



National Athletic Trainers' Association

Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee Newsletter

Welcome!!!

Happy Athletic Training Month

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Welcome to the first issue of the Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee's Newsletter.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information to our membership about issues relevant about ethnically and culturally diverse issues impacting our association.

The month of March is a special month for Athletic Trainers across the nation as we celebrate National Athletic Training month. As members of a well-renowned organization with the focus of health care for life and sport, we are advocates of health care and fitness.

For our May Issue we would like to hear from you about issues, questions, or concerns you are facing in the athletic training profession.

If you would like to contribute to the EDAC Newsletter, please email Noelle Peart at noellepeart@hotmail.com

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Are you ready to enter the field of Athletic Training?

Are you about to enter the field of athletic training?

If so, ensure you have all of the information to take the Board of Certification Examination this year.

All the information needed to prepare is located on the Board of Certification's website (www.bocatc.org).

In order to qualify as a candidate to take the examination you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Endorsement of the exam application by the recognized Program Director of the CAATE accredited education program as well as proof of current certification of in emergency cardiac care.

The registration window for the May/June Examination is from: April 20th - May 8th.

The window to take the examination is from: May 30th - June 13th.

The registration window for the July/August Examination is from: June 15th - July 2nd.

The window to take the examination is from: July 25th - August 8th.

2009 Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium

The 2009 Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium will be held in San Antonio, Texas from June 17th – June 20th. Housing and registration are now open. To reduce costs, register before April 30th to receive the early-bird rate (Rates can be found on www.nata.org).

EVENTS ON JUNE 17, 2009

EDAC Town Hall Meeting:

6pm – 8:30pm

Baseball Night with the San Antonio Mission: 7:05pm

EVENTS ON JUNE 18, 2009

Career Center: 8am – 4pm

Student Seminar: 9am – 12pm

Exhibit Hall: 10am – 5pm
(Certified Athletic Trainers Only)

EDAC Session: 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Student Session: 2pm – 4pm

NATA Welcome Reception:
7:30pm – 9:30pm

EDAC Session:

Strategies for Identification and Recruitment of Minority Candidates

Speakers: Joni Baker, PhD from Texas A & M University and Ron Wagner, PhD, ATC from California University of Pennsylvania

EVENTS ON JUNE 19, 2009

Johnson & Johnson Day

EDAC Career Day

Career Center: 8am – 4pm

Exhibit Hall: 10am – 5pm (ALL)

J & J Feature Presentation:
11:45am – 1:45pm

Keynote Speaker: 3pm – 4:15pm

Quiz Bowl: 4:30pm – 6:30pm

EVENTS ON JUNE 20, 2009

Career Center: 8am – 12pm

Student Leadership Breakfast:

8:30am – 10am

Exhibit Hall: 10am – 1pm

Student Seminar:
10:15am – 11:15am

Town Hall Meeting & STAND Initiative

The Town Hall Meeting will be held on June 17, 2009 from 6pm to 8:30pm.

During the meeting, we will be acknowledging Sandy Ward, the recipient of the 2009 Bill Chisolm Professional Service Award.

The committee will also award the first annual John A. Mayes Scholarship to either an entry-level Master's athletic training student or Doctoral student.

S – *Standing*

T – *Together*

A – *And*

N – *Never*

D – *Divided*

For more information and to contribute to the STAND Initiative go to www.edacweb.org

The **STAND** Initiative was established by John Mayes to assist in funding the EDAC Scholarship Endowment Fund. We are looking for as many members as possible to stand up with \$100 each in San Antonio at the Town Hall Meeting. John Mayes is challenging us to STAND with him. Are you up for the challenge? Will you STAND with us?

Spotlight EDAC Member

Corey Oshikoya MEd, ATC

Corey Oshikoya is a certified athletic trainer that has worked with numerous teams in the National Football League. He began his undergraduate work at West Virginia University. While a student in the athletic training program, he help found and was one of the first officers for the program's student athletic training association.

After graduating from WVU, Corey attended the research-based graduate athletic training program,

at the University of Virginia. His thesis at UVA was based on ultrasound, and was later published in the Journal of Athletic Training. Corey was fortunate enough to participate in a number of athletic training internships in the National Football League.

