

A Brief History of Athletic Training in South Carolina and the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association



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CHAPTER 1

“In the Beginning, There Was Fred...”

The history of our State Association is grounded in the early ideas and direction of a few hardworking, dedicated individuals who had a vision of what our Association could be and what it could represent. As you read the chapters that follow, you will understand the willingness and determination these individuals displayed in forming our great State Association.

The earliest “Athletic Trainers” in South Carolina included Herman McGee at Clemson from 1934 to 1980, Warren Arial at Wofford 1941-42 and again from 1946 to 1955 after returning from his service during WW II, Billy Bostwick at the Citadel 1953-1968, William Walker at Wofford 1955-58, Fred Hoover at Clemson 1959-1998, Jim Price at USC 1959-1990, Vernon Caldwell at Wofford 1959-1963, and Duane Stober also at Wofford from 1963 to 1985. The first High School Athletic Trainers in South Carolina were Charles Nelson at the four high schools in Florence School District 1 in 1971, Jimmie Rogers at Hunter-Kinard High School from 1973 to 1974, Joe Kinney was the first nationally Certified Athletic Trainer in the state to work at the high school level when he started at Marion High School in 1974, Ron Caldwell at Spring Valley 1976-2007, Steve Nuttall at Laurens 1976-1978, Barry Atkinson at Hanahan 1976-1980, Randy Strickland at Barnwell High 1978-81, and Mike Smith at Laurens from 1978-1981.

In the early 1960s informal meetings were taking place with Doctors Wallace, Lundsford, Knight and Hair meeting with Fred Hoover and Herb Gulick at a steakhouse in West Columbia to discuss getting on the agenda to speak at the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Meeting. These gentlemen wanted to promote better care, particularly in the high school setting, by teaching proper equipment fitting and educating the coaches about heat illness.

By 1965 the first phase of certification was completed by the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) and certificates were issued with certification numbers being assigned to each of the 517 active members of the Association. The NATA immediately began moving toward certification by examination. A sub-committee was formed in 1968 and a brief two years later the first certification examination was administered in Waco, Texas. Twenty-eight candidates sat for that first examination in August 1970. The NATA had determined that active members in good standing could be automatically "grandfathered" until December 31, 1969. The first Athletic Trainers to be nationally certified and work in South Carolina were Fred Hoover (1965), James, "Jay" Shoop (1970), Tracey James (1970) and Andy Clawson (1971). Cheryl Hitchings was the first female Athletic Trainer in the state, and was hired by Helen Timmerman, (Women's Sports Athletic Director at the University of South Carolina) in 1974.

Warren Arial worked at Wofford College as the Athletic Trainer in 1941-42, served in WWII from 1942-46, and returned to Wofford to continue as their Athletic Trainer from 1946-1955 before moving on to work in professional sports. He did not, as far as determined, attempt to develop a state initiative for ATs at that time.

Not to say that he was not an outstanding AT, he certainly was. He is a Member of the NATA Hall of Fame and worked in various settings including high school, college, professional, and clinical.

He is a legend in the national AT vision who did indeed work tirelessly to advance the cause of athletic training. He was a no-nonsense type of person who did not mind telling you what he thought, whether you agreed or not. He was also a true mentor to numerous other AT's who were fortunate enough to work under his direction.

Within every organization, there are individuals who exemplify the meaning of selflessness to further the development of said organization. For the SCATA, there is one person who sought to build a strong foundation, so strong that when that foundation was built, it would be looked upon by other states as a model to emulate. That person is Fred Hoover.

Fred began his career in South Carolina as the Head Athletic Trainer at Clemson University in 1959. He sought to bring Sports Medicine on a larger scale to South Carolina and not only in the College/University settings. He knew in 1959, that high schools would need the medical care so desperately required. He also knew that the latter aspect would be long in coming as most of the Colleges and Universities at that time did not have Athletic Trainers. There were certainly individuals who identified themselves as athletic trainers. From the 1930s through the mid-80s, a coach would often find an individual to assume the role as "Trainer". No credential for Athletic Trainers existed at the national level until 1970, and it was not until 1984 that South Carolina began to regulate Athletic Training.

As such, Fred began reaching out to the individuals who worked within the purview of sports medicine at the various institutions to share information and experiences related to care of the athlete. Fred's view of other Athletic Trainers was such that he did not care what setting the AT served, all ATs were treated as equals, and he proceeded with the "collective effort" of all individuals involved to conduct each meeting. The meetings were very informal, usually meeting at Clemson or in Columbia, SC for an afternoon of sharing medical information and techniques. As mentioned prior, Fred was adamant about treating all ATs equally and strived to ensure that other AT's followed suit.

Herman McGee worked at Clemson picking up rocks and doing odd jobs on the various playing fields with his father, who was a groundskeeper. In 1934, Jess Neely hired Herman just before his 16th birthday as "Trainer", in 1959 Herman was given the title "Baseball Trainer". Herman McGee was never certified as an Athletic Trainer during his 46-year tenure at Clemson and worked mainly taping and providing massage to his athletes. Herman McGee was so much more to the athletes at Clemson. He was a father, friend, mentor, and counselor like few others, and remained so until his death in March 1980. Herman McGee was the "Heart and Soul of Clemson." Read more about Herman McGee here:

<https://clemsontigers.com/herman-mcgee-heart-soul-of-clemson/>

Fast forward to 1973 when Andy Clawson became the Head Athletic Trainer at The Citadel after working with Fred and Herman from 1970-1973. It was a boost to Andy when Fred highly recommended him for that position, a position Andy holds to this day. Fred and Andy were close friends and began to form a vision for our state.

Between Fred and Andy, a direction for our state began to formulate and they knew quite well that with the limited numbers of ATs in the state at that time, it was going to be a slow process, especially since the attitude towards ATs during those times was nothing more than an ankle taper and water-boy.

Fred was determined to remove this stigma from the coaches and physicians who did not fully understand the role ATs played and elevate our profession to a higher status.

Chapter 2

“Dreamers”

(the 1970s)

In the 1970s, Athletic Training was primarily seen in the College and University settings in South Carolina. A few high schools in South Carolina began to employ Athletic Trainers during the 1970s. Charles Nelson was at the four high schools in Florence School District 1 beginning in 1971, Jimmie Rogers was at Hunter-Kinard High School in 1973-74, Joe Kinney at Marion High School in 1974, Barry Atkinson was hired at Hanahan High School, Ron Caldwell at Spring Valley High School, and Steve Nuttall at Laurens High School in 1976, rounding out the decade in 1978 Randy Strickland began at Barnwell High School and Mike Smith at Laurens High School. South Carolina also saw the introduction of female Athletic Trainers in the mid to late 1970s with Cheryl Hitchings, Molly McGuire, and Debbie Granner leading the way.

The group of ATs from around the state would meet informally each summer, talk of the topics of the time and dream of a law to govern Athletic Training in South Carolina. Fred Hoover continued to lead the charge with Andy Clawson and others at his side. Later in the decade, the dream started to become reality and it appeared as if a law could happen. Fred, Andy, Bruce Getz and others began to travel the long road to get a law enacted. It would take years for this dream to be realized.

In the spring of 1972 Fred, Andy and Herman travelled to Florence, SC to present a two-day clinic. Friday was dedicated to allowing coaches to learn what to do in emergency situations and for questions and answers.

Saturday was for students, they were taught how to be more valuable to the coaches, taping and bandaging skills, and each was encouraged to become CPR and First Aid certified. Florence School District 1 employed the only “Trainer” (Charles Nelson) at the high school level in the state at the time.

It was also at this time that the same individuals wanted to begin a state association for Athletic Trainers in South Carolina. This too would take time, patience and dedication, something each of these individuals possessed. Who knew that the twenty or so Athletic Trainers in the late 70s would grow to over a thousand by 2019? “Dreamers” shaped Athletic Training in South Carolina into what is today.

Chapter 3

“The Law”

(the 1980s)

In the early 1980s the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association (SCATA) was an informal group of individuals who met each summer around the time of the annual South Carolina Coaches Association meeting. They would gather and share stories and discuss relevant topics of the time. There was no formal agenda and no named presenters, just talk. Most times the gatherings took place at the Coaches Association meeting and/or in someone's hotel room.

Up to this time the loose organization had no formal officers or agenda for meetings. The group meetings included Fred Hoover, Andy Clawson, Herman McGee, Craig Llewellyn, Dwayne Stober, Joe Kinney, Chuck Welty, Roy Don Wilson, Jim Price, Jay Shoop, Bill Williams, Lewis Martin, Herb Gulick, Bruce Getz, and Fred Williams to name a few.

Fred Hoover was the unofficial leader of the group with help from others. As Fred would say, “It was a collective effort.” In the mid-80s, structure became more important for this fledgling Association. By 1986, the group was beginning to have more structure and organized meetings were being developed.

The first Executive Council took office in 1986 with Officers being elected. Mike Dillon was President (served about six months), Joe Kinney was President-Elect, Bruce Getz served as Secretary, and Malissa Martin as Treasurer. Bruce Getz and Elaine Baker had diligently worked on developing the initial Constitution and By-Laws.

Meetings with structure became a reality during the mid-1980s with the first meetings being held at the Quality Inn on Broad River Road and at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia. Columbia became the home of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting for obvious reason. The meeting continued to take place in July around the time of the Coaches Association Meeting. Various ATs would present to the Coaches at their annual meeting each year and many times "man a booth" to assist coaches with questions about athlete's health and Athletic Trainers. Things like, "Why do I need an Athletic Trainer, I can tape?", "How do I get an Athletic Trainer?" and "How do I tape a ...?" were three of the most common questions answered.

Johnson and Johnson sponsored a room and provided supplies for the ATs to be available for the coaches. The ATs would teach coaches skills and promote Athletic Trainers and better healthcare for athletes in South Carolina. Soon ATs and MDs were included on the agenda at the annual Coaches Association Meeting.

The Constitution and By-Laws were completed, and the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association was born. The Association began to grow and host venues changed. Early on when meeting at Williams-Brice Stadium, the Athletic Trainers typically stayed at the Coaches Association host hotel.

In the late 1980's, Athletic Trainers began to have their own host hotel, and most would gather there and travel back and forth to Williams Brice Stadium.

Quickly outgrowing the Swamp Fox and Quality Inn Hotels along with the meeting space at Williams-Brice Stadium, the meeting was moved to the Addams Mark Hotel in downtown Columbia in 1992, then in 1994 to the Sheraton Hotel on Bush River Road (now Doubletree) until 2018 when it moved to the Hilton Columbia Center utilizing the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center for meeting space as the number of annual meeting attendees approached 500.

In the late 1970s and early 80s Fred Hoover, Andy Clawson, Bruce Getz, and others were working toward South Carolina having a law to govern Athletic Training in the state.

In 1984, this dream became reality when the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Act was signed into law by Governor Richard Riley. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) became the regulating authority for Athletic Trainers in the state. Interestingly, Athletic Trainer regulation was housed in the Bureau of Waste Management that also regulated garbage collection. That eventually changed and Athletic Trainer regulation was moved to the Bureau of EMS and then to the newly created Bureau of Health Professionals in 2019.

This 1984 Act created the SC DHEC Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee to provide advice to the Bureau for the promotion and regulation of Athletic Training in South Carolina. The following is taken directly from the Statute:

“SECTION 44-75-30. Promulgation of regulations; establishment of Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee.

An Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee is created consisting of nine members appointed by the board. Two members must be from the department, one must be from the State Board of Medical Examiners, four must be certified athletic trainers, and two must be from the general- public who are not certified or licensed in any health care field and are not connected in any way with athletic trainers.”

The first Athletic Trainer members of the Advisory Committee included Fred Hoover, Andy Clawson, Gary Nelson, and Bruce Getz. These four individuals along with the five other Committee Members would be responsible for the growth and regulation of the profession and protecting the athletes which Athletic Trainers served.

The Act also required State Certified Athletic Trainers to obtain Continuing Education Units that were to be offered at each SCATA Annual Meeting (Symposium), for each renewal period. The SC DHEC Certification period ran two years from the time of the individual’s initial certification and every two years thereafter.

The current Act (2019) may be reviewed by going to:
<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c075.php>

During the 1980s, numerous high schools began to employ ATs, along with hospitals, physical therapy clinics, industry, and the military. The stage was set for continued growth for Athletic Training in South Carolina.

Chapter 4

“Changes”

(the 1990s)

During the 1990s, the SCATA was growing and changing at a rapid pace. The Annual Meeting became the Annual Symposium. SC DHEC CEU cards were issued to attendees of select educational sessions at each year's Symposia and the SCATA earned status as a Board of Certification Approved Provider. The Program Committee grew, and the Symposium format changed as did the method of distributing materials. Prior to the 1990s materials for presentation were traditionally prepared by the presenter and “hand-outs” were given to the participants during each session. Beginning in the 1990s under the direction of Program Chair Walt Gainey, attendees were provided binders containing all symposium handouts and information including the agenda, a list of meeting rooms, as well as registration gifts at “check-in”. As a result of this progressive direction, our symposium program developed into a powerful agenda of topics and presenters including the likes of Dr. James Andrews, MD, Doug Casa, PhD, Kenneth Knight, Ph.D., and other Sports Medicine professionals speaking at our symposia. What transpired was something of profound pride as other state associations contacted Walt about how we constructed our symposium in such a strong and informative format that allowed all those in attendance to learn at a higher level. Terry Lewis continued the tradition when he took over as Program Committee Chair and it wasn't long until symposium materials were being spiral bound, and Member Directories were being provided.

