# **SUMMER 2023**



#### **SAVE THE DATES**

NYSATA Award Nominations Sept. 1 - Nov. 1, 2023

NY AT Recognition Week Sept. 28 - Oct. 8, 2023

#### **EATA Convention**

January 5 - 8, 2024 Foxwoods Resort and Casino Mashantucket, CT

# National Athletic Training Month

March 2024

NYSATA Conference June 14-15, 2024

# NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo

June 25-28, 2024 New Orleans, LA

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# THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



LAUREN STEPHENSON, MA, ATC

Merriam-Webster defines engagement as drawing favorable attention or interest, and as the president of NYSATA it has always been my goal to increase member engagement within our organization. Since I have taken over as president I am happy to report that we have had an increase in our members joining and participating on committees as well as taking on newly appointed and elected leadership positions which I truly believe has been the source of our successes in NY.

What I did not anticipate was how much engagement we would have with the general public of NY. As I mentioned in my last report our governmental affairs committee was integral in hosting an ATs Save Lives press conference in Albany at the end of March. This event highlighted many of our members that have made life saving efforts in our state. This event was integral in gaining the attention of the legislators and general public that in part led to the passing of our licensure bill in the senate and assembly this legislative session.

I would be remiss not to mention that our legislative efforts were truly championed by our governmental affairs committee, our bill sponsors Assemblyperson Solages and Senator Bailey, and our lobbyist Karin Spencer. Additionally, without you, our members, engaging with your legislators and community members, we would not have been able to make this happen. Passing our licensure bill is the first step in improving the profession of athletic training in NY, and we hope you continue to be a part of our legislative efforts in the future.

It was nice to see so many of our members at the annual NYSATA meeting held at the Sonesta in White Plains July 20-22. Our weekend began with a productive leadership meeting and NATA legislative boot camp sponsored by NATA District 2 that helped to set some new legislative ideas in motion for the upcoming session. It was a great learning opportunity for our leadership. Thank you to D2 Director Tanya Dargusch for your support in our legislative efforts. The remainder of the

weekend was filled with a fantastic lineup of speakers and events organized by our conference committee chair Frank Alexander. We are looking forward to our next NYSATA conference June 14-15, 2024.

NYSATA events and efforts could not happen without the support and engagement of our leadership and membership. I would like to welcome all the leaders that took on new positions this year and I encourage you, our members, to be a part of promoting our profession in NY. If you are interested in being part of NYSATA please reach out to the committee chairs listed on our website or directly to me.

Wishing you an enjoyable end to your summer and a fulfilling fall season.



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

The big Governmental Affairs news is that our licensure bill passed in both the assembly and the senate. We are very grateful to our sponsors Assemblymember Michaelle C. Solages (District 22) and Senator Jamaal T. Bailey (District 36), and we awarded them each the Kent Scriber Recognition Award (See Awards Report). Assemblymember Solages has been a true champion for us and Senator Bailey was truly a dynamic force on the senate in helping make this move.

What does that mean for me, the AT in New York? Good question! We appreciate that the NYSATA Conference committee provided the GA chairs an opportunity to share this info at the conference last weekend and answered questions. The most important point is that this bill will not be enacted until two (2) years after the Governor signs it (and she has not yet signed it).

Other points we covered (we will provide answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the NYSATA website soon):

- enactment the law does not begin until 2 years after Governor signs it
- licensed professional required license to practice
- grandparenting –for those already NYSED certified you will receive your license directly without hoops to jump through
- supervising physician still required
- standard written protocol a collaboratively created document signed by physician still required
- limited permit for those who apply for license and are awaiting approval
- continued competence mandatory continuing education similar to BOC will not start until 5 years after the Governor signs
- traveling ATs we will submit a bill to allow ATs to work in NYS with their team
- neurological language NYSED requires this to be amended (and we agree) we will submit for a "Chapter Amendment" – in January

Your Governmental Affairs committee worked collaboratively with the Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) and Senator Holyman-Sigal to get a \$175,000 legislative grant. This is the Concussion Outreach Prevention & Education [COPE] grant and it was appropriated in the enacted budget to be split with BIANYS. Karin Spencer was the originator for the idea, helped us draft this grant, and was a strong advocate for both organizations as this will be a joint project.