During one of his internships, he was offered a job as an assistant athletic trainer for the Denver Broncos. He currently remains in that position and is entering his

eleventh season with the team. He has presented topics at state and district levels, as well as at the NATA Annual Symposium. He was a member of the NATA's Sickle Cell Task Force. He has also helped with state legislative efforts and holds a number of credentials in various sports medicine associations.

Corey hopes to continue to care and manage athletic injuries and promote the profession of Athletic Training.

Interviewing Tips

When interviewing for any type of position, it is always good to have some tools to assist you in the interview process. The following are a few tips that might prove helpful as you prepare.

- Do your homework and Be Prepared – Ensure that you have done your research about the company/institution which you are interviewing for. Remember to bring questions to the interview.
- Know Your Assets – What separates you from other candidates? Understand your strengths and weaknesses.
- Dress the part – Look professional and ready to impress. Be on time!
- Be Yourself - Remain calm and focused. Allow all of your attributes to shine
- Follow-Up – After your interview follow-up with a formal Thank You letter for their time.

We hope these interviewing tips will assist you in your mission to obtain a position in the athletic training profession.

Call for Abstracts

We are issuing a call for abstracts for poster presentations at the 2009 Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium. The posters will be presented during the EDAC Town Hall meeting on June 17, 2009.

Individuals interested in sharing original research and/or other scholarly works are encouraged to complete the subcommittee's online, "Call for Abstracts" form at the following link:

<http://www.nata.org/ns/forms/EDACcallforabstracts09.html>

Individuals may submit only one abstract for poster presentation as primary (presenting) author, but may submit unlimited abstracts as a secondary author. All abstracts will undergo blind review.

Requirements: Abstracts must reflect the mission of the Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee which is identifying and addressing issues relevant to an ethnically diverse population. Examples of this may include highlighting ethnically diverse health care concerns, assisting with increasing

ethnic diversity in the athletic training profession, and examining ethnic diversity in athletic training education programs. All abstracts will be reviewed by each member of the Committee for applicability, content, and potential benefit to the membership.

Submission is due by April 15, 2009. Presenters will be notified by May 1, 2009. If you have any questions, please email anitaj@nata.org.

Outreach to High Schools By: Sheena Long

As an athletic training student currently fulfilling a clinical rotation at a local high school in Winchester, Virginia, I have noticed how many of the athletes I interact with display a myriad interest in the field of athletic training.

The athletes appreciate the care provided by the certified athletic trainers and the athletic training students who assist them in maintaining and/or improving their sports performance.

Most of the athletes at the high school enjoy discussing athletic training, anatomical structures, and terminology on a daily basis.

Members of EDAC are encouraging you to outreach this month and beyond to students of local high schools as well as educate them about athletic training and the journey on how to become certified.



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The mission of the Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee is to serve in an advisory capacity to the National Athletic Trainers' Association and its Board of Directors.

The Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee identifies and addresses issues relevant to American Indian/Alaskan Natives, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Black (non Hispanic), Hispanic and other multiethnic members.

Additionally, the Committee will address health care concerns affecting physically active individuals in these ethnic groups. The committee advocates sensitivity and understanding toward ethnic and cultural diversity throughout the profession and the association.

NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee Scholarship Endowment Fund

There is an urgent need to expand the number of scholarships awards. Each one brings with it the promise of capable athletic trainers who will enhance the status of the profession and bring new techniques and tools for injury prevention and treatment.

Once fully funded, the interest generated by the endowment will fund an annual scholarship grant in perpetuity. This scholarship is targeted for an ethnically diverse student pursuing an entry-level Master's degree in Athletic Training and/or a Doctoral level degree in Athletic Training and/or Sports Medicine.

All gifts contributed will be added to the principal of the Endowment. This will allow the Foundation to continue and enhance its crucial role as the largest national source for scholarship for students pursuing a university education for service in the athletic training profession.

Your contribution is a gift that keeps on giving. Established in 2008, the initial fundraising goal is \$50,000. This will permit an entry-level Master's degree or Doctoral scholarship of \$2,300 to be distributed from this fund annually to a qualified ethnically diverse student.

Over time, additional contributions to the fund would generate a larger level of income for distribution. This would permit an expanded number of scholarships to be presented. For each increase of \$50,000, one additional scholarship of \$2,300 would be presented each year.

For more information or to donate to the Scholarship Endowment Fund please go to our website:
www.edacweb.org