorations would include: State Operating Funds spending of \$103.4 billion, \$31.7 billion in School Aid, \$7.5 billion in State support for higher education in New York, \$306 billion infrastructure plan - largest in the Nation, \$29 billion in private and public Green Economy investments, \$1.3 billion Rent Relief Program, \$20 billion to create or preserve 100,000 affordable homes, \$128 Million for Homeless Housing and Assistance, \$15 cap on broadband for low-income families, \$150 million to address food insecurity, \$10 million investment in the Liberty Defense Fund to provide free legal consultations and screenings to undocumented New Yorkers, \$130 million Pandemic Recovery and Restoration Program to support small businesses, restaurant, art and entertainment industries that were highly-impacted by COVID, a \$40 Million Infectious Disease Resiliency Commercialization Fund to fast-track innovations and address emerging health threats and the creation of a public health corps that will assist in supporting COVID-19 vaccination operations, establishing a best-in-the-nation emergency response public health capacity.

Against the backdrop of the above budget focus at the capitol, we will continue to work with the Administration to advance the notion that Athletic Trainers should, in many instances and settings be considered essential staff eligible for early phases of vaccination efforts. We will also continue our ongoing work with the legislature and their staff on the AT Licensure bill. As of the drafting of this report, our new Senate Bill number has been revealed to be **S2023** and we expect the Assembly bill will be introduced within the next week or two. At the start of every two-year session, all live bills receive new numbers. This year, said process is a bit slower than usual because of the need to put all such requests through an online portal as opposed to past years when such bills were actually walked over to bill drafting.

Also, important to note, is the fact that a number of new members were sworn in in early January (see recent Election Reports) and their Committee assignments followed soon after. We are in the process of meeting such new members, introducing them to NYSATA, the profession of Athletic Training and the need to pass our bill this session. This would be a great time to reach out to your members, make sure they are a co-sponsor of the bills and introduce yourself if you have a new representative. You can identify your members online at [Find My State Senator](#) and [Find my State Assembly Member](#).

## Onward and Upward!



### Public Relations Committee

Michael Cendoma, MS, ATC Chair

### **NYSATA and TUFSS Initiative Aims to Develop and Implement State Level Interdisciplinary Best Practice Emergency Care Policies**

Team Up for Sports Safety (TUFSS) is a program through the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI) that looks to help key stakeholders in each state come together to develop and implement best practice policies that improve the safety of athletics in secondary schools. TUFSS is supported by grants from the NFL, NATA, and other donors. In January 2021 the NYSATA Executive Council endorsed efforts to form the NYSATA-TUFSS Planning Committee. NYSATA-TUFSS Planning Committee Chair, Mike Cendoma, has been working closely with KSI Chief Operating Officer, Rebecca Sterns to lay the groundwork for an intelligence summit slated for the summer 2021. The summit will bring together key stakeholder personnel from athletic training, EMS, medicine, trauma, and secondary schools. Efforts will focus on interdisciplinary and collaborative best practice policy for care and management of cardiac arrest, heat stroke, and emerging neurological conditions in the secondary school setting. Watch for updates in future NYSATA newsletters.

# NYSATA Account Balance

David J. Byrnes, MS, ATC - Treasurer

(as of February 1, 2021)