While Deanna and Aimee have been coordinating with BIANYS for our previous \$10,000 grant, NYSATA will be hiring a COPE project manager (who will be paid through the grant) to coordinate and attend the presentations throughout the state. We greatly appreciate all the hard work our treasurer, David Byrnes, has provided in this new venture and we look forward to working with Adam H. as he takes over for Dave.



# NYSATA Legislative Update Karin Carreau, Carreau Consulting

The final gavel for the 2023 Legislative Session had been scheduled to end on Thursday, June 8, 2023, but similar to years past, both houses went into overtime. The Senate pulled an all-nighter to finally complete its work and adjourn at nearly 2:30 am Saturday, June 10, with the Assembly plowing ahead until approximately 4:30 p.m. on Saturday before deciding they would need to return for two days on June 20 and June 21, to complete unfinished business.

During the scheduled final weeks of the session, we witnessed the typical frenzied pace; both houses racing against the clock to reach agreements on bills that could properly age, lest they need a message of necessity. During the last week, 503 bills passed both houses. Among those bills was our bill to license Athletic Trainers! On June 1, after many years of work and non-stop negotiations as the session came to a close this year, the Assembly was the first to pass the bill, with the Senate following suit on June 6. While the bill is in need of a tweak to fix a drafting error (which we have already begun working on), this is a huge victory! As our work on the clean up bill evolves, we will keep you up to date. In the meantime, we will begin engaging the governor's higher education team to discuss the bill and encourage the governor's signature. Once signed, the law will not take effect for two years, giving us time to work out kinks, educate members and work on the regulations.

Other initiatives of interest to Athletic Trainers included:

- **S7455 (Serrano)/A7290 (Chandler-Waterman)** Extends authorization for certain health care professionals, including certified athletic trainers, licensed to practice in other jurisdictions to practice in this state in connection with an event sanctioned by the New York Road Runners. This includes the New York City Marathon on November 5, 2023, the Bronx 10 mile on September 17, 2023, The Staten Island half marathon on October 8, 2023, and the Queens 10k on June 17, 2023. **STATUS: The bill passed both houses and was signed by the Governor on June 30.**
- S2780 (Stec)/A3238 (Jones) Allows out-of-state health care professionals, including athletic trainers, to
  perform services at the Ironman Lake Placid 2023. STATUS: The bill passed both houses and was signed
  by the Governor on June 30.
- S7424 (Mayer)/A366-A (Otis) Requires camps and youth sports programs to establish and submit an automated external defibrillator implementation plan to the Department of Health, which must address how camp or program will make a defibrillator available and have at least one employee, volunteer, coach, umpire, or other qualified adult who has completed training course in use and will be present at camp, game and practice. Training course is defined as a "course approved by a nationally recognized organization or the state emergency medical services council in the operation of automated external defibrillators." Youth sports program is defined as:
  - o "... any league or recreation program organized to provide group athletic activity to individuals under seventeen years old or programs providing athletic activity for high school students regardless of the age of the participants of such programs." Of note, public school athletic programs subject to the requirements of Section 917 of the Education law pertaining to school sponsored or school approved curricular or extracurricular events or activities, or school sponsored athletic contests are not subject to provisions of this bill.
  - o STATUS: The bill passed both houses and is pending delivery to the Governor.
- \$1747 (Ramos)/A6909 (Solages) The bill amends the Labor Law to include an exception to allow minors, ages twelve through seventeen, to serve as a referee, umpire or official at a youth sporting event without a certificate of employment or permit in limited circumstances and with parental or guardian consent.
   \$TATUS: The bill passed the Senate but remained in the Assembly Labor Committee.
- A4944-A (Santabarbara)/No Same As Requires youth league coaches to be trained in adult and child CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator; provides current coaches have one year from the effective date of the law to receive such training; provides that a person who is unable to complete a training due to a physical disability may coach as long as a person who has completed a training is

present at all times. NYSATA helped shape the bill as we offered amendments which were accepted, and we have engaged with a potential senate sponsor. **STATUS: The bill remained in the Assembly Health Committee. There was no Senate companion bill introduced before the end of session.** 

And finally, we are currently working with the Senate sponsor of our Concussion Outreach Prevention and Education program to determine the next steps of implementation. This program will allow NYSATA, in partnership with BIANYS, a statewide platform to better educate parents, coaches and other youth sport participants to have an in-depth understanding of concussion management and repercussions.

