

# PATS *News*

Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society



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## President's Message

Dear PATS Members-

Welcome to our PATS Newsletter! We are excited to bring this newsletter to you in hard copy and it is also available on-line on our website, [www.gopats.org](http://www.gopats.org). This edition of the PATS Newsletter is full of important information for your review.

The last several months have been very exciting as the Rules and Regulations were approved on July 14, 2007. I would like to personally thank all my predecessors in PATS for making this day possible! Your PATS Board of Directors (BOD) is working diligently to provide you with information on how the Rules and Regulations will affect you in your practice setting. To review the Rules and Regulations please go to our website [www.gopats.org](http://www.gopats.org). Tom West, PATS President-Elect, has prepared a narrated PowerPoint information session on the PATS website, [www.gopats.org](http://www.gopats.org), regarding the Rules and Regulations. Stay tuned to the webpage as additional informational narrated Power Point Presentations will be posted. Information sessions will also be presented at the EATA meeting in January, 2008 in Valley Forge, PA, and also at the PATS meeting in May/June, 2008 in Camp Hill, PA.

The 2007 PATS Symposium in Lancaster, PA drew over 400 attendees. Many thanks to our convention chair, Mark Keppler and our convention committee for their efforts in making this such a successful program. (See page 7 for pictures.) Bill Biddington and Joe Iezzi, were inducted into the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Hall of Fame. Service Awards were given to Jim Thorton and John "Doc" Moyer. Students receiving scholarships were Lianne McGinn-Bunn (East Stroudsburg), Evan Liebelsperger (East Stroudsburg), Kelly Pagnotta (California University of Pennsylvania) and Dan Baer (West Chester University). Physician Awards were given to Dr. Lawrence Miller (Haverford College's Team Physician) and Dr. Christopher Aland (Council Rock's High School Team Physician). Make your plans to attend the 2008 PATS Symposium that will be held in Camp Hill, PA, May 29 - June 1, 2008. We look forward to seeing you there!

The PATS BOD welcomes new members: George Roberts (Northwest Rep), Yvette Ingram (North central Rep) and Amy Zawadzki (Secretary). We are excited to have them on board and look forward to their contributions to the Society. We will miss outgoing BOD members Bonnie Sipel (Northwest Rep) and Scott Devore (Northcentral Rep), and we thank them for their outstanding work during their tenure on the BOD.

Pennsylvania won the NATA PR Greatest Impact Award for the third straight year. Kudos go to Teresa Zepka and her PR committee for all their hard work and PR efforts!

Our organization is only as good as the membership that is involved. My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you that serve as committee chairs, committee members and on the Board of Directors for PATS. It is an honor and a privilege to serve my fellow athletic trainers in Pennsylvania. I take this responsibility seriously and welcome any thoughts or comments that you may have.

Most Sincerely, Julie

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## Our Mission

The mission of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society is to:

- P** Promote the profession of athletic training through public awareness and education.
- A** Advocate the certified athletic trainer as a recognized health care provider for the physically active in the Commonwealth through legislative and credentialing efforts.
- T** Transact business on behalf of the Society's membership in a prudent, effective, and collaborative manner.
- S** Serve the membership by providing a gateway to educational, research, scholarship, and networking opportunities.

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## **Northeastern Update** *Greg Janik, MS, ATC* [gkjanik@kings.edu](mailto:gkjanik@kings.edu)

With the publication of the Athletic Training Rules and Regulations in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, it is truly an exciting time to be an athletic trainer in the commonwealth. It was a long road paved with the hard work of so many volunteers. Thank you to all who helped bring the Rules and Regulations to fruition.

In addition, I am very excited PATS has decided to return to sending out a Newsletter to our members. One area within PATS I have felt needed some improvement was the way we communicate with our membership. The strength of any organization is in its members. While many PATS members already actively contribute and participate in the betterment of PATS and the profession of Athletic Training, many more have frequently asked me how they can assist with PATS and be more involved in the profession they care so deeply for. I believe this newsletter will be a tremendous avenue to improving communication and involvement between all the members of PATS.

One of the things I am most proud of our profession is our commitment to service. Knowing how busy our lives are daily, I am consistently impressed how we as athletic trainers continue to give. I frequently see athletic trainers volunteering their time and contributing to our communities as well as promoting the profession. For instance, earlier this year, Tom Connors, Head Athletic Trainer at Dallas High School organized a Coaches vs Cancer Program in which funds were raised for cancer research. In addition, a northeast region member, Amy Zawadzki, became the PATS newly elected secretary. Congratulations Amy!

