

My name is Aaron Hand and I am currently an associate professor/assistant athletic trainer at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. I currently teach Therapeutic Modalities and Nutrition for the athlete, in addition to being the primary athletic trainer with the baseball and women's soccer teams and assistant athletic trainer with the football team. I attended Lock Haven University for my Bachelor's degree and West Virginia University for my Master's Degree. My first job after graduate school was at a private high school in New Jersey where I worked for two years before taking my current position at King's College.

I became involved with PATS when Tom West asked me to help review abstracts for the student poster presentations, which eventually lead to me becoming the chair of the committee that has now been named the free communication committee. I have held this position for 7 years and currently I am responsible for collecting, distributing and reviewing abstracts for the student poster presentations, the student oral presentations and the free communication sessions. Feeling I wanted to do more within the society, I became a member of the PATPAC in the fall of 2012. As a member of the PATPAC I assist in the raising of funds to support the legislative interests of the athletic training profession in Pennsylvania. My current involvement in PATS does not interfere with my daily responsibilities as an educator and athletic trainer. I look forward to my involvement in PATS and hope I can do more in the future.