At this juncture, the SCATA created an Awards and Certificates Committee that developed various awards and honors to recognize achievement, service, and contribution. To date the following have been established:

The Fred W. Hoover Excellence in Athletic Training Award (Hall of Fame) established 1993

The Fred W. Hoover Award, named after the longtime Clemson University Head Athletic Trainer, is the SCATA's most prestigious honor created to recognize members who have shown a lifetime of commitment to improving the field of athletic training and given a lifetime of service to the SCATA. It was through Mr. Hoover's leadership and direction that SCATA was founded and has grown into a strong professional organization representing athletic trainers throughout the state of South Carolina and playing a strong role in the development of athletic training in the nation. This is a state award, which is awarded to members that have given unselfishly to the profession, the association, and its membership during their lifetime and whose service is reflective of the high standards and dedication illustrated by Mr. Hoover. The Fred W. Hoover Award for Excellence in Athletic Training was first presented to Fred Hoover himself in 1993 and has since been presented to 19 other individuals. These individuals make up the SCATA Hall of Fame.

The SCATA Founders Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award established 2009

The SCATA Founders Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award is an honor that recognizes qualified SCATA members for their exceptional service and unique contributions to the athletic training profession. Established in 2009, the SCATA Founders MDAT is a state award, which reflects dedication to the Association and honors a member who rendered distinguished service to the field of athletic training while representing South Carolina at the local, state, district, and national levels.

The President's Award

The President's Award is at the sole discretion of the President of the SCATA and is typically presented to an individual that is not a practicing Athletic Trainer who provided services, assistance, or some means of furtherance to the association.

The SCATA Service Award established 2019

The Athletic Training Service Award is an honor that recognizes qualified SCATA members for their activities, contributions, and/or service which contribute to the enhancement of the profession of athletic training in the state of South Carolina and/or the SCATA. Established in 2019, this is a state award, which reflects dedication to the Association and honors a member who has rendered distinguished service to the field of athletic training at the local or state level in South Carolina.

Certificates

Certificates were to be presented annually to individuals for activities such as All-Star games, Shrine Bowl, Special Activities, recognition for emerging practices, college staff of the year, etc.

Scholarships

Scholarships began to be established during this period as well. The *Terry Lewis Memorial Pre-Professional Scholarship*, *Terry Lewis Memorial Post-Professional Scholarship* and the *Hannah Sobeski Memorial Scholarship* have been established to date. Funding for these scholarships is supported through donations and the proceeds of the Annual Golf Tournament/Outing.

Throughout the 1990s Athletic Training in South Carolina grew. Colleges and Universities offered Athletic Training curriculums producing more graduates to fill much needed vacancies at the high school level in particular. More and more high schools began to hire ATs or contract with providers to supply them with ATs.

According to the 2020-21 SCATA Directory there were 333 high school athletic trainers. Athletic Training had expanded into clinics, hospitals, industry, and the military, opening more jobs than ever before in the state.

The South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Act was amended in 1990 (Section 2) and again in 1992 (Sections 1, 2, 3). The profession of Athletic Training was getting a strong foothold in South Carolina.

Chapter 5

“Settling In”

(the 2000s)

During the 2000s, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association saw continued growth in numbers of members. The Annual Symposium continued to evolve with more research and changes within the profession being presented each year, resulting in greater attendance. Education of the Athletic Trainer began to change, new and different skills were being taught. Technology continued to advance, and we found ourselves being presented with CDs of the annual symposium's content including a directory listing all the members of the Association with their individual contact information, SCATA By-Laws, Membership Applications, and SC DHEC Certification Applications. The Association was settling into the ideas of experiencing growth in attendance at every Symposium and the consistent advances in technology. As such, speaker presentations became more informative and visually enhanced allowing the attendee to have broader experience in the Sports Medicine field. Additionally, it allowed the presenter him/herself to bring a wide array of information to the symposium necessary for the attendee to understand the topic at hand.

On the national front, the Board of Certification did away with the Oral/Practical portion of the Certification Examination and required candidates to complete the practical portion on a computer instead. This was initially met with resistance by many who favored the traditional Oral/Practical Exam but as time progressed, it was found to be much less stressful for the examinee.

Back on the state level, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Act (Section 1) was amended in 2006. The amendment consisted of changes in standardization of terminology and nomenclature. The SC DHEC Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee experienced its first change in Committee membership since it was established in 1985. Due to a change in employment locations Bruce Getz (Small College Settings) stepped down in 1997 and the SC DHEC Board of Directors appointed Tim Auwater his successor.

Chapter 6

“Growth and Change”

(*the* 2010s)

This decade saw continued growth of Athletic Training in South Carolina. DHEC reports showed over 1,000 State Certified Athletic Trainers (SCATs) by 2019, which nearly doubled the 535 SCATs reported in 2010. Realizing an ever-increasing number of attendees, the SCATA Annual Symposium was moved to the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in 2018. This venue allowed for a larger conference hall and increased numbers of “breakout sessions” expanding the programming opportunities. The host hotel became the Hilton Columbia Center located next door to the Convention Center.

Athletic Training Education was continuing to change with skills such as airways, suturing, and billing being introduced in entry level educational programs. A move was afoot to change the entry level from a bachelor’s degree to a master’s degree on the national level and was accomplished late in the decade. Some collegiate educational programs made the change while others did away with their programs altogether.

The SC DHEC Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee experienced member changes with Gary Nelson and Fred Hoover stepping down from the Committee after years of dedicated service. Sheila Gordon was selected to replace Gary Nelson (High School) and Danny Poole (large College/University) replaced Fred Hoover. Andy Clawson Chaired the Committee and Kevin Ennis was elected Vice Chair. Fred Hoover remains Chairman Emeritus.

The South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Act had been amended three times, in 1990 (Sections 1, 2), in 1992 (Sections 1, 2, 3) in 2006 (Section 1) and was again amended in 2019 (Sections 1, 2, 3, 4) to reflect the growth of Athletic Training in the state, providing for more regulation, implementing monetary penalties, and making it a more current document. Governor Henry McMaster signed the amended Act into law in May 2019.

To review the Act (2019) visit:

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c075.php>.

Upon completion of the revision of the Act and it being signed into law, Regulation 61-96 had to be addressed to reflect the changes in the statute. Updating the Regulation generally takes two years to complete at best. We were fortunate and the revised Regulation became effective on May 28, 2021, almost two years to the day.

To review the Regulation (2021) visit:

<https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/Library/Regulations/R.61-96.pdf>

The SCATA started to resemble the NATA structure more closely with similar Committees, Awards, and meeting style. Pre-Conference meetings were instituted offering additional opportunities for obtaining CEUs. During this decade, the make-up of the Executive Council was changed from a four-person Executive Council to a five-person Executive Council by separating the Secretary and Treasurer's duties. The Executive Council is made up of a President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and immediate Past President. In this structure the Treasurer does not progress through the line as does the President, President-Elect, and Secretary. The immediate Past-President serves in an advisory capacity for the sitting Executive Council.

It was also during the latter days of this decade that an interest in changing from "Certification" to "Licensure" within the state began to emerge again. The reasons for this change were to allow ATs to practice/perform at the highest level of their abilities utilizing all their knowledge and skills for the safety and well-being of the patient. An example of this can be seen in the Industrial Setting where an Athletic Trainer may not use certain modalities due to OSHA's requirement that the modality must be performed by a "licensed" practitioner. Another reason for the desire to change is to bring South Carolina in line with rest of the United States as all but four states "License" ATs. At the time of this writing California has no regulation of ATs, Hawaii "Registers" ATs, and New York and South Carolina "Certify" ATs. This effort has been and will continue to be an on-going process.

Chapter 7

“Moving Forward”

(*the* 2020s)

All was well at the beginning of 2020 and then the state, the country and the world began to feel the effects of COVID-19. Schools, businesses, and industries closed. ATs were furloughed, laid-off, and fired when the spring and summer sports seasons were cancelled. The SCATA adapted to the situation and the Annual Symposia was changed to a virtual platform provided at no cost to the membership. The SCATA, SC DHEC and South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) worked cooperatively to develop strategies for a safe return to sport. The SCATA and SC DHEC encouraged the employment of ATs in the fight against COVID-19. As a result, this pandemic brought a new front for Athletic Trainers, as ATs began to work alongside other healthcare professionals daily leading to more respect for the Athletic Trainer and the Profession. Athletic Trainers were participating in medical screening, nasal swab testing and vaccination procedures to assist in the battle against COVID-19. The pandemic, combined with the fact that Athletic Trainers were entering the workforce with a master’s degree, may have set the stage for the push for licensure of Athletic Trainers in South Carolina with other healthcare professionals being more willing to support and promote the profession of Athletic Training.

March 2020 saw a mandate from Governor McMaster closing all but essential businesses. Schools, restaurants, gyms, retail stores all closed, some never to re-open. By mid-May the Emergency Mandates were being lessened in restriction but still always limiting social interaction. Restaurants were opening at 50% capacity; gyms began opening with strict social distancing and cleaning guidelines. Social gathering was limited to a maximum of 10 participants by the mandate.

The SCATA continued true to form, electing a new Executive Council and continuing the pursuit for “Licensure” of ATs in South Carolina. The SCATA never missed a beat under the leadership of Brad Drake- President, Jeremy Searson-President-Elect, Amy Hand-Secretary, Jared Williams-Treasurer and Sheila Gordon-Past President. The newly elected Secretary, Will Christman, took office at the close of the 2020 Annual Symposium (Virtual) when Jeremy Searson assumed the office of President, Amy Hand moved to President-Elect and Brad Drake became the Past-President.

By late summer, schools re-opened virtually and gradually began “Hybrid” teaching models with in-person class instruction being limited. The Fall Sports Season saw dramatic changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) with some schools/sports not participating, limiting participation, and observing strict sanitization and social distancing measures. No showering, no sharing of equipment, groups were limited in size for practice. Everyone was required to wear masks, and many carried Personal Protection Equipment everywhere they went. Vaccines for COVID-19 were being developed at an unprecedented pace and the world was hopeful for their release in early 2021.

Late in 2020, a very important development was the initiation of legislation by the SCATA for the purpose of changing the regulation of Athletic Training from a “certification” to “licensure”. H4179 was proposed to “Amend The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, By Adding Article 13 To Chapter 47, Title 40 So As To Transfer Regulatory Authority Of Athletic Trainers To The Board Of Medical Examiners; And To Repeal Chapter 75, Title 44 Relating To The Regulation Of Athletic Trainers By The Department Of Health And Environmental Control.” The SCATA engaged the lobbying firm of Tompkins, Thomas & Brown of Columbia, SC with Boyd Brown as lead contact to aide in seeing the proposed legislation through the process.

Bill H4179 was drafted by the Chief of Staff for the LCI Committee, Representative John “Jay” West was primary sponsor, and we began to build a coalition behind the bill after it was introduced on April 7, 2021, and sent to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, and Industry. Representative West was the Assistant Majority Leader and sat on the LCI, which helped to maneuver the bill.

Vaccines were made available in December 2020 and began to be distributed via a hierarchy structure beginning with healthcare providers including Athletic Trainers. People began to breathe a sigh of relief as they saw an end to the COVID-19 crisis on the distant horizon. Governor McMaster began lessening restrictions on businesses and schools, group gatherings, and in May lifted the mandatory mask requirement. Masks were optional for the general public, but their use was encouraged when in group settings. It appeared things would return to a new normal.

A new crisis was realized with businesses being unable to secure employees. Nearly every business had “Help Wanted” signs in their windows. The work force was extremely limited and forced businesses to limit hours or close, supplies were difficult to obtain, and the cost of goods climbed dramatically.

On May 28, 2021, the revised SC Regulation 61-96 became effective and enhanced Athletic Training and the regulation thereof.

This Regulation may be seen by visiting:

<https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/Library/Regulations/R.61-96.pdf>

This was another important step in the history of Athletic Training in SC as it gave the SC DHEC the ability to impose monetary penalties for persons practicing in violation of SC Statute 44-75 along with providing additional instruction on “Enforcing Regulations”, “Enforcement Actions”, and new sections entitled “Standards of Conduct”, “Temporary Certification Hold” and “Patient Care and Records”.

The SCATA decided it best to again hold the Annual Symposium virtually in 2021. The Business Meeting took place July 15, 2021, at 6:00 pm followed by the first educational session. The Symposium content was offered in both a synchronous and asynchronous fashion and was available until September 30, 2021.

The SC DHEC underwent reorganization during late 2020 and early 2021. This reorganization moved the regulation of Athletic Trainers to SC DHEC Healthcare Quality, Bureau of Healthcare Systems & Services, Division of Hospitals & Professionals under Division Director Charlene Bell as of July 12, 2021.