For the third straight year, the Northeast Pennsylvania Athletic Training Scholarship 5K Run /1 Mile Walk took place during March at Kirby Park in Kingston, PA. Each of the four programs in the northeast region (East Stroudsburg University, King's College, Alvernia College, and Marywood University) contributed significantly with Alvernia providing the race brochures, King's providing the medical coverage and race set-up, Marywood covering registration, and ESU designing a healthy running display. All of the schools made health brochures to distribute to the runners. In addition, the Marywood Athletic Training Students did feet analyses on any runner/walker following the race free of charge. It was truly a top notch race. The \$2000 scholarship award winner was Evan M. Leibelsperger from ESU.

Two Junior King's College Athletic Training Students, Kristin Littzi and Corey Brubaker, received the awards for the best undergraduate research poster at the EATA and PATS annual conventions respectively.

In May, King's College and Marywood University teamed together and sent approximately 20 Athletic Training Students to provide medical coverage for the Special Olympics Eastern Spring Sectional at Kutztown University.

Geisinger Wyoming Valley continues to promote Athletic Training with multiple educational sessions and community events. This past year they provided medical coverage for local Triathalons, championships, and all-star events. They hosted health fairs, clinics, career days and offered the community health related presentations including ACL Prevention, Concussion Management, Performance Enhancement, and Stress fracture Diagnosis and Care.

As you can clearly see there are many great events, which have occurred over the past several months in the northeast region, however, I am confident I have unintentionally left out so much more. Now that the newsletter has been reintroduced, I ask the PATS northeast members to please keep me updated in regard to any athletic training related events (i.e. honors and awards local ATCs have received, research, ATC community service / outreach opportunities, significant service contributions (i.e. saved a life), athletic training month activities, etc.). Thank you for all your support and allowing me to continue to represent you in the northeast.

## **Southeastern Update** Pam Chald, MEd, RN, ATC [pchald@ursinus.edu](mailto:pchald@ursinus.edu)

Dear Southeastern regional membership,  
I hope all of you have spent some time relaxing and having some fun this summer. I enjoyed seeing many of you at our PATS annual meeting and clinical symposium. Two southeastern members received awards at that meeting. Joe Iezzi was inducted into the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Hall of Fame and John Moyer received the PATS Service Award. I can't think of two members more deserving of these respective awards.

Please contact me if you have news about people or events that have made significant contributions to our profession. If you have problems or concerns about issues or events that impact our profession contact me so that I can help you work with our society to address the situation. I would also like to have suggestions for future activities or events that our region could help sponsor for our membership and to encourage other athletic trainers or athletic training students to join our society.

Presently, I am working on a committee which will be developing a slide presentation which can be used to present information to athletic directors and administrators about our profession and the needs of our schools to provide proper care for its' athletes. I encourage you to send me suggestions about topics to include in this presentation.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the EATA Conference held in King of Prussia in January.

## **Southcentral Update** Tanya Miller, MS, ATC [millertl@etown.edu](mailto:millertl@etown.edu)

Greetings from the Southcentral Region! Things are very exciting now for PATS with the completion of the Rules and Regulations and the re-establishment of the PATS Newsletter. The Newsletter will be a great arena to disseminate information from our members. Just remember to let me know all the great things that are happening in the SC Region so that I can let the rest of the state know.

One of our SC members, William Prieto, ATC, is the D2 Representative for the NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee. He has already submitted his report for the D2 Newsletter and has given me permission to give you a summary. The committee is currently working on a grant that will provide incentives for future and current ethnically diverse ATCs with the hope of recruiting and maintaining more ethnically diverse persons in our profession. There is also a service award and grants available under this committee. Information for these services can be found at [www.edacweb.org](http://www.edacweb.org). Look for the full report in the next D2 Newsletter.

Be on the lookout for email updates from our region. If you have not received an email already, or would like to have an update mailed to you, please contact me and let me know a current email or mailing address. Check out the PATS website for the regional map found under the Executive Board to find which region you are assigned to.

## **PATS Student Symposium**

Attention Program Directors:

Please inform your students that the annual PATS Student Symposium will be held this year at West Chester University on February 8-9, 2008. The theme of this year's conference is:

### **Exploring Options to Enhance Your Athletic Training Education**

More information will be posted on the PATS website: [www.gopats.org](http://www.gopats.org) and you can contact the symposium coordinator: Scott Heinerichs, [sheinerichs@wcupa.edu](mailto:sheinerichs@wcupa.edu).