| <b>MUTUAL FUNDS/ ETFs</b>                       | <b>Market Value</b> | <b>Quantity Held</b> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Vanguard Malvern Short Term ETF                 | \$15,405.00         | 300.00               |
| Vanguard Short Term ETF                         | \$12,460.22         | 150                  |
| Alerian MLP ETF                                 | \$4,787.85          | 177                  |
| Blackrock Credit Strategies                     | \$12,953.43         | 1225.49              |
| SPDR Doubleline Tactical ETF                    | \$39,396.00         | 800                  |
| <b>U.S. COMMON STOCK</b>                        | <b>Market Value</b> | <b>Quantity Held</b> |
| Illinois Tool Works                             | \$7,781.20          | 40                   |
| AT&T Inc  | \$15,041.25         | 525                  |
| Ares Capital                                    | \$14,000.00         | 800                  |
| CVS   | \$8,953.75          | 125                  |
| Pfizer  | \$14,346.00         | 400                  |
| Mondelez Intl Inc                               | \$6,924.38          | 125                  |
| Unilever  | \$10,216.50         | 175                  |
| Kellogg Company                                 | \$8,248.80          | 140                  |
| Johnson & Johnson                               | \$9,762.60          | 60                   |
| Proctor & Gamble                                | \$12,897.00         | 100                  |
| Blackstone Group                                | \$13,866.00         | 200                  |
| Viatis  | \$857.99            | 49                   |
| Verizon   | \$8,166.75          | 150                  |
| <b>CORPORATE BONDS</b>                          | <b>Market Value</b> | <b>Quantity Held</b> |
| Arrow Electronics                               | \$12,039.48         |                      |
| Viacom  | \$21,763.20         |                      |
| Boeing  | \$15,190.20         |                      |
| Morgan Stanley                                  | \$15,075.30         |                      |
| Dr Pepper Snapple                               | \$15,505.35         |                      |
| <b>PREFERRED SECURITIES</b>                     | <b>Market Value</b> | <b>Quantity Held</b> |
| Capital One                                     | \$9,166.50          | 350                  |
| <b>Wells Fargo Deposit Account (Investment)</b> | \$35,900.03         |                      |
| <b>Checking Account</b>                         | \$56,797.18         |                      |
|   |                     |                      |
| <b>Account Total</b>                            | <b>\$397,501.96</b> |                      |
|   |                     |                      |

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## Committee Chairs

### Awards

Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC  
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### Conference and Program

Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC  
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### Governmental Affairs

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Colonie Central High School  
Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC  
Utica College

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Andy Smith, MS, ATC  
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### History and Archives

OPEN

### Joseph Abraham Award

Meg Greiner, MS, ATC  
Hendrick Hudson High School

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Eastridge High School

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Cornell University

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## The NYSATA Newsletter

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## Got NPI#?

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

## Regional Reps

### Region 1 LI

Nassau, Suffolk

James Pierre-Glaude, DPT, ATC, CSCS  
Stony Brook University

### Region 1 NYC

Richmond, Kings, Queens, Bronx, New York

Nicole Hovey, MS, ATC  
Saint Ann's School

### 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

Carla Pasquarelli, ATC  
St Mary's Healthcare



### Region 4

Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Franklin,

Hamilton, Clinton, Essex, Warren

Jason Pachter, MS, ATC, CSCS  
State University of Plattsburgh

### 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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Jarett Rhoads, MSEd., 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

James Pierre-Glaude, DPT, ATC, CSCS

Congratulations to Edward Modica, ATC, Head Athletic Trainer of St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington, NY for being recognized as an essential worker

in the Long Island region. Recently Mr. Modica was featured by the NY Daily News. To learn more about him, read the [article online](#).

Congratulations and well wishes to LIU Brooklyn and Hofstra Alumna KatieRose Healey, MS, ATC on her new position as an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Molloy College.



### Region 1 NYC

Nicole Hovey, MS, ATC

#### LIU Brooklyn

LIU Brooklyn Alumnus Elizabeth Serewicz, MS, ATC is an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Grand View University in Iowa.

Christine Friel, MS, ATC is the Associate Director of Sports Medicine at College of Mount Saint Vincent in the Bronx.

LIU Brooklyn and Hofstra Alumna KatieRose Healey, MS, ATC is an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Molloy College

#### Harkness Center for Dance Injuries at NYU Langone Health

Alison Deleget, MS, ATC and Dr. Joshua Honrado, DAT joined Dance Theatre of Harlem (DTH) in Tivoli, NY, for several weeks in October 2020, while the company enjoyed a bubble residency. With full COVID-19 PPE precautions in place, Joshua and Alison provided treatment to the dancers. Harkness Center has been treating DTH for almost 30 years, so reuniting during this unusual time was mutually rewarding and beneficial.

While many offsite contracts with dance companies have been paused while shows and in-person training and performing are suspended, the Harkness Center for Dance Injuries athletic trainers have been working hard to provide in-person and virtual Injury Prevention Assessments to dancers, as well as developing new virtual educational content. Will Zinser, MS, ATC, created a workshop titled "Guidelines for a Conscientious Return to the Studio," which he has been teaching to dance students, professionals, and educators. Dr. Honrado is working with the education team at Harkness Center to develop a virtual three-day course for dance educators that will take place March 11-13, 2021. He will teach Boys Strength and Conditioning Considerations, a topic he has been



The Dance Theatre of Harlem Company  
photo by William E. Cotton

developing to address the specific training and psychosocial needs of boys in dance.