The South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee was made aware of the reorganization on June 23, 2021, at their regular meeting.

Long time administrative assistant, Mary Neely, did not make the move with the Athletic Trainers to the new Division and her dedication and service to the profession was missed. Mary was replaced by two individuals, Ashley Grant, and Katlyn Benjamin, who looked forward to the challenge ahead of them in working with the Athletic Trainers.

The Fall of 2021 saw many schools return to live in-class instruction and hybrid models. Fall sports seasons were attempted, with some being successful in completing their seasons while others struggled with COVID-19 related issues having games cancelled or rescheduled ending in abbreviated schedules. Limited spectator attendance was not uncommon for many schools.

By Spring 2022 mask mandates had been repealed in most situations and life began to return to "normal". H4179 was still in the hands of the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry having seen very little movement. Bill H4179 "Died" in Committee.

On May 23, 2022, Fred Hoover was the first Athletic Trainer inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame during the 60th Annual Induction Ceremony and Banquet held at the Columbia Convention Center. Fred was the only inductee to receive a standing ovation and was surrounded by friends and family throughout the evening.

The SCATA elected new Officers to the Executive Council who assumed their duties following the SCATA Annual Symposium in July 2022. The officers elected were Amy Hand – President, Will Christman – President-Elect, Abby DeDecker – Secretary, Jeremy Searson – Past President. Joe Cauble – Treasurer was entering the second year of a three-year term. The SCATA Annual Symposium was again a “live” event at the Columbia Convention Center in 2022.

In the summer of 2022, we began to face yet another dilemma in South Carolina with a shortage of Athletic Trainers to fill available job openings. Employers all over the state were looking for Athletic Trainers to fill a variety of job openings in every setting.

Fred Hoover passed September 6, 2022. (see Chapter 8)

In January 2023 a new Bill was introduced in the Senate,
S 0397 General Bill, By Shealy, Setzler and Kimbrell

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO REPEAL CHAPTER 75, TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40, SO AS TO TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

June 19, 2023, Governor Henry D. McMaster signed S 0397 thereby changing the Regulatory Authority of Athletic Training from the Department of Health and Environmental Control to the LLR Board of Medical Examiners. This monumental change will ensure the continued growth of our profession in the State of South Carolina. To view the Law visit

https://www.scstatehouse.gov/query.php?search=DOC&searchtext=Athletic%20Trainers&category=CODEOFLAWS&conid=76274163&result_pos=0&keyval=767&numrows=1026

The 2023 SCATA Annual Symposium was held July 12-14 with a record number of attendees (450+). Pre-conference CEUs were available, and the social activities were outstanding as always.

As of August 2023, we had 310 Athletic Trainers in High Schools and 20 in Middle Schools.

March 1, 2024 was declared “South Carolina Athletic Training Day” by a Senate Resolution put forth by Senator Katrina F. Shealy and the approval of Governor Henry McMaster by signing the Declaration.

May 24, 2024 is the day the new Regulation was enacted, and the Board of Medical Examiners/LLR took over Regulation of Licensure for Athletic Trainers in SC. Kevin Ennis, MAEd, LAT, ATC, AFO was the first Athletic Trainer Licensed in South Carolina.

To View the Regulations click

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/Chapter%2081.pdf>

The 2024 SCATA Annual Symposium was held July 10-12, 2024. Pre-conference CEUs were available, and the social activities were exceptional as SCATA celebrated 40 years.

February 25, 2025 was declared “South Carolina Athletic Training Day” by a House Resolution put forth by Representative Shannon Erickson, and signed by G. Murrell Smith, Jr., Speaker of the House and Charles F. Reid, Clerk of the House.

The 2025 SCATA Annual Symposium was held July 9-11, 2025. Pre-conference CEUs were available, including a Mock Trail event, the educational content and the social activities were exceptional as always.

In the spring of 2026, we were pleased to learn of Jimmie Rogers receiving the first ever Carolina Classic Distinguished Service Award on March 21, 2026. Jimmie has served the Carolina Classic as Lead Athletic Trainer for more than 25 years. We also learned of Sheila Gordon being presented with South Carolina's highest civilian order, "The Order of the Palmetto" as ordered by the Governor on May 26, 2026. Sheila is a SCATA Past President and serves on the Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee of the SC LLR Board of Medical Examiners as the Vice-Chair.

The 2026 SCATA Annual Symposium was held July 15-17, 2026 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Pre-conference CEUs were available, including a Mass Casualty event presentation, the educational content and the social activities were exceptional as always. Many members were excited to see the return of "Casino Night".

In July SCATA hosted its largest symposium in association history with 453 registered attendees, 51 students and over 35 exhibitors.

On Wednesday, SCATA hosted a Pre-Conference Event "The Mass Causality Incident and The Athletic Trainer," at Segra Park in Columbia. This course demonstrated the collaboration between emergency personnel, law enforcement and the role an athletic trainer can serve during an MCI. 41 Certified athletic trainers were instructed on how to prepare for a mass causality event, initial triage, scene management, and experienced three scenarios to apply those skills. Competency was demonstrated by working through unique scenarios such as a lightning strike on

metal bleachers, a locker room gun assault, and a team transportation bus accident.

Over 50 students from the University of South Carolina and Charleston Southern University acted as patients during the scenarios. The course was taught by Donna Taylor RN, BSN, EMT-P; Chuck Taylor NCSHP-Ret and Amanda Taylor MS, LAT, ATC.

During the annual symposium business meeting, the SCATA Executive Council transitioned as Clint Haggard was elected as SCATA secretary. The current executive council consists of Abby DeDecker- President, Amanda Taylor- President Elect, Clint Haggard- Secretary, Kevin Herod- Treasurer, and Will Christman as Past President. SCATA would like to thank Will for his commitment and service to SCATA during his time on the executive council.

Chapter 8

“Our Patriarch Passes”

(September 6, 2022)

September 6, 2022, was a sad day for Athletic Trainers in South Carolina as we learned Fred Hoover had passed away overnight. Fred was the Founding Father of Athletic Training in South Carolina and the SCATA. His leadership in Athletic Training never wavered throughout his life in South Carolina. Until the time of his passing, he continued to mentor and lead Athletic Trainers.

FRED HOOVER OBITUARY

Fred W. “Doc” Hoover, 92, of Clemson, husband of the late Elva Mae Cook Hoover, passed away Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Born in Baldwin, FL, he was the son of the late Guy and Alma Houston Hoover.

Fred graduated from Florida State University in 1953 and served two stints as Athletic Trainer at his alma mater from 1952-1953 and 1957-1958.

In 1959, Clemson Head Football Coach and Athletic Director, Frank Howard, hired Doc to

serve as Athletic Trainer, a position he held for 40 years. Fred was regarded as the Father of Sports Medicine in South Carolina and was enshrined into the Citizens Savings-Helms Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame, Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame, Distinguished Service to Sports Medicine given by the American Orthopedic Society of Sports Medicine, South Carolina Hall of Fame Distinguished Service to Sports Award, Honorary Member of the Clemson Alumni Physicians Society and most recently the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a proud member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and South Carolina Athletic Trainers Association.

In 1994, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers Association created the Fred Hoover Award for Excellence in Athletic Training. During Fred's career, he worked an estimated 4,500 football practices, 446 consecutive football games, and worked for seven Clemson Head Football Coaches.

Fred and his wife Elva were proud to be a part of the Clemson community and were thankful for the lifelong friendships created over the

years.

Surviving are his son, Bryan Hoover and wife, Melissa of Seneca; daughter, Catherine Hoover Cole of Midland, GA; grandson, Andrew Cole and wife, Allison and Great-Granddaughter Julia of Columbus, GA; and his beloved dog, Lady.

He is predeceased by his wife, parents, and brothers, Tyrus Hoover and Lemual Hoover.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, September 11, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home, 108 Cross Creek Road, Central, SC.

Funeral service will be held Monday, September 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Clemson United Methodist Church, 300 Frontage Road, Clemson, SC. A reception will follow the service at Clemson Memorial Stadium.

Fred will be laid to rest beside his wife in Woodland Cemetery on the campus of Clemson University in a private committal service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the South Carolina Athletic Trainers Association, Licensure Action Fund,

scata.wildapricot.org/licensure-donation-form.

Published by Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home - Central on Sep. 7, 2022.

Rest in peace, dear friend.

Chapter 9

“A Founding Member Laid to Rest”

Dr. Joseph Abbott Kinney (1950-2025)

A dear friend and colleague of the SCATA passed this transitory life on December 1, 2025.

“Joe” was a founding member of our Association helping to lay a strong foundation. He served as President in the early formative years, imparting his wisdom in a variety of ways. His dedication to the profession allowed him to excel in many endeavors. He developed Athletic Training Programs across the state in collegiate and high school job settings. Remembering Joe’s ability to tell a story, his unprecedented wit, and strong work ethic, leave fond memories for those that knew and loved him. Joe will be most remembered for his straightforward demeanor that left no one wondering where they stood. He mentored many young Athletic Trainers during his career and was a dear friend.

Joe was dedicated to his God, his Family, and his Profession.

“Requiescat in Pace”

DR. JOSEPH'S OBITUARY

Dr. Joseph Abbott Kinney, 75, of Nichols, passed away on Monday, December 1, 2025, at Conway Medical Center following a period of declining health. Born on January 11, 1950, in Florence, South Carolina, he was the son of the late William G. Kinney, Sr. and the late Kathleen Richardson Kinney.

For 48 years, Joe shared a devoted and loving marriage with his wife, Gloria Cook Kinney. Together they built a life marked by faith, family, and service to others. Joe was deeply involved in every aspect of his children's and grandchildren's lives and was unwavering in his support of Gloria in all she pursued. Their partnership was a true witness of commitment and love.

Joe devoted his professional life to education and athletic training, a field in which he made a lasting impact across the state and beyond. He was a proud graduate of the Marion High School Class of 1968, earned his undergraduate degree from Presbyterian College, a master's degree from Appalachian State University, and later earned his doctorate from Nova Southeastern University.

His early career included service as an athletic trainer with the Carolina Cougars and the Houston Astros Minor League organization. He played a key role in the formation of the athletic training program at Winthrop University and later served as the District Athletic Trainer for Horry County Schools. Joe also taught biology, anatomy & physiology in both Horry and Marion County school districts as well as at Horry-Georgetown Technical College, where he served as an adjunct professor. He also worked as a Teacher Specialist for the South Carolina Department of Education, allowing him to serve at risk schools.

Passionate about elevating his profession, Joe became a founding member of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers Association, also serving a term as the state president. In 1997, he was honored as the third recipient of the Fred Hoover Excellence in Athletic Training Award, a recognition he accepted with great humility.

A man of strong Catholic faith, Joe was an active member of the Catholic Church of the Resurrection, where he served on the Parish Pastoral Council, and as both a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. His dedication extended to the Knights of Columbus, Father William G. Kinney Jr. Council #14862, where he was a Charter Deputy Grand Knight and served two terms as Grand Knight. He also was a Sir Knight for the Fourth Degree Assembly #2431 of Our Lady Star of the Sea. He and his wife Gloria were jointly honored as the South Carolina State Family of the Year through the Knights of Columbus.

Joe was also proud of his Irish heritage. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, serving as Sentinel for the McGarry Division 1 in Myrtle Beach. Active in his community, he further supported local literacy and education as a member of the Friends of the Green Sea Floyds Library.