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## Update Your Information

If you are a PATS member and not receiving this newsletter electronically.....***we need your help.*** We have taken great strides in the development of our Society's Electronic Newsletter. It saves money and time and provides valuable information. Please go to the NATA website "Members Only" section ([www.nata.org/members/members.cfm](http://www.nata.org/members/members.cfm)) and update your email address. *Please be assured your information will not be released. It will be used for PATS/NATA membership communication only.*

## Southwestern Update *Linda Platt Meyer, EdD, ATC, PES* [meyer@cup.edu](mailto:meyer@cup.edu)

Greetings from the South West Corner of the Commonwealth! We have a variety of happenings that have occurred over the past eight months or so. Let me start by giving a welcome to any new PATS members who may have migrated to the SW region!

On to the activities: This past March, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual PATS Athletic Trainer River Run was a huge success once again, raising over \$2,500! For those who may not be aware, the PATS Athletic Trainer River Run is a 5K and 1 mile fun run that generates revenue to fund an annual \$2,000 scholarship to an athletic training student from one of the four curriculum programs in the SW region: California University of PA, Duquesne University, University of Pittsburgh, and Waynesburg University. This event is spearheaded through the outstanding hard work of the athletic training staff at UPMC Sports Medicine. The 2007 scholarship recipient is Ms. Stephanie Then, a senior athletic training student from the University of Pittsburgh. Special thanks go out to our annual sponsors, Medco Sports Medicine, REI, Elizur, Runner's High, and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Mark your calendars for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual event – tentatively set for **March 8, 2008**.

Speaking of scholarship winners, Ms. Kelly Pagnotta, a junior athletic training student at California University of PA was the recipient of both an NATA and PATS scholarship in 2007. Further, Ms. Pagnotta was one of two chosen athletic training students from District 2 to attend the 2007 Athletic Training Student Leadership Workshop in Fort Lauderdale, FL this past May. A sincere congratulation goes out to Kelly.

Once again, March, which just happens to be National Athletic Training Month, was a great month for the SW region. The 2007 NATA Public Relations Contest awarded two SW groups this year. Allegheny General Hospital's athletic training staff, lead by James Bridges, Craig Castor, Eric Cardwell, and Karen Richard received honorable mention for the *Best Grass Roots Efforts*. Further, UPMC Sports Medicine, lead by Gaetano Sanchioli, Donna Dugas, NAT Month Committee for UPMC, UPMC Sports Medicine Staff, athletic training staffs from the Pittsburgh Steelers, University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, California University of PA and Waynesburg University was the recipient for the *Greatest Impact Award*. Congratulations to all members who worked hard to achieve these wonderful accolades.

Kudos to the SW Certified Athletic Trainers whose sports teams were crowned state champions in the past year, and to all certified athletic trainers who have diligently worked with your athletes to assist them in being the best they can be. Your hard work and dedication does not go unrecognized!

Speaking of athletes and champions, as the Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) liaison, I want to thank all of the certified athletic trainers and athletic training students who have graciously volunteered their time to serve as part of the medical teams at different SOPA competitions throughout the Commonwealth. Special Olympics Pennsylvania has over 20,000 athletes participating at the local, regional, and state events throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your area, please view the SOPA website ([www.specialolympicspa.org](http://www.specialolympicspa.org)) and contact the Special Olympics PA office in your area, or feel free to contact me at [meyer@cup.edu](mailto:meyer@cup.edu). The underlying benefits that you receive from working with Special Olympics athletes are incredible!

Finally, let me just say that as a member of PATS since the early 1980's, I believe the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society has always been a strong leader of state AT organizations across the Country. Once again, we are moving in a positive direction with the passing of the new State Boards of Medicine/Osteopathic Medicine Rules and Regulations. We can only look for more great things to come as we continue to accomplish the goals set forth in our strategic plan and vision statement. As SW members, if you have any questions or comments that you want me to address to the Board, please feel free to contact me at [meyer@cup.edu](mailto:meyer@cup.edu); I serve as your voice on the PATS BOD.



## **Northcentral Update** *Yvette Ingram, PhD, ATC [y Ingram@lhup.edu](mailto:y Ingram@lhup.edu)*

As always, the people involved in the athletic training profession are working hard to improve the profession and the opportunities for individuals that follow them. Both certified and athletic training students in the North Central region were very busy the last few months.

