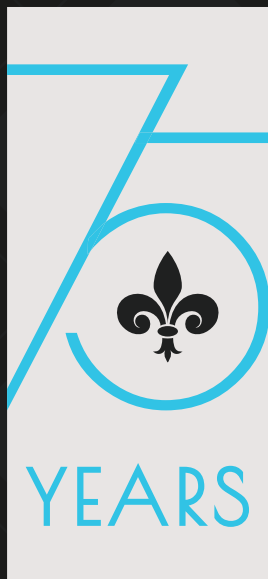


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# NATA HALL OF FAME *Class of 2024*



## **Douglas J. Casa, PhD, ATC, FNAK**

Douglas J. Casa, PhD, ATC, FNAK, has served as the CEO of the Korey Stringer Institute since its founding in 2010, and has been a professor of kinesiology at the University of Connecticut since 1999 (Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor since 2023). As an AT, Casa has successfully treated 401 cases of exertional heat stroke with zero fatalities. He has published about 400 peer-reviewed publications/book chapters in edited books and presented more than 600 times on maximizing performance in the heat, exertional heat stroke, preventing sudden death in sport and hydration. From 2018-21, he served on the IOC Adverse Weather Impact Expert Group for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, which focused on issues related to extreme heat. He was chair of the NATA Pronouncements Committee for eight years and, in that timeframe, oversaw the publishing of 12 NATA Position Statements. He was also an associate editor for the *Journal of Athletic Training* for 15 years.



## **Ray Castle, PhD, LAT, NREMT**

Ray Castle, PhD, LAT, NREMT, is a St. Joseph, Louisiana native and earned his bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University in 1990, master's degree in 1993 and doctoral degree in 2000 from the University of Southern Mississippi. From 2002-22, he served as athletic training program director and professor at Louisiana State University, which included the development of Louisiana's first Master of Science in Athletic Training program. Highlights of Castle's extensive clinical experience include volunteering at the 1992 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials and the Boston Marathon from 2013 to present and as part the USOC sports medicine staff for the 2003 Pan American Games. He is the owner/CEO of Action Medicine Consultants LLC, providing large-scale sports medicine event coordination and emergency care training solutions. He is a subject matter expert in sports-related emergency medicine and is widely known for his contributions to advancing sports emergency care. Castle's professional service is extensive, including leadership roles as Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association vice-president, 2013-16; Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association Athletic Training Student Symposium co-chair, 2001-14; NATA Executive Council for Education member, 2004-08; NATA Research & Education Foundation director, 2010-12; and Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education board commissioner, 2011-17.



## **Darryl Conway, MA, AT, ATC**

Darryl Conway, MA, AT, ATC, serves as the executive senior associate athletic director and chief health and welfare officer for the University of Michigan Athletics, owner of Conway Ventures LLC and co-founder/co-owner of Sports Medicine Emergency Management LLC. Conway currently serves as chair of the NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee and member of the NATA DEIA Council, State of Michigan Board of Athletic Trainers, State of Michigan Board of Athletic Trainers Disciplinary Sub-Committee & Rules Sub-Committee and Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer Reinstatement Committee. Having previously served with the Spine Injury in Sports Group, Conway is currently a member of the writing group for the NATA Emergency Action Planning in Athletics Position Statement and U.S. Lacrosse Spine Injury in Sport Position Statement. Conway has been recognized throughout his career, receiving the NATA Lifesaver Recognition in 2004, Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer recognition in 2019 and Athletic Trainer Service Award in 2023. He was also recognized by the Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches Association as the Northeast Regional Administrator of the Year in 2021 and received the University of Delaware Presidential Citation for Outstanding Achievement in 2012, CATS Quality of Life Award in 2018 and Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society Distinguished AT Award in 2022.



## **Kimberly S. Peer, EdD, ATC, FNATA**

Kimberly S. Peer, EdD, ATC, FNATA, is a full professor at Kent State University in the Master of Athletic Training and Doctor of Education Interprofessional Leadership programs. She has served as editor-in-chief of the *Athletic Training Education Journal* and in leadership roles with NATA, the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer, Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, NATA Research & Education Foundation and Ohio Athletic Trainers' Association. Peer has been lauded with national, regional and state level awards for her contributions to the profession and athletic training education, including, but not limited to, NATA Fellow, Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer, Sayers "Bud" Miller Distinguished Educator Award, OATA Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association Outstanding Educator and, most recently, the Gail Weldon Award of Excellence and National Academies of Practice Distinguished Fellow Distinction. Peer has presented on the international and national levels on ethics education and pedagogy. She has published extensively and has co-authored textbooks on professional ethics in athletic training and athletic training pedagogy.