**Session Statistics:** For those who keep track of such things: Since January 1, 2023, the start of the 2-year term of the Legislature through Saturday, June 10, 2023, 14,916 bills were introduced. From January 1, 2023, through June 10, 2023, the Senate passed 1,648 bills, while the Assembly passed 964 bills. Of the 839 bills that passed both houses this year: 135 have been signed into law, 2 have been vetoed, and 704 have not yet been delivered to the Governor. As a comparison, taking into account the same time period, 414 bills passed both houses in 2020 compared to 935 in 2019, 641 in 2018, 606 in 2017, 618 in 2016, 718 bills in 2015, 658 in 2014, and 650 in 2013.



Joseph Abraham Award Meg Greiner, MS, ATC - Chair

#### **Attention Secondary School Athletic Trainers**

Applications for the 2024 Joseph Abraham Award will be accepted from September 1, 2023 - November 1, 2023. The application will be available on the NYSATA website under Joseph Abraham Award starting September 1st. This award is open to all secondary schools and their ATs in New York and is a self nominating award. Any questions, please contact Meg Greiner, Joseph Abraham Chairperson.

# IT IS TIME TO THANK AND HONOR OUR MEMBERS!

The NYSATA Awards Committee is accepting nominations for the:

Kent Scriber Recognition Award John Sciera Service Award Sheehan Award

Inquire via email.

You can also submit names for the Joseph Abraham Award (HS) directly to Meg Greiner and for the Hall of Fame Award directly to Bob Gariglio.

The Awards nomination period is from **September 1 - November 1**, 2023.



Awards
Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC - Chair

The **NYSATA Kent Scriber recognition award** was presented in person to our Assembly sponsor Assemblymember Michaelle C. Solages, our Senate sponsor Senator Jamaal T. Bailey, and our lobbyist, Karin Spencer. The passing of our licensure bill would not have been possible without the hard work of these three individuals and their staff members as well as the NYSATA Governmental Affairs co-chairs and their committee members.

#### Assembly member Michaelle C. Solages

We send a huge thank you to Assembymember Solages (22nd district) for prioritizing the AT bill. Did you know the Assembymember was educated as an athletic trainer while an undergraduate student at Hofstra University? Clearly, she decided on a different path but still understood exactly what ATs do and knew how important it was for us to become licensed professionals in NYS. At a time when no licensure bills were even being placed on the Higher Education Committee (HEC) agenda, Assembymember Solages engaged the HEC chair and her office, and without Assembymember Solages, this bill would not have moved forward, been amended for a more streamlined language, or moved onto the HEC agenda. Her office staff members, Joshua and Nesta, were instrumental in getting this bill ready. Her relationship with new Higher Education Committee Chair Assembymember Fahy allowed our bill to be a priority for this legislative session.

Beyond our bill, we are also grateful for Assembymember Solages for speaking at our press events, including the ATs Save Lives this past March, and supporting our efforts to try to get ATs eligible for the Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus (HWB) Program. We are so fortunate to have the Assembymember as our bill sponsor, we can not thank her enough, and we look forward to future collaboration with her.



Senator Jamaal Bailey and Assemblymember Michaelle Solages.

# Senator Jamaal T. Bailey

Senator Jamaal Bailey (36<sup>th</sup> District) took on the AT Bill this past year. Given his active lifestyle, understanding of athletics, and commitment to helping athletic trainers gain licensure, his support as sponsor was a great fit for us and him. Senator Bailey quickly became our voice in the Senate by standing and speaking in chambers more than once about the importance of athletic trainers in our schools, colleges, and all other employment settings. He participated in our Press Event promoting ATs who have saved lives and got our AT members onto the floor of the senate (that does not happen every day!). His relationships with the other legislators made a difference in our bill taking the steps towards getting onto the floor for a vote. His enthusiasm about our bill and status in the Senate helped push our bill through with relative ease. We are so very grateful for his help on this bill and we look forward to working on future projects with him.