The region hosted two different golf tournaments with proceeds benefiting the profession. Susquehanna Health's Sports Medicine Center held its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Coaches Golf Tournament organized by Mike Ludwowski, ATC, Workshop Director/Coordinator of Outreach Athletic Training Services. Over 100 golfers enjoyed a round of golf, lunch, raffles and an awards ceremony at the White Deer Golf Challenge Course in Allenwood, PA. The proceeds, totaling over \$15,000, will benefit future athletic training students' workshops.

The Second Annual David Tomasi Scholarship Golf Tournament was held at Clinton County Golf Course in Mill Hall, PA in April. This tournament has been run by students in the Lock Haven University's Athletic Training Club for a number of years but recently the students decided to devote a portion of the profits to the scholarship fund in memory of David Tomasi. This year, the students raised more than \$2,500 for this fund.

Students from both Penn State and Lock Haven University participated in the Inaugural 2007 PATS Quiz Bowl. Amanda Cox, Kyle Harris, and Sarah McDevitt from Lock Haven University were the winners of this competition. Congratulations to all that participated.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Athletic Training Students' Basic Workshop was held at Susquehanna Health's Williamsport Hospital & Medical Center Campus from July 9-13. The course is designed for high school students who have demonstrated a serious and active interest in sports medicine and athletic training. Twenty-six campers representing II area high schools were in attendance. Camp activities included instruction on taping techniques, educational games, CPR certification, and lectures on various topics athletic training topics. Mindy Smith, ATC stated, "The kids loved the human cadaver lab experience at Lock Haven University and enjoyed a week of team competition in educational games developed by the staff. The week ended with a Survivor style team challenge as well as a Sports Medicine version of Jeopardy!" For more information regarding the golf tournament or camp, please contact Mike Ludwowski at (570) 320-7456.

## **Northwestern Update** *George Roberts, ATC [roberts@edinboro.edu](mailto:roberts@edinboro.edu)*

Thank you to all who voted for me to be your new Rep and I hope that I can continue in the fine tradition of those who have come before me.

Looking ahead to a very busy fall, I will be getting out and about to discuss the brand new Rules and Regulations that went into effect in July. We have been patting ourselves on the back for the accomplishments that has taken years and now it is time to roll up our sleeves and comply with the Law and the Rules and Regs. If you have not had a chance to review our new "marching orders" then you should visit the PATS website and review them. I will be sending out emails as to where and when I will be presenting a compliance forum so that you can attend.

I will be contacting the curriculum directors of our 3 programs and setting up a time when I can go talk with the students. I have a couple of power points that will help explain the state certification process and how each can be in compliance if they hopefully choose to practice Athletic Training in Pennsylvania.

In the very near future I will be contacting you all about some exciting CEU opportunities right here in our district. I know that cost and convenience are big factors in acquiring CEU's and the more we can do within the confines of the Northwest the better it will be for our membership.

Finally, please feel free to contact me at [Roberts@edinboro.edu](mailto:Roberts@edinboro.edu) for any questions or ideas that you may have. I will be in frequent contact and I hope that you will do the same. This is especially true with anything that is news worthy for our new newsletter. This is the membership's newsletter and hopefully the contents will be things that the membership wants to share.

## Committee on Revenue (COR)

The committee has formulated a subcommittee to design a website for COR to assist in communication with our fellow PATS athletic trainers. We have also selected a student representative to our committee.

COR is having another push for certified athletic trainers to get their NPI #, we will be working with the regional representatives in achieving the highest return rate of NPI #. To apply go to:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/StaticForward.do?forward=static.npistart>

## PATS Account Balances

As of September 1, 2007 we had the following monies in their respective accounts:

Checking Account	\$	21,402.19
Regulatory Account	\$	31,871.18
Research Account	\$	63,215.23
Scholarship Account	\$	124,451.95

## Remember to Vote!

2008 will be a Presidential election year. The seats up for election are South Central Representative. North Eastern Representative., Treasurer and President-Elect. Election information will be forthcoming.

## EATA Registration Help Needed

7-8 individuals are needed to help with EATA registration on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 2007, from 9AM-4PM. Generally students are utilized to help but this year registration conflicts with the student program. Anyone who may be interested should contact Bob Ward for details.