Appendix A – Executive Council

Month	Year	President	Pres-Elect	Secretary/Treasurer*	Treasurer
July	2026	Abby DeDecker	Amanda Taylor	Clint Haggard	Kevin Herrod
July	2025	Will Christman	Abby DeDecker	Amanda Taylor	Kevin Herrod
July	2025	Will Christman	Abby DeDecker	Amanda Taylor	Joe Cauble
July	2024	Will Christman	Abby DeDecker	Amanda Taylor	Joe Cauble
July	2023	Amy Hand	Will Christman	Abby DeDecker	Joe Cauble
July	2022	Amy Hand	Will Christman	Abby DeDecker	Joe Cauble
July	2021	Jeremy Searson	Amy Hand	Will Christman	Joe Cauble
July	2020	Jeremy Searson	Amy Hand	Will Christman	Jared Williams
July	2019	Brad Drake	Jeremy Searson	Amy Hand	Jared Williams
July	2018	Brad Drake	Jeremy Searson	Rachael Sharpe/Amy Hand	Jared Williams
July	2017	Sheila Gordon	Brad Drake	Jeremy Searson	X
July	2016	Sheila Gordon	Brad Drake	Jeremy Searson	X
July	2015	Craig Clark	Sheila Gordon	Brad Drake	X
July	2014	Craig Clark	Sheila Gordon	Brad Drake	X
July	2013	Bill Warren	Craig Clark	Sheila Gordon	X
July	2012	Bill Warren	Craig Clark	Sheila Gordon	X
July	2011	Jerome "Raz" Razayeski	Bill Warren	Craig Clark	X
July	2010	Jerome "Raz" Razayeski	Bill Warren	Craig Clark	X
July	2009	Jerome "Raz" Razayeski	Bill Warren	Toby Harkins	X
July	2008	Jerome "Raz" Razayeski	Bill Warren	Toby Harkins	X
July	2007	Jerry Shadbolt	Jerome "Raz" Razayeski	Bill Warren	X
July	2006	Jerry Shadbolt	Jerome "Raz" Razayeski	Bill Warren	X
July	2005	Kent Atkins	Jerry Shadbolt	Jerome "Raz" Razayeski	X
July	2004	Kent Atkins	Jerry Shadbolt	Jerome "Raz" Razayeski	X
July	2003	Kent Atkins	Jerry Shadbolt	Jerome "Raz" Razayeski	X
July	2002	Kent Atkins	Jerry Shadbolt	Jerome "Raz" Razayeski	X
July	2001	David Barnes	Tim Auwater	Kent Atkins	X
July	2000	David Barnes	Tim Auwater	Kent Atkins	X
July	1999	Joe Farmer	David Barnes	Tim Auwater	X
July	1998	Joe Farmer	David Barnes	Tim Auwater	X
July	1997	Brian Reese	Joe Farmer	David Barnes	X
July	1996	Brian Reese	Joe Farmer	David Barnes	X
July	1995	Al Hawkins	Brian Reese	Joe Farmer	X
July	1994	Al Hawkins	Brian Reese	Joe Farmer	X
July	1993	Kevin Ennis	Al Hawkins	Brian Reese	X
July	1992	Kevin Ennis	Al Hawkins	Brian Reese	X
July	1991	Malissa Martin	Gary Nelson	Nelson Jones	X
July	1990	Malissa Martin	Gary Nelson	Nelson Jones	X
July	1989	Joe Kinney	Malissa Martin	Bruce Getz	X
July	1988	Joe Kinney	Malissa Martin	Bruce Getz	X
July	1987	Joe Kinney	Malissa Martin	Bruce Getz	X
July	1987	Joe Kinney	Malissa Martin	Bruce Getz	X
July	1986	Joe Kinney	Malissa Martin	Bruce Getz	X

July 1985 Mike Dillon 6 mos Joe Kinney Bruce Getz X

Appendix B – Program Chair/Symposium Location

Month	Year	Program Chair/ Co-Chair	Location
July	2026	Kyle Prothro	Convention Ctr
July	2025	Kyle Prothro	Convention Ctr
July	2024	Kyle Prothro	Convention Ctr
July	2023	Kyle Prothro	Convention Ctr
July	2022	Kyle Prothro	Convention Ctr
July	2021	Brad Yeargin/Susan Rozzi	Virtual
July	2020	Brad Yeargin/Susan Rozzi	Virtual
July	2019	Mathew Lyden	Convention Ctr
July	2018	Mathew Lyden	Convention Ctr
July	2017	Mathew Lyden	DoubleTree
July	2016	Mathew Lyden	DoubleTree
July	2015	Mathew Lyden	Double Tree
July	2014	Michelle Matheny	Double Tree
July	2013	Michelle Matheny	Double Tree
July	2012	Michelle Matheny	Double Tree
July	2011	Brad Drake	Double Tree
July	2010	Brad Drake	DoubleTree
July	2009	Brad Drake	DoubleTree
July	2008	Brad Drake	Radisson
July	2007	Robbie Stewart / Brad Drake	Radisson
July	2006	Robbie Stewart / Brad Drake	Radisson
July	2005	Dawn Youngblood	Radisson
July	2004	Dawn Youngblood	Columbiana
July	2003	Dawn Youngblood	Sheraton
July	2002	Terry Lewis	Sheraton
July	2001	Terry Lewis	Sheraton
July	2000	Terry Lewis	Sheraton
July	1999	Terry Lewis	Sheraton
July	1998	Terry Lewis	Marriott
July	1997	Terry Lewis	Marriott
July	1996	Terry Lewis	Marriott
July	1995	Terry Lewis	Sheraton
July	1994	Walt Gainey	Sheraton
July	1993	Walt Gainey	Addams Mark
July	1992	Walt Gainey	Addams Mark
July	1991	Roger Hinds	Days Inn/WB
July	1990	Roger Hinds	Swamp Fox/WB
July	1989	Dwayne Stober	Quality/WB
July	1988	Dwayne Stober	Quality/WB
July	1987	Dwayne Stober	Williams-Brice
July	1987	Dwayne Stober	Williams-Brice
July	1986	Dwayne Stober	Williams-Brice
July	1985	Dwayne Stober	Williams-Brice

Appendix C – SCATA Awards

Fred Hoover Excellence in Athletic Training Award Hall of Fame

Jim Berry 2025
Craig Clark 2025
Walt Gainey 2025
Sheila Gordon 2025
Sheila Romano 2025
Michelle Futrell 2024
Jerome Razayeski 2023
Jimmie Rogers 2023
Bill Warren 2020
Kent Atkins 2019
Scott Douglass 2017
Kevin Ennis 2016
Barry Atkinson 2016
Gary Nelson 2013
Danny Poole 2010
Elaine Baker 2010
Andy Clawson 1998
Joe Kinney 1997 (deceased)
Jim Price 1995 (deceased)
Fred Hoover 1993 (deceased)

Founders Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award

Jane Steinberg 2025
George Wham 2025
Susan Yeargin 2025
James Mensch 2025
Toni Torre-McGhee 2025
Sheila Gordon 2024
Bill Warren 2018
Mark Buchman 2017
Jerome Razayeski 2016
Kevin Ennis 2015
Scott Douglass 2014
Sheila Romano 2013
Walt Gainey 2012
Jim Berry 2011
Gary Nelson 2010
Barry Atkinson 2009

Appendix C – SCATA Awards

SCATA Athletic Trainer Service Award

Donna Bullock 2025
Amy Fraley Hand 2025
Jason Keesee 2025
Zach Richards 2025
Mike Smith 2025
Shawn Zink 2025
Jason A. Powell 2024
Ernie Drews 2019
Keeter Hayes 2019

President's Award

Bob Horner 2025
Deanna Kuykendall 2024
Senator Katrina Frye Shealy 2023
Jerome Singleton, EdD 2022
Jared Williams (SCATA Treasurer) 2021
Christopher Mazoue', MD 2020
Representative - Steve Moss 2019
Nancy Allen 2018
Mary Neely (DHEC) 2017
Dr. Jeffrey Guy 2016
John Miller (Vendor) 2011
Dr. Wendell Holmes 2010
Jim Catoe (DHEC) 2009
Dr. Larry Bowman 2007

Terry Lewis Memorial Professional Scholarship

Tina Xie / Univ of South Carolina 2026
Hannah Arnett / Univ of South Carolina 2025
Kimberly Nardi / Univ of South Carolina 2024
Carrie Zensen / Charleston Southern Univ 2023
Christina Welmaker / Univ Of South Carolina 2022
Abigail Dickinson / Charleston Southern Univ 2021
Madison Hauge / ??? 2020
Courtney Perkins / 2019
??? 2018
??? 2017
Holly Rittenberry / Winthrop Univ 2016

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Terry Lewis Memorial Post-Professional Scholarship

Brandon Rackely / Univ of south Carolina 2026
Rachel Dipeolu / Univ of South Carolina 2025
Julie A. Warren Fairfield Central HS 2024
Scott Thomas / Lexington HS 2023
Megan Willison / Univ of South Carolina 2022
Morgan Adams / Univ of South Carolina 2021
Breanna Ferguson / Univ of South Carolina 2020
Courtney Perkins / Univ of South Carolina / 2019
??? 2018
??? 2017
Elena Keretses / Univ of South Carolina 2016

Hanna Sobeski Memorial Scholarship

Laurel Krauss 2026
George "Samuel" Wham III / River Bluff HS 2025
Cameron Marc Baker / Landrum HS 2024
Ellie Krauss / St. James HS 2023
Kennedy Paige Elwood / Ashley Ridge HS 2023
Hayden Pare / Riverside HS 2022
Matthew Weyer / Lander Univ 2021
Zachary Blackburn / White Knoll HS 2020
Emily Sandago / dgthr of Sandy Sandago USC Upstate 2019
??? 2018
Tyler Futrell / 2017
Kaleb Hayes / North Myrtle Beach HS 2016
??? / 2015
??? / 2014
Kennedy Hayes / 2013

Lifesaving Award

TJ Marsh - Prisma Health (3/8/2020) 2022

Appendix C – SCATA Awards

Palmetto Athletic Training Leadership Awards

Stacie Elwood – Professional Education Leadership 2023
Kenya Moore - DEI Leadership 2022
Zachary Richards - Legislative Leadership 2022
Stacey Elwood - Professional Education Leadership 2022
Zachary Winkleman - Education Leadership 2022
Sheila Gordon - Secondary School Leadership 2022
Amanda Taylor - Post-Secondary Leadership 2022
Abby DeDecker - Membership Development Leadership 2022
Tara Chase - Practice Advancement Leadership 2022

Henry Schein Medical Athletics and Schools Rising Star Award

Caitlin Hart - 2022

Free Communications Awards Outstanding Poster Presentations

Certified Member

Haleigh Gray / Charleston Southern Univ 2023
Katie Rovtar / Clemson Univ 2022

Student Member

Toni Lee / USC 2022

Free Communications Awards People's Choice Award

Alanie Rhodes / Charleston Southern University 2022

Appendix D – SCDHEC Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee

South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee

Fred Hoover	1985-2018**	Chair 1985-99 / ** Member Emeritus
Andy Clawson	1985-2023	Vice-Chair 1985-99/Chair 1999-2023
Bruce Getz	1985-97	CEU Chair 1991-97
Gary Nelson	1985-2016	CEU Chair 1997-2013/Vice-Chair 1999-2016
Tim Auwarter	1998-2004	
Kevin Ennis	2004-	CEU Chair 2013- /Vice-Chair 2016-2023/Chair 2023-24
Sheila Gordon	2016-	Vice-Chair 2023-24
Danny Poole	2018-	

Appendix D – SCLLR / BME Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee

South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee

Dan Atkinson	2023
Larry Bowman, MD	2023
Craig Clark	2023-24
Kevin Ennis, Chair	2023
Sheila Gordon, Vice Chair	2023
Jeff Guy, MD	2023
Clint Haggard	2023
Danny Poole	2023
Charles Wingard	2023

BME / LLR

2024	Bob Horton, Legal / Jessica Biese, Board Administrator
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Appendix D - Legislation and Regulation

Legislation	Statute 44-75	Section	Bill
Original	1984 Act No. 441	Section 1-12	S0278
Amended	1990 Act No. 522	Section 1, 2	S1239
Amended	1992 Act No. 330	Section 1, 2, 3	S1255
Amended	2006 Act No. 356	Section 1	H3899
Amended	2019 Act No. 61	Section 1, 2, 3, 4	H3621
“Died”			H4179
Legislation	Statute 40-47	Section	Bill
Amended	2023 Act No. 77	Chapter 47, Title 40	S0397

Bill	Sponsors
S0278	James M. Waddell
S1239	John W. Drummond, William R. Lee, Isadore E. Lourie, Jefferson V. Smith, J.M. Waddell, Marshall B. Williams
S1255	Alexander S. Macaulay, Warren K. Giese, Harvey S. Peeler
H3899	Harry F. Cato, Daniel T. "Dan" Cooper, Michael A. "Mike" Anthony, Jeff D. Duncan, Jackie E. "Coach" Hayes, Douglas Jennings Jr., Michael A. Pitts, William D. "Doug" Smith
H3621	V. Steve Moss, Dennis C. Moss, Shannon S. Erickson, Westley "West" Cox
H4179	John "Jay" West, “Died” in Committee
S0397	Katrina F. Shealy, Nikki G. Setzler, Josh Kimbrell

Regulation 61.96			
Date	Document Number	Volume	Issue
6/23/1989	1095	13	6
6/25/1993	1564	17	6
5/28/2010	4081	34	5
6/26/2015	4496	39	6
5/28/2021	4996	45	5

Regulation 81.500			
Date	Document Number	Volume	Issue
5/24/2024	5234	48	5

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Session 125 - (2023-2024) S*0397 (Rat #0094, Act #0077 of 2023) General Bill, By Shealy, Setzler and Kimbrell

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING CHAPTER 75, TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40 SO AS TO TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS. - RATIFIED TITLE

01/17/23 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 7)

01/17/23 Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 7)

03/02/23 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 14)

03/03/23 Scrivener's error corrected

03/09/23 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 26)

03/09/23 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 26)

03/09/23 Senate Roll call Ayes-38 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 26)

03/13/23 Scrivener's error corrected

03/14/23 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 16)

03/15/23 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 11)

03/15/23 House Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 11)

05/03/23 House Committee report: Favorable Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 59)

05/09/23 House Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 21)

05/10/23 House Amended (House Journal-page 18)

05/10/23 House Debate adjourned until Thur., 5-11-23 (House Journal-page 18)

05/11/23 House Read second time (House Journal-page 24)

05/11/23 House Roll call Yeas-97 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 24)

05/16/23 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 25)

06/14/23 Senate Non-concurrence in House amendment (Senate Journal-page 85)

06/14/23 Senate Roll call Ayes-0 Nays-36 (Senate Journal-page 85)

06/14/23 House House recedes from amendment(s) (House Journal-page 71)

06/14/23 Senate Ordered enrolled for ratification (Senate Journal-page 96)

06/14/23 Ratified R 94

06/19/23 Signed By Governor

06/26/23 Effective date 06/19/23

06/26/23 Act No. 77

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Session 124 - (2021-2022) H 4179 General Bill, By West

Summary: Athletic Trainers Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40 SO AS TO TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 75, TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

04/07/21 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 67)

04/07/21 House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 67)

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Session 123 - (2019-2020) H*3621 (Rat #0081, Act #0061 of 2019) General Bill, By V.S. Moss, D.C. Moss, Erickson and W. Cox

Summary: Athletic Trainers' Act, definitions AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 44-75-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ACT OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETIC TRAINER"; TO AMEND SECTION 44-75-50, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE NAME OF THE REQUIRED EXAMINATION; TO AMEND SECTION 44-75-100, RELATING TO EMPLOYEES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE CONSIDERED ATHLETIC TRAINERS, SO AS TO ADD CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-75-120, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING A PROVISION OF THE ACT, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO TAKE CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF MONETARY PENALTIES.