#### **Karin Spencer**

Karin Spencer has been a perfect fit for NYSATA following our years with Mary Ann McLane who imparted all her NYSATA knowledge and history to Karin for a smooth transition to become our lobbyist. We progressed to GA co-chairs and Karin knew how to utilize the strengths of each co-chair and was the boots on the ground for NYSATA in the capital. Not only did she provide us with the appropriate guidance for our AT bill and led us in our negotiations with opposing groups, pushed for our bill to get on the HEC agendas, and kept in constant contact with us, but she helped us recognize our greater potential as a partner with BIANYS in providing educational



NYSATA president Lauren Stephenson, NYSATA Govt Affairs co-chair Deanna Errico, Senator Jamaal Bailey, Assemblymember Michaelle Solages, NYSATA Lobbyist Karin Spencer, NYSATA Govt Affairs co-chair Aimee Brunelle, NYSATA President-Elect Carrie Burke.

programming for concussion (this is now our Concussion Outreach Prevention & Education – or COPE project – for which she helped us design the grant request). She also has directed us in assisting others in drafting legislation (like the CPR/AED bill that we helped edit and will assist in its passing). She was recently recognized for her advocacy with the equine industry, social work, and gun laws, with New York City and New York State highlighting her as one of their Who's Who in NY politics! We could not have traveled this journey without Karin, and we are not done, so we are fortunate to have her leading our AT team! We can not wait to tackle the next big project with her – thank you!





Senator Jamaal Bailey,
Assemblymember Michaelle Solages,
and NYSATA Lobbyist Karin Spencer

NYSATA Account Balance David J. Byrnes, MS, ATC - Treasurer (as of July 18, 2023)

MUTUAL FUNDS/ ETFs	Market Value	<b>Quantity Held</b>
Alerian MLP ETF	\$7,195.05	177
Blackrock Income Fund	\$10,698.53	1225.49
SPDR Doubleline Tactical ETF	\$32,448.40	800
Ishares Ibonds ETF	\$12,309.60	500.00
Vanguard Intermdiate Term ETF	\$9,511.80	120
Vanguard Short Term ETF	\$11,382.12	150
U.S. COMMON STOCK	Market Value	<b>Quantity Held</b>
AT&T Inc	\$7,169.45	525
Ares Capital	\$15,736.00	800
Blackstone Group	\$21,186.00	200
CVS	\$9,050.62	125
Johnson & Johnson	\$9,613.20	60
Kellogg Company	\$9,375.80	140
Mondelez Intl Inc	\$9,016.88	125
Pfizer	\$14,520.00	400
Proctor & Gamble	\$15,017.00	100
Prudential	\$9,361.18	100
Unilever	\$9,163.00	175
Viatris	\$534.34	49
Verizon	\$8,250.00	150
PREFERRED STOCK		
AT&T Inc	\$7,830.00	400
JP Morgan PFD	\$17,170.00	850
CORPORATE BONDS	Market Value	<b>Quantity Held</b>
Viacom	\$14,596.65	
Wells Fargo Deposit Account (Investment)	\$5,627.99	
Checking Account	\$24,200.95	
Account Total	\$290,964.56	



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# The NYSATA Newsletter

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#### **Governmental Affairs**

Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC Colonie Central High School Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC **Utica University** 

#### Hall of Fame

**Bob Garialio** Syosset High School

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# Joseph Abraham Award

Meg Greiner, MS, ATC Hendrick Hudson High School

#### **Membership and Nominations**

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Erin Thornton, MS, ATC Rothman Orthopaedics



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#### Region 1 LI

Nassau, Suffolk Kristin LoNigro MSEd, ATC Hofstra University

#### Region 1 NYC

Richmond, Kings, Queens, Bronx, New York
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Harkness Center fo Dance Injuries

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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, Rensslear, Schenectady, Columbia, Washington, Schoharie, Herkimer Kyle Roepnack, ATC Herkimer College

# **Regional Reps**



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Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Franklin, Hamilton, Clinton, Essex, Warren Jason Pachter, MS, ATC, CSCS State University of Plattsburgh

