

## **Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society Inducts 2013 Hall of Fame Class and Honors Award Recipients**

*During its recent educational conference the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainer Society (PATS) inducted three athletic trainers into the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame. The Society also presented other awards to athletic trainers at the annual conference.*

Boothwyn, PA ([PRWEB](#)) June 25, 2013 -- The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) held the annual symposium in Wilkes Barre on May 30-June 1st. The athletic trainers of the commonwealth had the opportunity to learn cutting edge techniques to improve their practice and earn continuing education in order to maintain their license. Overall 320 athletic trainers attended the event including more than 40 athletic training students from the various approved athletic training education programs at universities and colleges from across the Commonwealth.

At the PATS awards banquet hosted Friday evening, PATS presented various awards to deserving members. Four scholarships were presented to college athletic training students from across the state. Receiving the Phillip B. Donley Scholarship was Frances Anne Erndl of King's College (Wilkes Barre, PA). The Richard M. Burkholder Scholarship was awarded to Mario Mascioli of West Chester University (West Chester, PA). Receiving the PATS, Inc Scholarship was Megan Plumb of East Stroudsburg University (East Stroudsburg, PA) and accepting the National Athletic Trainers' Association District 2/Joe Iezzi Scholarship was Amanda Fernandez of Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, PA).

The Distinguished Merit Award was presented to athletic trainers practicing within the Commonwealth. This year's Distinguished Merit Award winners were: Rick Burkholder Jr., AJ Duffy, John Moyer and Paul Scheuch. Bob Shank and Ellen West received the PATS Service Awards. The Physician Award was presented to Dr. Vincent DiStefano, MD of Devon, PA.

The highlight of the awards ceremony was the induction of the Class of 2013 Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame. Yvette Ingram, PATS President explained "Hall of Fame inductees are caring individuals who give so much of themselves to the profession. They sacrifice precious time to make the Society better. They lead with their hearts and set a moral compass for all of us to follow."

Three deserving athletic trainers, Julie Ramsey Emrhein, Barry McGlumphy, and Linda Platt Meyer were the 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees. Julie Ramsey Emrhein after being inducted into the Hall of Fame reported "I am extremely humbled and honored to receive such recognition. I have always respected those individuals that have been inducted into the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame and I feel extremely honored to be recognized along with them," Linda Platt Meyer said. "Being inducted into the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame is a true honor and high privilege and one of the highlights of my career. Throughout my life, I have not been one to set goals for accolades, but to set goals to do the right thing because things need to be done. I am truly honored to be inducted to this prestigious category. It is my perception that all of the HOF members have been recognized as leaders in our profession not for their titles or positions, but for their actions. Leadership is an action, not a position."



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