- ratified title 01/16/19 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 23)

01/16/19 House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 23)

01/22/19 House Recalled from Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 41)

01/22/19 House Committed to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 41)

01/29/19 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Erickson

01/31/19 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W. Cox

03/07/19 House Committee report: Favorable Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 47)

03/08/19 Scrivener's error corrected

03/19/19 House Read second time (House Journal-page 18)

03/19/19 House Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-2 (House Journal-page 18)

03/20/19 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 17)

03/20/19 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 9)

03/20/19 Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 9)

05/02/19 Senate Polled out of committee Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 14)

05/02/19 Senate Committee report: Favorable Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 14)

05/03/19 Scrivener's error corrected

05/08/19 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 108)

05/08/19 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 108)

05/09/19 Senate Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 40)

05/13/19 Ratified R 81 05/16/19

Signed By Governor 05/31/19

Effective date 05/16/19

06/05/19 Act No. 61

Appendix D – Legislation

Session 116 - (2005-2006) H*3899 (Rat #0409, Act #0356 of 2006) General Bill, By Cato, Cooper, Anthony, Duncan, Hayes, Jennings, M.A. Pitts and W.D. Smith

Summary: Athletic trainer certification AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 44-75-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETIC TRAINER CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN APPLICANT MUST PASS THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINER'S BOARD OF CERTIFICATION, INC., EXAMINATION AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS REQUIRING SPECIFIC BACHELOR OF SCIENCE OR FOUR YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS.

- ratified title 04/07/05 House Introduced and read first time HJ-37

04/07/05 House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-37

05/04/05 House Committee report: Favorable Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-40

05/05/05 House Read second time HJ-17

05/05/05 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-18

05/06/05 House Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-1

05/10/05 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-6

05/10/05 Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-6

05/18/06 Senate Committee report: Favorable Medical Affairs SJ-33

05/23/06 Senate Read second time SJ-13

05/31/06 Senate Read third time and enrolled

06/07/06 Ratified R 409 06/09/06

Signed By Governor 06/16/06

Copies available 06/16/06

Effective date 06/09/06

06/23/06 Act No. 356

Appendix D – Legislation

Session 109 - (1991-1992) S*1255 (Rat #0370, Act #0330 of 1992) General Bill, By A.S. Macaulay, Giese and Peeler

A Bill to amend Section 44-75-20, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to definitions in the Athletic Trainers' Act of South Carolina, so as to revise the definition of "athletic trainer"; to amend Section 44-75-50 relating to requirements for certification of an athletic trainer, so as to clarify these requirements; and to amend Section 44-75-100, relating to certain educational or athletic organization employment that constitutes employment as an athletic trainer, so as to include employment on a contractual basis and employment with a hospital or rehabilitation center as constituting employment as an athletic trainer.

02/04/92 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-8

02/04/92 Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-8

03/10/92 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical Affairs SJ-12

03/12/92 Senate Read second time SJ-31

03/12/92 Senate Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-31

04/09/92 Senate Amended SJ-15

04/09/92 Senate Read third time and sent to House SJ-15

04/14/92 House Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference HJ-21

04/23/92 House Read second time HJ-11

04/23/92 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-12

04/24/92 House Read third time and enrolled HJ-3

04/28/92 Ratified R 370

05/04/92 Signed By Governor

05/04/92 Effective date 05/04/92

05/04/92 Act No. 330

05/28/92 Copies available

Appendix D – Legislation

Session 108 - (1989-1990) S*1239 (Rat #0636, Act #0522 of 1990) General Bill, By Drummond, W.R. Lee, I.E. Lourie, J.V. Smith, J.M. Waddell and M.B. Williams

A Bill to reauthorize the existence of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee for six years and to amend Section 44-75-30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee, so as to increase the size of the Board from eight to nine members and to increase the number of certified athletic trainers on the Board from three to four members.

02/13/90 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-8

02/13/90 Senate Referred to Committee on General SJ-8

03/01/90 Senate Committee report: Favorable General SJ-14

03/06/90 Senate Read second time SJ-10

03/08/90 Senate Read third time and sent to House SJ-6

03/12/90 House Introduced and read first time HJ-8

03/12/90 House Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-8

05/22/90 House Committee report: Favorable Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-8

05/23/90 House Debate adjourned until Thursday, May 24, 1990 HJ-13

05/24/90 House Read second time HJ-40

05/29/90 House Read third time and enrolled HJ-16

05/30/90 Ratified R 636

05/31/90 Signed By Governor

05/31/90 Effective date 05/31/90

05/31/90 Act No. 522 07/02/90 Copies available

Appendix D – Legislation

Session 105 - (1983-1984) S*0278 (Rat #0518, Act #0441 of 1984) General Bill, By J.M. Waddell

A Bill to regulate the South Carolina athletic trainers and to provide penalties for violation.

-amended title

03/02/83 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-593

03/02/83 Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-593

05/04/83 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical Affairs SJ-1208

05/05/83 Senate Amended SJ-1284

05/05/83 Senate Read second time SJ-1287

05/05/83 Senate Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-1287

05/11/83 Senate Read third time and sent to House SJ-1336

05/12/83 House Introduced and read first time HJ-2812

05/12/83 House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-2812

05/19/83 House Recalled from Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-2982

05/19/83 House Committed to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-2982

05/31/83 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-3264

06/02/83 House Objection by Rep. Foster, Washington & Matthews HJ-3461

04/25/84 House Objection withdrawn by Rep. Foster & Washington HJ-2622

04/26/84 House Objection withdrawn by Rep. Matthews HJ-2662

05/02/84 House Objection by Rep. McLellan, Gregory & Woods HJ-2815

05/03/84 House Objection withdrawn by Rep. Woods HJ-2882

05/03/84 House Objection by Rep. Kirsh HJ-2882

05/03/84 House Objection withdrawn by Rep. Kirsh HJ-2882

05/03/84 House Objection by Rep. Klapman & Lockemy HJ-2882

05/22/84 House Objection withdrawn by Rep. Klapman HJ-3186

05/29/84 House Objection withdrawn by Rep. McLellan HJ-3428

05/29/84 House Amended HJ-3428

05/29/84 House Read second time HJ-3430

05/30/84 House Read third time HJ-3464

05/30/84 House Returned HJ-3464

06/01/84 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled SJ-2184

06/13/84 Ratified R 518

06/19/84 Signed By Governor

06/19/84 Effective date 06/19/84

06/19/84 Act No. 441

07/02/84 Copies available

ADVOCACY

SOUTH CAROLINA'S PATHWAY TO LICENSURE

How the state is now protecting athletic trainers and their patients

By Tina Berres Filipski

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster signed Senate Bill 397 into law June 19, making the state the 47th in the nation, including the District of Columbia, to protect athletic trainers and patients by requiring licensure. The law is a huge win not only for individuals, but for the profession as a whole.

In addition to requiring licensure for South Carolina athletic trainers, the gold standard level of regulation for health care professions, the new law also moves regulatory authority from the Department of Health and Environmental Control to the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, under the authority of the Board of Medical Examiners.

With South Carolina now a licensed state, that leaves only California, Hawaii and New York without a licensure regulatory requirement. However, California has a bill pending that would regulate the profession and at press time, New York's licensure bill was on the governor's desk awaiting her signature.

The Journey Begins

Achieving licensure in South Carolina has been a goal for the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association for several years. In 2020, SCATA was one of the first associations to attend an NATA Legislative Boot Camp, an eight-hour strategic planning session tailored to each state's specific legislative needs. There they learned how to navigate the legislative process, along with the informational resources the NATA Government Affairs Department could provide.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the process stalled, but two years later, in July 2022, SCATA regrouped and relaunched its efforts to get a bill voted into law. The first step was to identify a new lobbying group that could advocate for the bill with legislators and influence decisions on behalf of the association.

SCATA President Amy Fraley, PhD, SCAT, ATC, and SCATA Legislative Committee Rep. Zach Richards, MS, SCAT, ATC, took the lead on the project by meeting with their executive council, reaching out to SCATA members for recommendations on lobbyists and sending out the request for proposal (RFP) to potential lobbying firms.

Of the firms who responded to the RFP, three were brought in for interviews with a small group of members who weren't on the executive council but were key stakeholders in the association. Based on the interviews, the lobbyists were ranked in order of preference and submitted to the executive council for a final decision. Copper Dome Strategies in Columbia, South Carolina, was chosen and put under contract by SCATA in October 2022.

The next step was to find a member of the state Senate or House who would sponsor the bill. Based on a recommendation from Copper Dome, Fraley and Richards invited Sen. Katrina Shealy to attend a football game at Pelion High School, which is within Shealy's district and where Richards is an athletic trainer.

"We hosted her for a football game so she could see one of our facilities and tour our athletic training rooms," said Richards of the visit that led to asking Shealy to sponsor the bill. "We explained why the bill was important and she was game on."

With a sponsor confirmed, it was on to the bill drafting process. Richards and Fraley went back to the profession's certification bill, which was written in 1990s, and used it as a guide to create the document that became Bill 397.

"They wrote a really good bill," said Richards of the original certification document. "We really didn't have to change much."

On Jan. 17, Shealy introduced the bill in the South Carolina State House and the legislative gears began turning.

Fraley and Richards, along with nearly 30 other SCATA members, were present at the state House on that day and were introduced to legislators. They also had an opportunity to speak with members of the Senate and, as a result, they were able to recruit two additional sponsors for the bill: Sens. Nikki Setzler and Josh Kimbrell.

SCATA utilized NATA's state-of-the-art legislative advocacy software to educate its more than 780 members on the proposed legislation and assist them in sending letters to their legislators seeking their support.

As the bill moved forward over the next six months, the lobbying firm kept SCATA leaders updated on its progress, and Fraley and Richards attended every committee and subcommittee hearing. At the subcommittee hearings, the pair also testified in front of the Senate and the House.

"Amy testified in the Senate along with Kevin Herod, a SCATA Advisory Council member, and I testified in the House," Richards said. "We were there in both of the full committee hearings in case they had any questions for us."

Working Out Bumps Along the Way

Despite a strong level of support from sponsors, the bill faced a few challenges. The first was that the bill asked for increased regulation in a state that favors less regulation. A special meeting was called with Shealy and Sen. Tom Davis, subcommittee chair, to explain why the regulation was necessary for the profession.

The other hiccup came in mid-May when legislators wanted to add an amendment to

the bill – terminology about high school skills training – which the SCATA team felt was confusing and unnecessary. The lobbyists were able to get it successfully removed.

While the bill was on the floor, Fraley and Richards also watched every livestream and communicated with the Copper Dome team by text on changes and questions.

With a lot of hard work and a bit of luck, Senate Bill 397 was the last bill to be passed during the legislative session. In fact, Shealy held the House for an additional 20 minutes on the last day of the special session to make sure state legislators could vote on the bill.

"She is amazing," said Richards of Shealy.

"Without her, I don't think we could have gotten the bill passed," Fraley said. "We definitely had the right people to do this. The stars were aligned."

In appreciation for Shealy's support, SCATA invited her to the business meeting during their conference in July and presented her with two association honors: the President's Award and the NATA Friends of Athletic Trainers Award.

Despite what seemed like a long and drawn-out process for the bill to make it to a vote, the process actually took only six months – a remarkable achievement by any measure.

"Nobody anticipated getting it through the state house in six months," Fraley said. "The original hope was to get it done in a two-year time frame. So, getting it done in six months was not expected."

Teamwork Makes the Difference

Navigating the complex and demanding process required a team of legislative professionals and Fraley credits the NATA Government Affairs Department for its guidance, information and assistance.

"I'd like to acknowledge Deanna Kuykendall [NATA's senior manager of state government affairs] and Amy Callender [NATA's director of government affairs]. They were super helpful. Whenever we had a question, they were very responsive and helped walk us through," she said. "It was great to have somebody you could text or call immediately who knew what to do."