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## Public Relations Committee *Teresa Zepka, MS, ATC*

The PR Committee has been quite busy. Most of February and March were spent preparing for NATM. The PATS commercial was finalized and aired on the PCN Network extensively during the PIAA Basketball Championships. Our commercial aired during the weekend of the PIAA Track and Field Championships and the Baseball PIAA Championships, so I feel we really got our bang for our buck with this commercial. I have the actual air times for Basketball and it aired over 60 times that weekend.

In March we made our "Hike to Harrisburg" to meet with state legislators and provide blood pressure screenings. The day was extremely successful. The Governor was in the Capital to promote DVT. President Emrhein even got a photo opportunity with our honorable Governor which we proudly displayed on the website! We did also obtain the proclamation for the month from the Governor proclaiming March Athletic Training Month in the Commonwealth. In March, the display was taken to the American Trauma Society Annual Meeting in Hershey. It also traveled to EATA, PSADA and to the PTA conference in Harrisburg.

We worked with the PA ATEP Curriculums on their NATM projects and several schools did accept and use the \$200.00 stipend we offered them to use towards their NATM projects. I compiled our submission for the NATA NATM PR Contest. I was very impressed with the things the ATEP curriculums put together. I was very proud of them! Pennsylvania once again won the NATA NATM PR Greatest Impact Award!!

We worked with the NATA District 2 Women in Athletic Training Committee and the ATNJ to sponsor a Tennis Tournament that benefited the Susan G. Komen Foundation. We provided the lunches for the event, and in turn our logo was displayed at the event as well as our name on the T-shirt.

I have worked very closely with Hank, the PATS webmaster to get all our efforts as well as those of the membership onto the website. We had a PATS member save a coaches life by providing CPR. We proudly put that on the website as well as much, much more. People are giving us more info and we are getting it out there. I have made at least three submissions to the NATA News of which I always copy Julie and Jim Thornton on so as you can see we are making our submissions to the NATA News. We will continue to expand this committee and its efforts and grow through the process.

# Secondary School Committee *Larry Cooper, ATC*

I hope this finds you surviving the madness know as fall sports. It is hard to believe that we are already turning our attention to the winter season. The survey that was done last spring supplied us with a lot of useful information. I am attaching the breakdown, it can be useful when talking to other ATC's, AD's or administrators. The master list of all information is also included. Please look through and if you have any corrections or additions, send them to me. Only send me the changes so that I can keep an up to date master listing. If you go to the PIAA website there is a tremendous amount of useful information in regards to MRSA, the new CIPPE form which also includes information on the dates available for wrestling weight assessments. There are also some downloadable MRSA posters for you to put up in your athletic training room. I have not heard from many of you over the past 4-5 months. Everyone's input is needed in order for the SS committee to work. Please send me any new ideas or projects that you would like to see the committee undertake.

Thank you for your ongoing work and concern for the Secondary School ATC's in Pennsylvania.

## June 2007 Statistics

92% of schools that responded have an ATC

0 ATC-45	8%
1 ATC -386	70%
2 ATC -112	20%
3 ATC - 8	1.4%
4 ATC -1	>6%
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Clinic	225	45%
HS	153	31%
Hospital	101	20%
GA	15	3%
MD Office	1	<1%
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14 Schools have ATC's that teach a Sports Medicine Course

	Dist 1	Dist 2	Dist 3	Dist 4	Dist 5	Dist 6	Dist 7	Dist 8	Dist 9	Dist 10	Dist 11	Dist 12
0 ATC	1	14	0	10	1	2	6	0	0	11	0	
1 ATC	56	32	48	36	8	37	77	9	21	41	29	
2 ATC	18	2	47	2	0	0	34	0	0	0	9	
3 ATC	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	
4 ATC	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Clinic	38	9	28	6	5	34	54	9	6	6	36	
School Dist	22	16	59	5	3	5	34	0	4	1	8	
Hospital	6	9	7	29	1	0	10	0	11	28	0	
GA	2	0	3	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	
MD Office	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
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Clinic	231	46%										
School Dist	155	31%										
Hospital	101	20%										
GA	15	3%										
MD Office	1	<1%										
Per Diem	1	<1%										
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**To Right:** 2007 PATS Secondary School Employment Statistics  
**Below:** ATC Secondary School Count