## **Jiro Shikakura, MS, ATC**

Jiro Shikakura, MS, ATC, is a visiting professor at Juntendo University in Tokyo, Japan. Shikakura became the first president of the Japan Athletic Trainers' Organization (JATO) in 1996 and served through 2007. He was an athletic trainer for the Waseda University American football team from 1977 to 2017 and the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Football team from 1990 to 2019. Shikakura was vice president of the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy from 2005 to 2013 and vice-chair of the athletic trainer board of the Japan Sport Association from 2009 to 2016. Shikakura was the board director of the Japanese Society of Athletic Training from 2012 to 2017. He was inducted into the JATO Hall of Fame in 2017. Shikakura earned his Bachelor of Arts from Waseda University, Bachelor of Science from University of Michigan and Master of Science from Juntendo University.



## **Craig Alan Voll Jr., PhD, ATC, PT**

Craig Alan Voll Jr., PhD, ATC, PT, is a professor and coordinator with Purdue University. He has served in many leadership roles within the profession, including as Indiana Athletic Trainers' Association president, Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association president, NATA District Four director and, currently, NATA AT Compensation Task Force co-chair. While serving as the District Four director, Voll secured the division of GLATA into two districts: Districts Four and Eleven. The division created 27 new leadership opportunities for members within NATA. At the state level, Voll also helped secure the passage of HEA 1467, "Athletic Training Reimbursement," which created opportunities for ATs in Indiana to be reimbursed by third-party insurers, becoming a model for other states and the NATA Third Party Reimbursement Initiative. Voll was also part of the Facilitating Work-Life Balance in Athletic Training Practice Settings NATA Position Statement writing group. The statement provides recommendations to facilitate work-life balance in athletic training. Since it was published in 2018, the statement has been cited more than 50 times.



## **Cari L. Wood, LAT, ATC**

Cari L. Wood, LAT, ATC, spent more than 30 years caring for the students at Redmond High School in Oregon. During this time, she became a champion for student athlete mental health, spearheading the "Your Life Matters" suicide prevention video, which went viral, and educating fellow ATs, athletic directors, coaches, community groups and more through presentations, webinars, articles and live events. Wood has held several notable leadership positions over the years, serving as president of both the Oregon Athletic Trainers' Society and Northwest Athletic Trainers' Association, NATA District Ten director, board member at-large with the NATA Research & Education Foundation and chair of the NATA Title IX Task Force, NATA AT Compensation Task Force Gender Equity Subgroup and NATA Specialty Awards Committee. For her contributions, Wood has been recognized at the state, district and national level, being inducted into the Oregon Athletic Trainers' Society Hall of Fame in 2017 and NWATA Hall of Fame in 2017, the first woman to receive this honor.

# NATIONAL AWARDS 2024

## **Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award**

Barton Anderson, DHSc, ATC  
Anna August, MS, LAT, ATC  
Amanda Benson, PhD, LAT, ATC  
Steven Broglio, PhD, ATC  
Shelly Fetchen DiCesaro, PhD, LAT, ATC  
Hideyuki Izumi, PhD, DAT, ATC  
Jamie L. Mansell, PhD, LAT, ATC  
Christopher Mathewson, LAT, ATC, CSCS  
Diane Sartanowicz, MS, LAT, ATC  
Stephen J. Thomas, PhD, ATC, FNATA  
Alison Snyder Valier, PhD, ATC, FNATA  
Gene Elizabeth Verel  
Brian Vesci, DAT, LAT, ATC  
Leigh J. Weiss, MS, ATC, PT/DPT

## **Fellows**

Christopher Kuenze, PhD, ATC, FNATA  
Kevin C. Miller, PhD, ATC, FNATA  
Alan Needle, PhD, ATC, CSCS