Members of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association pose for a photo in the state Senate. This year, SCATA was able to successfully move from certification to licensure.

"I'd also like to acknowledge Zach Richards. I've worked with a lot of people, but I don't know if I've ever worked with anybody who was so dedicated. I appreciate his diligence and detail-oriented nature. This would have been very hard to accomplish if he hadn't been leading this, too."

Having the expertise of Kuykendall and Callender gave Fraley and Richards expert assistance they could count on.

"When we needed them, they answered," Richards said. "Deanna also sat in on every lobbyist meeting with us to help us make our decisions. If we had questions about procedures, they were there every step of the way. Without them, we wouldn't have been able to do this."

"They [Fraley and Richards] did an incredible job," said Kuykendall, one of four professionals in the NATA Government Affairs Department. "We are truly grateful they brought us in to be a resource throughout this process. We were able to assist with overall strategy, language review and assessment, legislative research and grassroots mobilization through our advocacy software."

Collectively, the NATA Government Affairs Department staff has more than 60 years of experience working directly in legislative offices and government affairs. Noting that each staff person has worked in a legislative office, the "insider" expertise they bring to members is very specific and very skilled – an invaluable membership benefit.

She praised the work of Fraley and Richards who she said worked tirelessly to see the bill through the process and get it signed into law.

"Many do not understand how incredibly difficult it is to pass a bill," Kuykendall said. "Only a fraction of the thousands of bills introduced in state legislatures each year will actually become law. It is an extensive process, with so many variables. It takes an astronomical amount of time, energy and effort. Amy [Fraley] and Zach have full-time jobs and families, yet there were times we were on the phone with them at 8:30 in the evening and 7 in the morning. They were 100% committed to making this happen and they did such a phenomenal job."

What's Next for South Carolina ATs

Although the law is now in place, athletic trainers in South Carolina don't need to do anything different at the moment. The law first has to go through a formal rules and regulations process and be interpreted by those charged with carrying it out. There are also no new education requirements for athletic trainers to secure a license.

"Right now, our message is: Don't change what you are doing until you hear otherwise," Fraley said. "Once the logistics are figured out, we'll get the message out about applying to the licensing board."

She anticipates it will be at least May 2024 before South Carolina athletic trainers will need to apply for the license. In the meantime, SCATA is inviting athletic trainers across the nation to submit questions for an FAQ it's compiling for its website. Find the questionnaire at scata.wildapricot.org/Licensure-FAQ. §

A SENATE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA'S ATHLETIC TRAINERS FOR THEIR HONORABLE WORK IN KEEPING THE COMMUNITY HEALTHY AND TO DECLARE MARCH 1, 2024, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC TRAINING DAY".

Whereas, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association was founded in 1984 as an organization committed to the education of its members and the enhancement of the profession of athletic training, creating better health care for the population it serves; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association is composed of certified athletic trainers from professional, collegiate, and high school athletics; occupational health; performing arts; public safety; physician practice; rehabilitation clinics; and every branch of the United States military working together to promote and practice the profession of athletic training within the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and persons engaged in regular physical activity; and

Whereas, athletic trainers are highly skilled health care professionals who specialize in immediate, acute, and emergency care; examination, assessment, and diagnosis; injury prevention; risk management; therapeutic intervention; and rehabilitation of injury and illness; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports more than one thousand members of the athletic training profession in the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have united in a common commitment to raise public awareness of the importance of the profession of athletic training and the role of athletic trainers in the provision of quality health care services; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the South Carolina Senate to promote improved health care for all of those who engage in physical activity. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize South Carolina's athletic trainers for their honorable work in keeping the community healthy and declare March 1, 2024, as "South Carolina Athletic Training Day".

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Amy Fraley, President of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association.

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Appendix E – The First SCATs

First SCATs	
Name	Cert #
Hoover, Fred W	AT0001
Clawson, Andy	AT0002
Price, Jim I	AT0003
Lewis, Terrence R	AT0004
Stober, Duane A	AT0005
Kinney, Joseph A	AT0006
Ellisor, David B	AT0007
Getz, Bruce	AT0008
Martin, Malissa	AT0009
Massey, Andrew N	AT0010
Strickland, Randall E	AT0011
Hinds, Roger	AT0012
Dunlap, Roy L	AT0013
Nelson, Charles A	AT0014
Jones, Nelson W	AT0015
Nelson, Gary G	AT0016
Leaphart, Deryl Damone	AT0017
Poole, Danny G Jr.	AT0018
Wilson, Reno	AT0019
Cooper, Brainard	AT0020
Atkinson, Barry J	AT0021
Webb, Marion L	AT0022
Barnes, David E	AT0023
Barrus, Benette L	AT0024
Towe, James R	AT0025
Bryant, Susan B	AT0026
Steinbeck, Lawrence T	AT0027
Chandler, Joe V	AT0028
Prevost, James M	AT0029
Douglass, Robert Scott	AT0030
Downing, Paul R	AT0031
Haines, Sandra S	AT0032
Duvall, Timothy S	AT0033
Caldwell, Ronald	AT0034
Ennis, Kevin U	AT0035
Fennell, Clair D	AT0036
Gaskins, James B	AT0037
Gregory, Leslie J	AT0038
Harward, Craig A	AT0039
Wehring, Susan P	AT0040

Appendix F – The First 10

Academic ATs

1	Malissa Martin
2	Michelle Futrell
3	Susan Rozzi
4	Tara Chase
5	Sheila Cathcart
	Jane Steinberg
	Vanessa Fulbright
5	George Wham
6	Brent Smith
6	Scott DeCiantis
7	Michelle Porachan-Settle
8	Ryan Sacko
9	Troy Burger
9	Daniel Lundy
9	Jason Nussbaum
9	Jeremy Searson
10	Brian J. Smith

College and University ATs

1	Herman McGee
2	Warren Ariail
3	Jess Alderman
4	Wm M. "Billy" Bostwick
5	Dave Pursley
5	Lewis Martin
5	William Walker
6	Herb Gulick
7	Fred Hoover
7	Jim Price
7	Vernon Caldwell
8	Dick Copas
9	Chris Patrick
9	Dave Huffstetler
9	Duane "Doc" Stober
9	Gary Meredith
10	Chuck Welty

Appendix F – The First 10

Female ATs

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| 1 | Cheryl Hitchings |
| 2 | Molly McGuire |
| 3 | Debbie Granner |
| 4 | Elaine Baker |
| 4 | Malissa Martin |
| 5 | Sheila Curry-Romano |
| 6 | Bennette Kyles Clinton |
| 7 | Donna Deckard-Bullock |
| 7 | Sue Truesdale |
| 8 | Kyla McDaniel |
| 9 | Cassandra Phillips |
| 9 | Michelle Futrell |
| 10 | Johanna Sowder |

High School ATs

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| 1 | Charles Nelson** |
| 2 | Jimmie Rogers |
| 3 | Joe Kinney |
| 4 | Steve Nuttall |
| 4 | Barry Atkinson** |
| 5 | Ron Caldwell |
| 6 | Randy Strickland |
| 6 | Mike Smith |
| 7 | Dunny Dunlap |
| 7 | Mike Dillon |
| 7 | Walt Gainey |
| 8 | Craig Harward |
| 8 | Damone Leaphart |
| 8 | Gene Lipsey |
| 9 | Hank Mason |
| 9 | Scott Douglass |
| 9 | Jim Prevost |
| 10 | Gary Nelson |
| 10 | James Gaskins |
| 10 | Kevin Ennis |
| 10 | Mickey Sobeski |
| 10 | Sheila Curry-Romano |

Appendix F – The First 10

Military ATs

1. Troy Burger
Heather Johnson
2. Sallie Wallace
3. Jason Nussbaum
4. Tammy Carter
5. Melissa Smith
6. Laura Horsley
7. Denise Holloway
Janet Sullivan
8. Scott Williams
9. Chris Anderson
10. Jenny Mason
Kaitlin Chrastek

Non-Traditional ATs

- 1 Dunny Dunlap
- 2 Kevin Ennis
Joe Farmer
- 3 Guy Walker
- 4 Al Hawkins
- 5 Rod Walters
- 6 Tim Auwarter
Shawn Zink
- 7 Keith Carter
- 7 Bruce Getz
- 8 Ed Duvall
- 8 Jason Keesee
- 9 Michelle Futrell
- 10 Brad Robinson
- 10 David Shervin
- 10 Jason Powell
- 10 Doyle "DJ" Church

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Professional Sports ATs

- 1 Tracey James
- 2 Al Hawkins
- 3 John Kasik
- 4 Kenny Cabe
- 5 Doyle "DJ" Church
- 6 Rob Roth
- 6 Laren Siefken
- 7 Kenny Snider
- 8 Brent Smith
- 9 Chris Greenleaf
- 10 David Lagow

Licensed ATs

Kevin Ennis - ATR 1001
Will Christman - ATR 1002
Zachary Winkleman – ATR 1003
Sarah Lyon – ATR 1004
Michael Buurman – ATR 1005
James Thomas – ATR 1006
Joshua Nelson – ATR 1007
Danny Poole – ATR 1008
Joseph Lynch – ATR 1009
Molly Ryan – ATR 1010

Appendix G – MAATA Award Recipients

MAATA Hall of Fame

George Wham 2021
Jim Berry 2020
Rod Walters, II 2011
John Lopez 2011
Fred Hoover 2011
Andy Clawson 2011
Warren Ariail 2011

MAATA Most Distinguished AT

Sheila Gordon 2020
Alice McLaine 2020
George Wham 2019
Jim Berry 2013

MAATA Most Distinguished Young Professional

Zachary Richards 2025

Gatorade Secondary School AT

George Wham 2019
Keeter Hayes 2018 Nominee

Appendix G – MAATA Award Recipients

MAATA Scholarship Recipients

A.C. "Whitey" Gwynne Scholarship

Maegan Milliet 2024
Breanna Portillo / USC 1st place
Jack Lehker / USC 2023 2nd place
Madison Hauge / USC 2020 1st place
Mary Avey / USC 2020 2nd place
Nancy Uriegas / USC 2019 1st place
Elena Keretses / USC 2016 1st place
Sarah Gilleland / USC 2016 2nd place
Adam Quigley / USC 2015 1st place

Edward J. Block Scholarship

Justin May / Chas Southern U. 2025 2nd place
Jenna Tomlinson 2023
Branna Ferguson / USC 2021 2nd place

Larry Sutton Scholarship

Jenna Tomlinson 2023
Emily Meyerl / USC 2019 1st place
Megan Moore / Erskine 2018 2nd place
Julia Greiner / Winthrop 2015 1st place

William Prentice Scholarship

Kacey Ohlemeyer / Univ of South Carolina 2019
Julia Greiner / Winthrop Univ 2014
Nathaniel Mansell / College of Charleston 2010

UCAHNRA Distinguished Alumni Award

Susan Yeargin - 2022

Appendix G – MAATA Award Recipients

MAATA Student Olympics

University of South Carolina - 2022
Jacob Wagner, Toni Lee, Liz Perrero, Alex Erskine,
Shivam Garg, Olivia McCusker, Dr. Amy Fraley
Hand

Oral Presentation

"Impact of Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus in Females
on fractures, glycemic control,
and Bone Mineral Density."
Toni Lee / USC 2022

Appendix H – NATA Award Recipients

NATA Hall of Fame

Malissa Martin - 2015
John Lopez - 2012
Roy Don Wilson - 2011
Rod Walters, II - 2005
Andy Clawson - 2001
Kent Falb - 1999
Majorie Albohm - 1999
Fred Hoover - 1981
Warren Arial - 1977

NATA Eve Becker-Doyle Leadership Award

Courtney Meyer – 2022
Kent Falb - 2014

NATA Tim Kerin Award for Excellence

Fred Hoover - 1999
Marjorie Albohm - 1997

Bill Chisholm Professional Service Award

Roger Hinds - 2015

Professional Development Excellence Award

Malissa Martin - 2014

Sayers "Bud" Miller Distinguished Educator Award

Malissa Martin - 2011

Appendix H – NATA Award Recipients

AOSSM Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award

Kent Falb - 2004

NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award

Jim Mensch - 2025
Toni Torres-McGhee - 2025
Susan Yeargin - 2025
Alice McLaine – 2023
George Wham, Jr. - 2019
Jim Berry - 2016
Jane Steinberg - 2006
Rod Walters, II - 2003
John Laughnane - 1999
John Lopez - 1999
Majorie Albohm - 1995
Kent Falb – 1994

NATA Service Award

Mat Lyden - 2026
Toni Torres-McGehee 2023
Sheila Gordon - 2017
Ernest Drews - 2017
Brian Curless - 2016
Andy Massey - 2015
Mark Buchman - 2015
William Warren - 2014
Jerome Razayeski - 2014
Kevin Herrod - 2014
George Wham, Jr. - 2013
Susan Rozzi - 2006
Jim Berry - 2006
Al Hawkins - 2005
Walt Gainey - 2004
William Hayes - 2004
Elton Hawley - 2004
Fred Williams - 2003
Kevin Ennis - 2003
David Barnes - 2003
Danny Poole - 2001
Scott Douglass - 2001
Gary Nelson - 2001
Elaine Baker - 2000
Skip Hunter - 1999