#### Region 4

[Jason Pachter, MS, ATC, CSCS](#)

Congratulations to Deanna Errico for being named to the EATA's '49 Club Committee. The EATA's '49 Club Committee determines which individuals nominated to the EATA '49 Club meet the criteria and are inducted each

year. The '49 Club recognizes EATA members for their contributions to their state, district, and EATA.



#### Region 5

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

#### Ithaca College

Professor and Director of Athletic Training in the Department of Exercise Science and Athletic Training, Paul R. Geisler, EdD, ATC was invited to submit a paper for peer review in the

Journal of Athletic Training's new "[Current Clinical Concepts](#)" column on iliotibial band pathology.

Two senior Athletic Training students, Madison Durocher and Abi Field, were awarded scholarships through EATA.

Senior Athletic Training student Bella Sterling and Clinical Professor Courtney Gray presented a case study at VEATA.

To combat the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on clinical experiences, the athletic training department created a student-alumni virtual preceptor program "[Sowing the Seeds of Connectivity](#)".

In the fall of 2021 Ithaca College began a [dual degree Master's in Athletic Training program](#) that will allow students to graduate with a master's degree in five years.

#### Cortland

Tyler Dancause, PT, DPT, ATC has recently joined the staff of Goldwyn & Boyland Physical Therapy. He will be responsible for clinic duties in the Cortland office. In addition, Tyler will be providing athletic training coverage with Homer High School Football, Cortland-Homer Ice Hockey, and NYS Girls Soccer

and Lacrosse Championships amongst other duties. Tyler graduated from SUNY Brockport in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training and Kinesiology and SUNY Upstate Medical University in 2020 with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

**Syracuse**

Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists Continuing Education provides educational programming to enhance the knowledge and skills of clinicians throughout the Central New York region to improve the quality of care throughout the community. SOS Continuing Ed offers both [live and home study programs](#).

**Region 7**

[Jacob Habemehl, MS, ATC, ACLS](#)

**University of Buffalo**

Congratulations to our NYSATA Scholarship winners: Victoria Parr, Ed Abromoski Scholarship  
Keiona Nance, NYSATA Memorial Scholarship

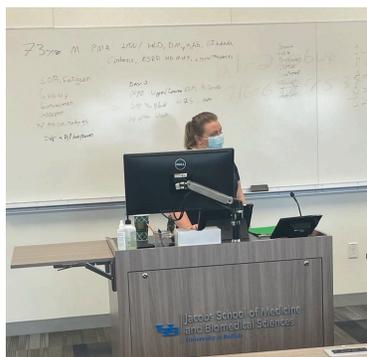


First-year student Marie Pettitt, pictured right, was named to the NATA Student Leadership Committee District 2 Representative.



First-year students participated in the Fall Interprofessional Forum with over 900 other health professions students from over 12 health professions. This was done virtually for the first-time and involved an AT student with 6 other health professions in a group to work on a patient case with a faculty facilitator. Ryan Krzyzanowicz, DAT, ATC, Sarah Krzyzanowicz, MEd, ATC and Rebecca Begalle, PhD, ATC all served as faculty facilitators.

Second-year students participated in a Standardized Patient experience with trained actors at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Clinical Competency Center. This was one of the culminating experiences prior to their full clinical immersions this spring. The case was developed by Coordinator of Clinical Education Sarah Krzyzanowicz, MEd, ATC, pictured left.