## **Cail Weldon Award of Excellence**

Lindsey E. Eberman, PhD, LAT, ATC

## **NATA Honorary Membership**

Cindy J. Chang, MD, FACSM, FAMSSM

## **AOSSM Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award**

Chuck Kimmel

## **Athletic Trainer Service Award**

Kirk J. Armstrong, EdD, LAT, ATC  
Kira Berch, EdS, LAT, ATC  
Julie M. Cavallario, PhD, ATC  
Rob Dicks Sr., MA, LAT, ATC  
Aaron Hand, MS, LAT, ATC  
Mark Keppler, MS, AT Ret.  
Timothy A. Kulpa, DAT, LAT, ATC  
Blaine C. Long, PhD, AT, ATC  
David Marchetti, DAT, LAT, ATC  
Rebecca Mokris, EdD, LAT ATC  
Michael Moll, MEd, LAT, ATC  
Michael Roberts, MA, ATC, BCS-O  
Robert Roche, MS, LAT, ATC  
Christopher Shaddock, LAT, ATC  
Heather Landry Shirley, PhD, ATC, LMT  
Stephanie M. Singe, PhD, ATC, FNATA  
Robert C. Sipes, EdD, LAT, ATC  
Theresa Mackey Skrien, EdD, LAT, ATC  
Cris Stickley, PhD, ATC, CSCS  
Allen Thompson, MS, ATC, CAE  
Valerie A. Webber, MS, LAT, ATC  
Leigh J. Weiss, MS, ATC, PT/DPT  
Kenneth Wilka, MEd, ATC

## **Jack Weakley Award of Distinction**

Jeffrey Raymond Dugas, MD

## **Tim Kerin Award for Excellence**

Lyn Nakagawa, MS, ATC, CSCS

# SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS 2024

## **Bobby Cunn Student Leadership Award**

Brooke Venkitachalam – District One  
Kaley Burgess – District Two  
Teagan Crane – District Three  
Sarah Miller – District Four  
Jordan Jack – District Five  
Kristen Byrant – District Six

Woohyun “Andy” Lee – District Seven  
Nicole Briseno – District Eight  
Hailee Ashlyn Richard – District Nine  
Paige Corbin – District Ten  
Isabella Bean – District Eleven

# COMMITTEE AWARDS 2024

## **ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION JOURNAL**

### **2023 Award for the Outstanding Manuscript**

Kaitlynn Moll, MS, ATC, Lindsey Eberman, PhD, ATC, Kelsey Picha, PhD, ATC, Jessica Edler Nye, PhD, LAT, ATC, Nancy Uriegas, MS, SCAT, ATC, and Zachary Winkelmann, PhD, ATC, CHSE

*"Exploring the Use of a Social Determinants of Health Focused History Script to Facilitate Patient Conversations"*

## **CAREER ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Career Advancement Committee National Distinction Award**

Rhianna Freiburger, DAT, LAT, ATC

## **EARLY PROFESSIONALS' COMMITTEE**

### **Early Professionals' Excellence Award**

Estefania Zavala, DAT, LAT, CES

## **ETHNIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Bill Chisolm Professional Service Award**

Monroe Abram, MEd, LAT, ATC

Nicolette Harris, DAT, LAT, ATC

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION**

### **Distinguished Educator Award**

Jamie Mansell, PhD, LAT, ATC

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### **William T. Criffin Award for Outstanding Leadership in Legislative Advocacy**