Sheila Romano - 1999

Jane Steinberg - 1996

Appendix H - NATA Award Recipients

Fellows

Susan Yeargin – 2023

NATA Honorary Membership

Jeffrey Guy, MD
Earl Wallace, MD

NATA 50 Year Pin

Rod Walters – 2022
James Laughnane - 2019
John Lopez - 2019
Joe Kinney - 2018
Kent Falb - 2015

NATA 25 Year Pin

Carlton Anderson - 2019
Sean Landes - 2019
Jeff Leiszler - 2019
Benjamin Merritt - 2019
Dennis Williams - 2019
Marcella Shorty - 2019
William Duvall - 2019
Jason Keesee - 2019
Tracy Harrison - 2019
Lori Uhrig - 2019
Brian Chickie - 2019
Tammy Marsh - 2019
Mathew Lyden - 2019
Wendall Holmes - 2018
Michelle Porachan-Settle - 2018
John Mart - 2018
Michael Ryan - 2018
Michael Baker - 2018
Becky Meisel - 2018
Andrew Holmes - 2018
Dwayne Beam - 2018

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NATA 25 Year Pin

Adam Weyer - 2022
Joe Cauble - 2022
Lisa Adkins - 2022
Scott DeCiantis - 2022
Jennifer Nesseth - 2022
Lesley McAbee - 2022
Teresa Pritchett - 2022
Jason Littlefield - 2022
Walter Lance - 2022
JuLayne Shiflett - 2022
Robert Carpenter - 2018
Kevin Herrod - 2018
Todd Wisocki - 2018
Jeff Pounds - 2018
James Mensch - 2017
Brian Bishop - 2017
Alan Ridenoure - 2017
Karen Bargesser - 2017
William Robbins - 2017
Kimberly Bressler - 2017
George Wham, Jr. - 2017
Brad Robinson - 2017
Stephen Meisel - 2017
Stefan Montgomery, MD - 2017
Shane Clark - 2017
Heather Cumbie - 2017
Barry Atkinson - 2016
Traci Napolitano - 2016
Michael Ballard - 2016
Ashley Sneed - 2016
Geoffrey Carter - 2016
Veronica Whitman - 2016
Blythe Watson - 2016
Joseph Bethle - 2015
Leonard King - 2015
Eric Buckman - 2015
Michelle Futrell - 2015
James Mensch - 2015
Tabb Lindeman - 2015
Deborah Teusch - 2015
Rachel McLaughlin - 2015

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NATA 25 Year Pin

Chance DeRouen - 2015
Jereme Vendette - 2015
Katherine Bagnato - 2014
Iris Berry - 2014
William Warren - 2014
Jean Myers - 2014
Christine Leis - 2014
Jerome Razayeski - 2014
Bryant Rose - 2014
Wendy Hollman - 2014
Andrea Cordle - 2012
Donna Deckard-Bullock - 2012
Joseph Farmer - 2012
Kent Atkins - 2012
Karen Donald-Tanner - 2012
Jeff Armstrong - 2012
Al Hawkins - 2012
Jeffrey Kramer - 2012
Philip Paolette, Jr. - 2012
David Barnes - 2011
Eric English - 2011
Edward Doherty - 2011
Thomas Szczepanski - 2011
Susan Rozzi - 2011
Shawn Zink - 2011
Guy Walker - 2011
Mack Harvey - 2011
Jim Berry - 2011
Ernie Drews - 2011
Gary Nelson - 2007
Nancy Baker - 2007
Kelly Reynolds - 2007
Michael Konoza - 2007
Andrew Massey - 2006
Brian Curless - 2006
Kevin Ennis – 2005
Walt Gainey - 2003

Appendix H – NATA Award Recipients

NATA Scholarship Recipients

Andrews Sports Medicine and Ortho Center Scholarship

Nicole Fashner / Univ of South Carolina 2020

Journal of Athletic Training Kenneth L. Knight Award for Outstanding Manuscript

Toni Torres-McGehee - 2024

Kathryn Moll - 2023

Nancy Uriegas - 2023

Zachary Winkleman - 2023

Bobby Gunn Student Leadership Award

Landon Murray / Univ of South Carolina -2025

Teagan Crane / Univ of South Carolina - 2024

BOC Lindsay McLean Scholarship

Emily Meyerl / Univ of South Carolina 2019

CASTLE Worldwide, Inc. Scholarship

Fredrick Gardin / Univ of South Carolina 2007

Chuck Cramer Memorial Scholarship

William Shealy / Univ of South Carolina 1998

David H. Perrin EDAC Scholarship

Victoria Simpson / Univ of South Carolina 2021

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Donald J. Fauls Scholarship Award

Nicole Bass / Univ of South Carolina 1994

Dr. Jack Houghston Memorial Scholarship

Amy Fraley / Univ of South Carolina 2016
Dawn Minton / Univ of South Carolina 2008

Friends of Janet Bristor Scholarship

Amanda Shields / College of Charleston 2002

Gatorade Gail Weldon Memorial Scholarship

Takeo Ichiyanagi / Univ of South Carolina 2009

Gatorade/ NATA Donald J. Fauls Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Gilleland / Univ of South Carolina 2016
Justin Goins / Univ of South Carolina 2008

Gatorade NATA Foundation Scholarship

Ashley Goodman / Univ of South Carolina 2006

Gatorade NBATA Scholarship

Wendy Morgan / College of Charleston 2003

Gatorade PBATA Scholarship

Byron Millwood / Univ of South Carolina 2006

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Graduate Scholarship Award

Margaret Frederick / Univ of South Carolina 2001

Joe and Sally Gieck Charitable Fund

Alison Gardner / Univ of South Carolina 2005

John A Mayes EDAC Scholarship

Breanna Ferguson / Univ of South Carolina 2021

Medtronic Physio-Control Scholarship

Samantha Boudreau / Charleston Southern Univ 2006

NATA Research & Education Foundation Volunteer Service Award

Susan Yeargin, PhD, SCAT, ATC 2024

NATA Research & Education Foundation Best Clinical Practice Research

Meredith Gannon / Univ of South Carolina 2026
Univ of South Carolina 2025

Carlos Rivera /

Univ of South Carolina 2025

NATA Secondary School Committee District 3 Athletic Trainer of the Year

Sheila Gordon - 2025

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NATA Research and Education Foundation Scholarship

Vanessa Gruskiewicz 2025

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”

NBATA Jeff Snedecker Memorial Scholarship

Nicole Meyerl / Univ of South Carolina 2018

NBATA NATA Foundation Scholarship

Madeleine Macklin / Univ of South Carolina 2012

NFL Charities Jerry Rhea Scholarship

Dawn Minton / Univ of South Carolina 2012
Amy Fraley / Univ of South Carolina 2009
Isaac Gardner / Charleston Southern Univ 2008

PBATS Ralph Salvon Memorial Scholarship

Elena Keretses / Univ of South Carolina 2016
Michael Marzec / Univ of South Carolina 2007

PBATS Scholarship

Kerry Gordon / Univ of South Carolina 2005
Miwa Matsumoto / Univ of South Carolina 2002

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PFATS Jerry Rhea Scholarship

Mary Avey / Univ of South Carolina 2020
Jane Sweeney / Univ of South Carolina 2017

PFATS Larry "Stosh" Neumann Scholarship

Rebecca Hirschhorn / Univ of South Carolina 2019
Elizabeth Wolfe / Univ of South Carolina 2009

PFATS/Gatorade William Tessendorf Scholarship

Madison Hauge / Univ of South Carolina 2020
Rachel Sharpe / Univ of South Carolina 2010

Postgraduate Scholarship Award

Nicole Bass / Univ of South Carolina 1995

Richard E. Vandervoort Memorial Scholarship

Nancy Uriegas / Univ of South Carolina 2021
Nicole Fashner / Univ of South Carolina 2019
David Schultz / Univ of South Carolina 2003

Ronnie Barnes Scholarship

Reann Young / Univ of South Carolina 2021

Schering-Plough Katie Burke Memorial Scholarship

Rebekah Blend / Univ of South Carolina 2008

UCAHNRA Distinguished Alumni Award

Susan Yeargin - 2022

Appendix H - NATA Award Recipients

NATA ICSM Head Athletic Trainer of the Year

Clint Haggard - Univ of South Carolina 2024

NATA Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Award: Class 1

South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association

Appendix I – Shrine Bowl ATs and Student Aides

Year		Affiliation
2025	Jason Keese	High School
	Nora Ann Pace	High School
	Collin Lollis	HS Student
	Jessica Hernandez-Sandoval	HS Student
2024	Jason Keese	High School
	Bill Krauss	High School
	Hailey Murray	HS Student
	Angel Lique	HS Student
2023	Jason Keese	High School
	Niki Gay	High School
	Autumn Graham	HS Student
	Jenna Wren	HS Student

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2022	Jason Keesee	High School
	Adam Henry	High School
	Mason Gibbs	HS Student
	Aryanna Stokes	HS Student
2021	No Game Covid-19	
2020	No Game Covid-19	
2019	Jason Keesee	High School
	Kim Bressler	High School
	Mackenzie Clamp	HS Student
	Carlee Hornsby	HS Student
2018	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Shawn Zink	High School
	Dalton Bird	HS Student
	Turner Prewitt	HS Student
2017	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Jason Keesee	High School
	Madison Lane	HS Student
	Hannah Long	HS Student
2016	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Anna Harvley	High School
	Madison Leonard	HS Student
	Garrett Williams	HS Student
2015	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Andy Holmes	High School
	Andrew Ditch	HS Student
	Bailey Kicklighter	HS Student
2014	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Stacey Baynham	High School
	Jessica Padgett	HS Student
2013	Barry Atkinson	High School
	George Wham	High School
	Audriana Peppers	HS Student
2012	Sean Poole	HS Student
	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Shane Clark	High School
	John Green	HS Student
2011	Brittany Jessee	HS Student
	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Sheila Gordon	High School
	Jodie Gunter	HS Student
	Drew Morris	HS Student

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2010	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Jimmie Rogers	High School
	Jodie Gunter	HS Student
	Drew Morris	HS Student
2009	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Steve Meisel	High School
	Michael Englehart	HS Student
	Heather Kirlough	HS Student
2008	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Bryant Rose	High School
	M. Caroline Mason	HS Student
	Andrew Gunderson	HS Student
2007	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Ed Mathews	High School
	J. Paul Dupre III	HS Student
	Rikki Luck	HS Student
2006	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Mack Harvey	High School
	Hank Mason	High School
	Dusty Bodenheimer	HS Student
2005	Kelly Cleaper	HS Student
	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Hank Mason	High School
	Ben Owings	HS Student
2004	Tasha Bowman	HS Student
	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Mike Smith	High School
	Joe Gillespie	HS Student
2003	Sarah Mason	HS Student
	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Barry Atkinson	High School
	Jessica McCartha	HS Student
2002	James Lintal	HS Student
	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Ron Caldwell	High School
	Lauren Caldwell	HS Student
2001	Will Seastrunk	HS Student
	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Charles Nelson	High School
	Rachel Geoghegan	HS Student
	Carl J. Scherman	HS Student

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2000	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Bill Warren	High School
	Christa Doane	HS Student
	Barrett Leviner	HS Student
1999	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	William Keeter Hayes	High School
	Brian Mosley	HS Student
1998	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Mike Ballard	High School
	Brent Garrett	HS Student
1997	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Fred Williams	High School
	Danny Long	HS Student
1996	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Mark Buchman	High School
	Dan Atkinson	HS Student
1995	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Sheila Curry	High School
	Reico Barber	HS Student
1994	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Ernie Drews	High School
	John McElroy	HS Student
1993	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	David Barnes	High School
	Cliff Keistler	HS Student
1992	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Mickey Sobeski	High School
	Dustin Tucker	HS Student
1991	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Walt Gainey	High School
	Chad Dantzler	HS Student
1990	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Gary Nelson	High School
	Casey Knight	HS Student
1989	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Damone Leaphart	High School
	Joey Lewis	HS Student
1988	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Randy Strickland	High School
	Jerome Razayeski	HS Student
1987	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Mike Ballard	HS Student
1986	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Tray Hubbard	HS Student

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1985	Elton G. Hawley	High School
	Kenneth Kinsey	HS Student
1984	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Kevin Holtzclaw	HS Student
1983	Elton G. Hawley	High School
	Andy Pinckney	HS Student
1982	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Curtis Thompson	HS Student
1981	Elton G. Hawley	High School
	Steve Clardy	HS Student
1980	R. Scott Douglass	High School
	Mark Case	HS Student
1979	Duane Stober	College
	John Renfro	HS Student
1978	Duane Stober	College
	Andy Massey	HS Student
1977	Duane Stober	College
	Jeff Coffey	HS Student
1976	Duane Stober	College
	David Switzer	HS Student
1975	Duane Stober	College
	Chuck Voyles	HS Student
1974	Duane Stober	College
	Danny Poole	HS Student
1973	Duane Stober	College
1972	Duane Stober	College
1971	Duane Stober	College
1970	Joe Kinney	College
1969	Duane Stober	College
1968	Duane Stober	College
1967	Duane Stober	College
1966	Duane Stober	College
1965	Duane Stober	College
1964	Duane Stober	College
1963	Duane Stober	College
1962	Vernon L. Caldwell	College
1961	Vernon L. Caldwell	College
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1959	Vernon L. Caldwell	College
1958	C.W. Branch	College
1957	William M. Bostwick	College
1956	Herb Gulick	College
1955	W.P. "Bill" Parker	College
1954	Charlie Robinson	College
1953	William M. Bostwick	College
1952	Jess Alderman	College