	SCHOOLS	ATC	NO ATC	# of "MULTIPLE ATC's in HS	HOSPITAL	CLINIC	SCHOOL	INDEPENDENT	GRADUATE Curriculums
DISTRICT I	57	35	22	5	3	15	11	0	3
DISTRICT II	45	32	13	0	9	10	11	2	0
DISTRICT III	116	56	60	13	2	15	39	0	0
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DISTRICT V	20	15	5	0	0	13	2	0	0
DISTRICT VI	52	49	3	2	6	40	3	0	0
DISTRICT VII	138	124	14	26	23	57	32	2	10
DISTRICT VIII	16	16	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
DISTRICT IX	37	22	15	0	13	4	5	0	0
DISTRICT X	49	42	7	0	15	17	2	0	0
DISTRICT XI	52	35	17	6	0	32	3	0	0
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## Hall of Fame Inductees

### *Joe Iezzi MS, ATC*

Joe has been a Certified Athletic Trainer for 32 years. He received his undergraduate degree from West Chester University and his Master's degree from California University of Pennsylvania. Joe was the head athletic trainer at Cheyney University, Philadelphia University, and Downingtown High School. He has been employed at Downingtown High School since 1988. He was also employed at Paoli Orthopedic and Rehabilitation. He is most proud to have been involved in 5 NCAA Final Fours and 17 PIAA State Championships.

Joe had the opportunity to work for two weeks at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. That experience earned him time with Olympic teams at the Olympic Festival, World University Games, and the Goodwill games in Moscow.

Joe Iezzi has been involved in many leadership roles within our profession. He served on the PATS Board of Directors for eight years; serving as Eastern Representative, President Elect, President, and Past President. During his tenure as President, Joe introduced changes in the Pennsylvania Law and initiated the start of the new law to be directly under the Medical Practice Act. He also served as the legislative chair.

Joe was on the District II Executive Board and the EATA Board of Directors. He later became District II – Director of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and served as Vice President of the NATA. During his six years on the NATA Board of Directors, he was Board Liaison to the secondary school committee, the public relations committee, Professional Hockey Athletic Training Association, the international committee, and the pronouncement committee. He also served on the NATA finance and investment committee and was the NATA News Editorial Advisor. Joe has lectured at numerous State, District, and National meetings for various professions.

Joe has received the Microbiomedics Award – EATA Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award, the PATS Service Award, the NATA "Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer" Award, and the Philadelphia Sports Medicine Congress "Ted Quedenfeld" Award.

Joe's believes his most rewarding times have been working with the athletic training students from West Chester University and serving as their mentor for the the past 29 years.

### *Bill Biddington EdD, ATC*

Bill was a graduate of the University High School in Morgantown, West Virginia. He received his BS, MS and EdD from West Virginia University.

Bill's first position was at the University High School in Morgantown, WV. At the age of 23, Bill accepted the Head Athletic Trainer position at California University of Pennsylvania. He later developed and accepted the additional duties of Program Director of the Athletic Training Education Program at California.

In 1987, Bill was promoted to Associate Professor, and Chairperson of the Department of Sport Medicine.

In 1994, he was promoted to Full Professor. He is currently the Chairperson of the Department of Health Science and Sports Studies at California University of Pennsylvania. During Bill's tenure, he initiated the Post-Professional Graduate Education Program. Bill started his career at the California University of Pennsylvania and was the lone Certified Athletic Trainer on the staff. Currently there are 18 Certified Athletic Trainers serving at the University in various capacities.

Bill has served the PATS organization in various capacities: He served as Western Representative, editor of the PATS Newsletter, Chaired the Professional Education Committee, and while serving on the Board of Directors, he assisted in the development and organization of the PATS Annual Symposium and Convention. Bill was the recipient of the PATS Most Distinguished Merit Award. He was a member of and chaired the Athletic Training Advisory Committee to the State Board of Physical Therapy. He is extremely involved in the CAATE (formerly CAAHEP) and has served as a frequent site evaluator and currently serves on the CAATE Review Committee.



## 2007 PATS Symposium



(left) With President Emrhein, On left, Bill Biddington (California University of Pennsylvania) and on right, Joe Iezzi (Downingtown High School) were inducted into the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Hall of Fame.



(right) Jim Thorton (Clarion University) PATS Service Award winner



(left) John Moyer (Wilson High School) PATS Service Award winner with President Emrhein.



(above) Student Scholarship Winners  
L to R Lianne McGinn-Bunn, East Stroudsburg University,  
Evan Liebelsperger, East Stroudsburg University,  
Kelly Pagnotta, California University of Pennsylvania and  
Dan Baer, West Chester University



(left) The Team Physician Awards went to Dr. Lawrence Miller (Haverford College's Team Physician) and Dr. Christopher Aland (Council Rock High School's Team Physician).

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