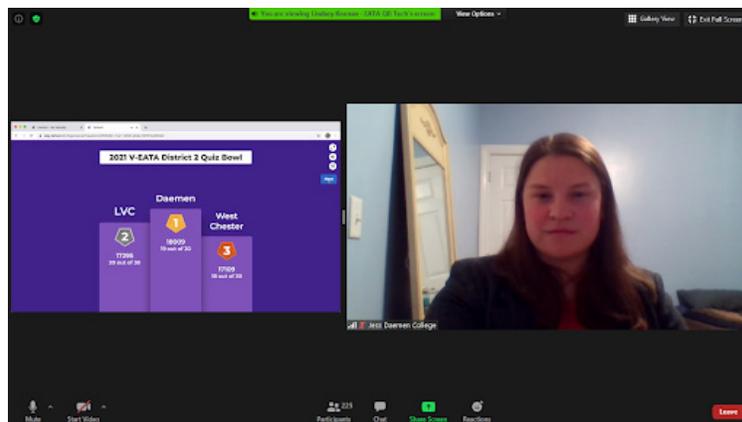


Second-year student Kara Haboian collaborated with students from UB's Dietetic Internship, Masters in Public Health and Social work to bring Wellness Wednesdays to the Seneca-Babcock Community Center in the City of Buffalo. The Community Center is the linchpin of this section of the city providing after school programming, meals, internet and more for the families that live here. The students are providing ways to stay healthy, access covid resources, healthy cooking demonstrations, and more.

Program Director Ryan Krzyzanowicz, DAT, ATC presented at the CAATE Accreditation Conference as part of a panel on "The Role of Peer-Review". The conference was held virtually due to Covid-19. Dr. Krzyzanowicz also took part in a roundtable discussion for the CAATE on "Developing Programmatic Frameworks". Finally, early this fall Dr. Krzyzanowicz was invited by the NATA to give a presentation as part of the Athletic Training Education Committee Webinar on "Development of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Activities".

**Daemen College**

Daemen College Athletic Training student Jessica Baun, pictured below, won the EATA quiz bowl and will represent District 2 at the NATA quiz Bowl.



*Daemen College Alumna and current Daemen College Athletic Training (DCAT) student teams faced off at the AFC championship game.*

Audrey Yokopovich, (pictured top left, next page) 2020 graduate of the DCAT program, currently works for the Kansas City Chiefs and attributes her position there to her clinical education experience with the Buffalo Bills. DCAT student, Andrew Brush, (picture top right, next page) had the opportunity during his clinical education experience to be on the sidelines of the Buffalo Bills' games as they made their way to the AFC championship game.



DCAT is proud to announce that two DCAT students, Moriah Gregory and Jesse Toth, won NYSATA Scholarships. Moriah also received the Joseph Abraham Scholarship Award which was presented during the recent EATA annual conference.



During the COVID-19 pandemic the Daemen College Athletic Training students have been busy assisting at clinical sites doing such things as COVID-19 testing and screening. We have students, like Alexandra Hasiotis, left, who participate in COVID-19 testing at Aquinas Institute

in Rochester with preceptor Matt Rawlins, MS, ATC, CSCS, ART who is a preceptor with our DCAT program at Daemen College in Amherst, NY. Matt Rawlins is the Athletic Trainer at Aquinas Institute through UR Medicine - Sports Medicine. Alexandra has gained significant experience in the area of COVID-19 management during her time at Aquinas.

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

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center (NFMMC) Athletic Training staff have been busy in the offseason during the COVID-19 pandemic assisting with COVID screening, sanitizing, and testing at their schools as well as at the Summit Healthplex in Niagara Falls, NY. The AT staff have been working hard and their help has been much appreciated by the staff at NFMMC as well as at their prospective schools. For example, Jeff Green, MS, ATC (pictured right) has been vital at Grand Island High School (GIHS) with being the main



staff member performing testing during the day at his school. School personnel have been very appreciative of Jeff's work during this challenging time.



Staff have also been doing COVID screening at the Summit Healthplex for those patients that are visiting the Healthplex for NFMCC services. They have stabilized the process and have been vital in making sure all visitors and employees are safe coming into the Healthplex. We thank them for all of their dedication to making sure all are safe.

Pictured below:  
Laura Ranieri, Griffin Sparatorico, Kelsey Bright



Pictured below:  
Griffin Sparatorico, Jessica Surace



NFMCC AT staff have also been assisting as needed at the Medical center by helping nursing staff keep supplies and PPE stocked, and with nursing's needs during the pandemic. Darren Vukovic, MS, ATC who is the AT at North Tonawanda high school has been working on the floors during the pandemic and the nursing staff has been very appreciative of Darren's efforts and assistance during this challenging time. Thank you to all of the AT staff at NFMCC! Your help is very much appreciated. We look forward to getting back to doing what we do and treating patients at our schools.

### Section Eight Athletic Trainers Society

The Section Eight (Nassau County) Athletic Trainers Society has recently changed its bylaws to include all athletic trainers and student ATs practicing in Nassau County. If you are interested in becoming a part of this local organization, please [email SEATS](#) for more information.

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