Appendix J – SCACA AT Awards

SCACA Hall of Fame ATs

George Wham 2025
Gary Nelson 2019
Scott Douglass 2013
Barry Atkinson 2009

SCACA AT of the Year

Samantha Holmes 2026
Nora Ann Pace 2025
Zachary Richards 2024
Cortney Bowers 2023
Caitlin Hart 2022
Jason Currin 2021
April Taylor 2020
Jason Keesee 2019
Jason Nussbaum 2018
Ernie Drews 2017
Stacey Baynham 2016
Sean Hoppe 2015
George Wham 2014
Mickey Sobeski 2013
Keeter Hayes 2012
Sheila Gordon 2011
Damone Leaphart 2010
Mark Buchman 2009
Sheila Curry 2008
Jimmie Rogers 2007
Walter Gainey 2006
Fred Williams 2005
Ernie Drews 2004
Scott Douglass 2003
David Barnes 2002
Gary Nelson 2001
Jim Berry 2000
Barry Atkinson 1999*

*first award

Appendix K – All Star Game ATs

North South All Star Football ATs

North / South

Nora Ann Pace / Laurel Smoak 2025
Mark Mancebo / Cortney Bowers 2024
Mark Mancebo / Donald M. Bailey 2023
Nora Ann Pace / Kim DeReamer 2022
COVID-19 2021
COVID-19 2020
Anna Adams / Laren Siefken 2019
Niki Gray / Scott Little 2018
Kim Bressler / Todd Stewart 2017
Michael Baker / Robbe Hedstrom 2016
Shawn Zink 2015
Walt Gainey / Scott Ganucheau 2014
Scott Ganucheau / Byron Millwood 2013
/ Bill Krauss 2012
2011
2010
Sean Hoppe 2009
Ernie Drews 2008
Ben Merritt / Keeter Hayes 2007
Jason Keesee / Brad Drake 2006
Sean Hoppe 2005
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Barry Atkinson / Steve Meisel 2002
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Mack Harvey / Jimmy Rogers 1997
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1995
Bill Warren / Mark Buchman 1994
1993
Walt Gainey / Chuck Pinta 1992
Mickey Sobeski / Ernie Drews 1991
Mike Smith 1990
Hank Mason / Gary Nelson 1989
Damone Leaphart / Charles Nelson 1988
Barry Atkinson 1987
Barry Atkinson 1984
Mike Smith 1980
Jim Berry Coordinator 1992-2010

Appendix K – All Star Game ATs

North South All Star Baseball ATs North / South

/Sheila Curry 1998
/ Keeter Hayes 1995

/ Mark Buchman 1993
/ Mickey Sobeski 1992

North South All Star Basketball ATs North / South

Heather Johnson / Caitlyn Hart 2020
Courtney Bowers 2015
Sheila Curry 2002
Sheila Curry 1997
Sheila Curry 1990

North South All Star Lacrosse ATs North / South

Joe Lynch 2024

North South All Star Soccer ATs North / South

/ Mark Buchman 1996
/ Mark Buchman 1995
/ Mark Buchman 1994

Appendix K – All Star Game ATs

North South All Star Softball ATs North / South

Ashle Cooper 2021
Ashle Cooper 2020
Ashle Cooper 2019
Ashle Cooper 2018
Ashle Cooper 2017
Ashle Cooper 2016
Ashle Cooper 2015
Ashle Cooper 2014
Ashle Cooper 2013
Ashle Cooper 2012
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Ashle Cooper 2008
Ashle Cooper 2007
Ashle Cooper 2006
Ashle Cooper 2005

SC vs NC Classic All Star Basketball ATs

Jimmie Rogers 2026
Jimmie Rogers 2025
Jimmie Rogers 2024
Jimmie Rogers 2023
Jimmie Rogers 2022
COVID-19 2021
COVID-19 2021
Jimmie Rogers 2019
Jimmie Rogers 2018
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Jimmie Rogers 2004
Jimmie Rogers 2003
Jimmie Rogers/Ginger Lockamy 2002
Jimmie Rogers/Ginger Lockamy 2001

Appendix K – All Star Game ATs

Track & Field SC

Sheila Curry 2006
Sheila Curry 2005
Sheila Curry 2004
Sheila Curry 2003
Sheila Curry 2002
Sheila Curry 2001
Sheila Curry / Jimmie Rogers 2000
Sheila Curry / Jimmie Rogers / Ernie Drews 1999
Sheila Curry / Jimmie Rogers 1998
Sheila Curry / Jimmie Rogers 1997
Sheila Curry / Jimmie Rogers 1996
Sheila Curry / Jimmie Rogers 1995
Sheila Curry / Jimmie Rogers 1994
Sheila Curry 1993
Sheila Curry 1992

Volleyball SC

Sheila Curry / Jimmie Rogers 2002
Sheila Curry 2001
Sheila Curry 2000
Sheila Curry 1999
Sheila Curry 1998
Sheila Curry 1997
Sheila Curry 1996
Sheila Curry 1995
Sheila Curry 1994
Sheila Curry 1993
Sheila Curry 1992

Appendix K – All Star Game ATs

Wrestling SC

Sheila Curry 2006
Sheila Curry 2005
Sheila Curry 2004
Sheila Curry 2003
Sheila Curry 2002
Sheila Curry 2001
Sheila Curry / Jimmie Rogers 2000
Sheila Curry / Jimmie Rogers/Ernie Drews 1999
Sheila Curry / Jimmie Rogers 1998
Sheila Curry 1997
Sheila Curry 1996
Sheila Curry 1995
Sheila Curry 1994
Sheila Curry 1993

North South All Star Soccer ATs North / South

/ Mark Buchman 1996
/ Mark Buchman 1995
/ Mark Buchman 1994

Appendix K – All Star Game ATs

X Country

Sheila Curry 2008
Sheila Curry 2007
Sheila Curry 2006
Sheila Curry 2005
Sheila Curry 2004
Sheila Curry 2003

Border Bowl (Football)

Jonathan Chang 2022

Sheila Cathcart 2019

Appendix L – Other Honors and Awards

2026

Clint Haggard received the SEC Sports Medicine Committee Chris Patrick Award on May 6, 2026.

Jimmie Rogers received the first ever Carolina Classic Distinguished Service Award on March 21, 2026. Jimmie has served the Carolina Classic as Lead Athletic Trainer for more than 25 years.

(05.26.2026) BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR, SHEILA GORDON IS PRESENTED THE ORDER OF THE PALMETTO, SOUTH CAROLINA'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN ORDER.

2025

(06.05.2025) Laurens District 55 High School Athletic Training Room named to honor BARRY ATKINSON.

(10.09.2025) Hilton Head High School inducts JOHN F. "SHAWN" Zink into the Seahawk Hall of Fame.

(10.2025) Summerville High School inducts SCOTT LITTLE into the Summerville High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

A House Resolution

TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA'S ATHLETIC TRAINERS FOR THEIR HONORABLE WORK IN KEEPING THE COMMUNITY HEALTHY AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC TRAINING DAY.

2024

(07.09.2024) **SCATA received the BOC, Inc. Dave Montgomery Advocacy Award.**

This award is designed to recognize an individual, group or organization who has demonstrated leadership in protecting athletic training consumers.

Horry County Schools Athletic Trainers Recognized

Horry County Schools athletic trainers were recognized during National Athletic Training Month. HCS has a rich history of recognizing the value of athletic training in high school athletic programs.

NATA Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine

Head Athletic Trainer of the Year

(06.29.2024) CLINT HAGGARD

Francis Marion University

(02.24.2024) SPYDER WEBB INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

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A Senate Resolution

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“SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC TRAINING DAY”.

National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

State Award of Merit

BILL WARREN

2023

Betsy McAdams Award

Annual Award for Sportsmanship, Community Involvement, Soccer Excellence, and contributions to
the Club presented by the Charleston Battery

Bobby W. Weisenberger

2022

SC Athletic Hall of Fame

(05.23.2022) Fred Hoover 2022

H.5412

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GARY NELSON, OF SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR HIS
OUTSTANDING CAREER AS AN ATHLETIC TRAINER, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE
ENDEAVORS.

SC Athletic Administrators Association

NIAAA Bruce D. Whitehead

Distinguished Service Award

Appendix L – Other Honors and Awards

Melba Regina Guy Visionary Leadership in Sports Medicine Award

Jason Wimberly 2022

2021

ATs at the Olympics

2021(2020 Olympics) - Tokyo

Greg Banks – Women's Soccer

Nicole Clinton – Karate

Amanda Taylor – US Olympic Trials Track/Field

2019

H. 4555

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH DAMONE LEAPHART, HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER FOR THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WILDCATS, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

2019

Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Hall of Fame

(12.21.2029) Barry Atkinson Induction to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Hall of Fame.

2013

BOC, Inc. Dan Libera Service Award

(06.26.2013) Kevin Ennis received the BOC, Inc. Dan Libera Service Award at the National Athletic Symposium in Las Vegas.

This award was originally established in 1995 by the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Trainers. Ennis is placed among an elite group of individuals as less than 75 people nationally have received the Dan Libera Service Award since its inception. The award is given to those who show exceptional dedication to the BOC's mission and have made enduring contributions to the BOC's programs.

1996

ATs at the Olympics

1996 Olympics – Atlanta

Gut Walker – Rowing & Flat-Water Canoeing

Kevin Ennis – Archery/Track Cycling

Skip Hunter –

David Lee –

1993

Olympic Training Center 2 Week Internship

Men's Hockey & Free Style Skiing

Guy Walker

1988

Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society Most Distinguished Alumni

John Lopez

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association was founded in 1984 as an organization committed to the education of its members and the enhancement of the profession of athletic training, creating better health care for the population it serves; and
- WHEREAS, athletic trainers from professional, collegiate, and high school athletics; occupational health; performing arts; public safety; physician practice; rehabilitation clinics; and every branch of the United States military work together to promote and practice the profession of athletic training within South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and persons engaged in regular physical activity; and
- WHEREAS, athletic trainers are highly skilled healthcare professionals who specialize in immediate, acute, and emergency care; examination, assessment, and diagnosis; injury prevention; risk management; therapeutic intervention; and rehabilitation of injury and illness; and
- WHEREAS, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports more than 700 members of the athletic training profession in the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have united in a common commitment to raise public awareness of the importance of the profession and the role of athletic trainers in the provision of quality healthcare services; and
- WHEREAS, it is the desire of South Carolina to promote improved health care for all of those who engage in physical activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2024, as

SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC TRAINING DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in recognizing athletic trainers for their important work in keeping the community healthy.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

H. 4054

Introduced by Representatives Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten, Yow.

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA'S ATHLETIC TRAINERS FOR THEIR HONORABLE WORK IN KEEPING THE COMMUNITY HEALTHY AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC TRAINING DAY."

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association was founded in 1984 as an organization committed to the education of its members and the enhancement of the profession of athletic training, creating better healthcare for the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association is composed of licensed athletic trainers from professional, collegiate, and high school athletics; occupational health; performing arts; public safety; physician practice; rehabilitation clinics; and every branch of the United States military working together to promote and practice the profession of athletic training within the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality healthcare for athletes and persons engaged in regular physical activity; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are highly skilled healthcare professionals who specialize in immediate, acute, and emergency care; examination, assessment, and diagnosis; injury prevention; risk management; therapeutic intervention; and rehabilitation of injury and illness; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports more than one thousand members of the athletic training profession in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and healthcare have united in a common commitment to raise public awareness of the importance of the profession of athletic training and the role of athletic trainers in the provision of quality healthcare services; and

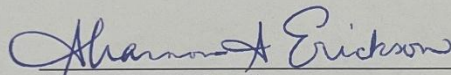
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the South Carolina House of Representatives to promote improved healthcare for all of those who engage in physical activity.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives:

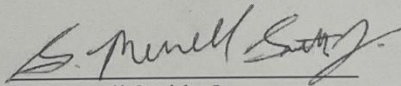
THAT THE MEMBERS of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize South Carolina's athletic trainers for their honorable work in keeping the community healthy and declare February 25, 2025, as "South Carolina Athletic Training Day."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Will Christman, President of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association.

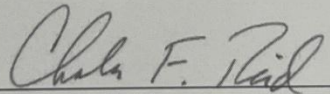


State of South Carolina
In the House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina
February 19, 2025

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed in the House of Representatives.



G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House



Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House