Jane Miraglia, MSHA, LAT, ATC

### **Impact Advocacy Award**

Jessica Kerns, MSAT, LAT, ATC

### **Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Award Class I**

South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association

### **Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Award Class II**

Rhode Island Athletic Trainers' Association

## **INTERCOLLEGIATE COUNCIL FOR SPORTS MEDICINE**

### **Head Athletic Trainer of the Year Award: Division I**

Clint Haggard, MA, SCAT, ATC

### **Head Athletic Trainer of the Year Award: Division III**

Susan Lew, MS, LAT, ATC

### **Head Athletic Trainer of the Year Award: NAIA**

Abu Ibrahim, ATC, CSCS, CES

### **Head Athletic Trainer of the Year Award: Two-Year Institution**

David Boyd, DAT, LAT, ATC

### **Head Athletic Trainer of the Year Award: Club / Intramural / Recreational Sports**

Jennifer Krueger, MA, LAT, ATC

### **Staff Athletic Trainer of the Year Award**

Whitney Williams, MS, LAT, ATC

### **Above and Beyond Award**

Andra Thomas, MS, ATC

### **New Horizon Award**

Jenna Morogiello, DAT, ATC, CSCS

## **INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**

### **International Service Award**

Isokinetic Medical Group of Bologna, Italy

Jacob Resch, PhD, ATC

## **JOURNAL OF ATHLETIC TRAINING**

### **2023 Journal of Athletic Training Kenneth L. Knight Award for the Outstanding Research Manuscript**

Jacob Kay, PhD, MSc, Colt Coffman, Adam Harrison, PhD, MSc, Abbas Tavakoli, DrPH, MPH, ME, Toni Torres-McGehee, PhD, ATC, Steven Broglio, PhD, ATC, and Robert Davis Moore, PhD

*"Concussion Exposure and Suicidal Ideation, Planning, and Attempts Among U.S. High School Students"*

### **2023 Journal of Athletic Training Clint Thompson Award for Outstanding Clinical Practice Advancement Manuscript**

Nicolette Harris, DAT, LAT, ATC, and Lindsey Eberman, PhD, LAT, ATC

*"Board of Certification Examination Achievement Gaps as a Barrier to Diversifying the Athletic Training Profession"*

## **LGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **LGBTQ+ Award for Inclusive Excellence**

Cassandra Heald, MS, ATC

Dani Moffit, PhD, LAT, ATC

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Professional Development Excellence Award**

Cailee Welch Bacon, PhD, ATC, FNATA

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### Emerging Educator Award

Nicholas Grahovec, PhD, LAT, ATC  
Richelle Williams, PhD, ATC

### Preceptor of the Year Award

John Ostrowski, DAT, LAT, ATC

## PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ATHLETIC TRAINING COMMITTEE

### Distinction Award

Marissa Colston, PhD, LAT, ATC

## SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE

### Athletic Trainer of the Year

Heather Murphy, EdD, LAT, ATC – Overall  
Nairi Melkonian, MS, LAT, ATC – District One  
Kevin Briles, ATC, CSCS, EMT-B – District Two  
Patrick Ohaver, MA, LAT, ATC – District Four  
Ryan Palmer, MEd, LAT, ATC – District Five  
Zac Olivarez, MS, LAT, ATC – District Seven  
Nicole Arimboanga Brisco, DPT, ATC, CAFS – District Eight  
Bryce Gillespie, LAT, ATC – District Ten

## Servant's Heart Award

Thomas W. Burns, MST, LAT, ATC – District Two  
Eric Rogers, LAT, ATC, PES – District Three  
Bernie Stento, MS, LAT, ATC – District Four  
Gini Fite, MS, LAT, ATC – District Five  
Catherine "CAT" Marr, MEd, LAT, ATC – District Six  
Ron Kordonowy, AT – District Seven  
Christina Scherr, MEd, ATC – District Eight  
Christina Booe-Farley, MEd, LAT, ATC – District Nine  
Thuy-Vy Nguyen, EdD, LAT, ATC – District Ten  
Joseph LaMere, MS, ATC – District Eleven

## STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Excellence in Leadership Award

Kelly Stafford, MS, LAT, ATC – Delaware  
Phil Vardiman, PhD, LAT, ATC – Kansas

### Emerging Leader Award

J. Paul Capp, MS, LAT, ATC – Montana  
Lucas Dargo, DAT, LAT, ATC – Indiana

## NATA STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

### Chuck Kimmel First-Time Attendee Award

Erika Debenham  
Jiho Kang  
Emma Kyes  
Mitchell Morrill

# NATA RESEARCH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS 2024

## Research Awards

### Medal for Distinguished Athletic Training Research

Troy Blackburn, PhD, ATC

### The Dr. Freddie & Mrs. Hilda Pang Fu New Investigator Award

Shelby Baez, PhD, ATC

### The David H. Perrin Doctoral Dissertation Award

Mayrena Isamar Hernandez, PhD, LAT, ATC

## Service Awards

### Lifetime Contribution Award

Tom Abdenour, DHSc, ATC, CES

### Volunteer Service Award

Susan Yeargin, PhD, ATC

### Impact Service Award

Valerie Moody, PhD, LAT, ATC

### Rachael Oats Leadership Award

Stephen E. Bair

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