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#### Region 7

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# **Regional Reports**



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

# **Hofstra University**

On May 23, 2023, Hofstra Masters of Athletic Training Program welcomed in their second cohort. Both the first year and second years began the Hofstra's Northwell Emergency Medical Institute Program to become NYS EMTs. (Pictured below)

For more information about the Hofstra Master's in Athletic Training, contact Program Director, Jayne Ellinger or the Program's website. We will have a Virtual Graduate Open House event on August 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

# **Stony Brook University**

lota Tau Alpha - Alpha Nu inducted its new members and elected board on April 27, 2023: Cassidy Connelly, Amanda Goldstein (Vice President), Jacqueline Haft (Treasurer), Samantha Lovizio, Owen Lucano (Historian), Mackenzie Mulholland (Secretary), Dylan Reilly (President) Raeysha Surendran, and Chun-Tao (Tom) Wu. Samantha Caruso, ATC



('16), provided inspirational words as the guest speaker. Congratulations! Lots of activities (including fundraising to attend EATA in January) have been planned for 2023-24! (See photo next page, top)





Congratulations to our class of 2023 Master of Science athletic training graduates and new ATs who graduated May 19, 2023. We are proud of their perseverance and wish them congratulations and good luck! (Pictured left – Catherine Ledbetter, Emma Fasolino, Aundrea Knapp, Gabriella Fernandes, Prof Kathy Koshansky; row 2 – Patrick Reilly, Prof Lisa Komnik, Andres Pulgarin, William Smith, Prof Xristos Gaglias; back – Michael Brech, Rakeem Chambers, Brandon Ross, Patrick Briody)

In May, Stony Brook University welcomed 6 new graduate students into our fifth master's cohort - the Class of 2025! We are excited to work with them over the next two years and prepare them to be awesome athletic trainers. You can see their activities if you follow us on social media. (Pictured below - Sarabeth O'Hagan, Adriana Zieba Rosa, Harrison Summers, Richard Fulcher, Morgan Catalanotto, Emily Deehan)





Region 7 Jacob Habemehl, MS, ATC, ACLS

#### The University at Buffalo

The University at Buffalo MSAT Program had a 100% first-time BOC pass rate this spring.

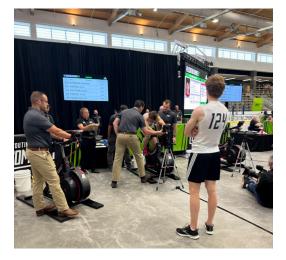
Over Memorial Day weekend program faculty and students worked

interprofessional with UBMD Emergency Medicine, UBMD Orthopaedics Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellows, AMR Ambulance and Buffalo Fire Department to provide care at



the finish line of the Buffalo Marathon. The students successfully treated 2 cases of exertional heat illness with cold water immersion. (Pictured right)

In May, Dr. Brian Mata, orthopedic surgeon through UPMC held a cadaveric surgical dissection with our 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. They were able to perform a quad tendon ACL and shoulder labrum, rotator cuff and Laterjet procedures. Thank you to Prodigy Surgical, Arthrex and Dr. Mata for their continued support.



In June, program faculty and students helped administer fitness testing at the NHL Players Combine held in downtown Buffalo. They performed Vo2max and Wingate testing for all players invited to the combine. (Pictured left)

In June the program also hosted, in conjunction with UB Athletics Staff, our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual free continuing education conference. Over 40 people attended and earned up to 8 free CEUs.

The School of Public Health and Health Professions awarded their Volunteer Service Award to the Buffalo Bills Athletic Training Staff. Their entire staff serve as preceptors for our program and are excellent role models and educators for our students. (Pictured below)

As part of a grant, all AT faculty and 14 AT students will be earning instructor certification by the American Heart Association. These individuals will then help train 3,000 high school students, coaches, families and community members in hands-only CPR during the month of August. This is free for the Western New York community.



Dr. Riana Pryor, AT faculty member, presented at the NATA Conference and Symposium on Core Temperature Afterdrop Following Cold Water





Sarah Krzyzanowicz, Coordinator of Clinical Education for the program, was named Teacher of the Year for the School of Public Health and Health Professions. She was nominated by students, alumni, staff and faculty. (Pictured left)