

THE AT SKIM

"Everything an ATS needs to know: simplified"

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Next stop: BOISE

This year, the NWATA District Symposium will be held in Boise, ID! The district student senate has been hard at work, planning programming for all of you! The symposium will be April 1-3.

I heard this year is different...

It is! But, it's a good different, I promise. The student senate has made it possible for there to be a student's only day. This means that we get to go to Boise the day before the symposium (March 31st) and do all sorts of things that are student-centered. It also means that you have an excuse for an extra day off of school!

Boise is kind of far.

Jump in the car with three of your friends, pitch in for gas, and have a road trip! It is a bit of a drive, but it will be worth it between the student session, networking, and bonding. You can also split hotel costs. This is a great opportunity to get out there and start getting involved in AT!

Student symposium specifics still to come!

NATA History Quick Facts

- ◆ There was a bill in the 1970s that would have required an ATC in all high schools. Keep calm when you think of where the profession would be if that had passed.
- ◆ The first AT was hired at Harvard in 1881.
- ◆ Athletic trainers have been around since the time of the Ancient Greeks. Back then, they were called "Boy rubbers".
- ◆ The first tape would come from J&J and was called "Zonas".



The first white tape

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Plan for a Trip to Baltimore this Summer!

Q: Why Baltimore?

A: It's the location for the 2016 NATA Annual Symposium! Every year in June, the NATA holds a symposium that is several days long. ATs from all over the country come to learn from one another, network, and reconnect with old friends. The symposium is held in a different city each year.

Q: I'm not certified. Why should I go?

A: There is a student forum! The NATA-SLC plans student activities with new material each year. This year, the theme is: Make It or Break It: The Transition to Practice. The keynote address will be given by Charlie Thompson, followed by presentations on interviews, job hunting, professional development—all that good stuff. Speakers include: Jim Thornton, Mike Goldenberg, Tory Lindley, and more! Also, there will be networking opportunities, a cadaver lab, and free food at the Cramer Student Lounge!

Q: Okay, sold. When is all of this happening?

A: This year's convention will be June 23-25, 2016 in Baltimore, MD. The NATA provides discounts on hotels and other travel expenses. See you there!

NPI Number

NPI numbers are a form of identification for allied health professionals. Doctors, nurses, and PTs have them. So, ATs should have them, too!

As a student, you can get one and you can keep the same number when you become certified!

When more ATs get their NPI numbers, it shows other people, organizations, and professions that we are legit. More importantly, it encourages the government to take us more seriously.

Follow this link to find out more information and how to get an NPI number: nata.org/npi



Baltimore Sports Logos.

LEADERSHIP OPENING

The D10 Representative position to the Student Leadership Committee is open! Ideally, they look for a student that can make a two year commitment (that means you first years!), but all sophomores and juniors are welcome to apply. If you are interested, contact us (info listed on the last page) or visit nata.org/natsc.



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AT Current Events

What to say when someone gets a pen mark on your new, white polo...

That might be permanent! The NCAA has established a temporary rule, allowing a medical observer to stop play during football games if a head injury is suspected. The medical observer will sit in the replay booth and notify officials to stop the game, should a possible head injury fail to be noticed.

What to say when your friend volunteers for Doctors without Borders...

There is a Basketball without Borders, too! The NBA recently had their first game held in South Africa. Two ATs, Eric Waters and Keon Weise, traveled to Africa to provide health care for the two teams: Team Africa and Team World. Those on Team Africa were born in Africa, and those on Team World were from everywhere except Africa.

What to say when your AT friend wants to find a job in an emerging practice...

Try NASCAR. Angela Sneed, ATC recently broke into NASCAR, providing health care for all members of the racing team, including the pit crew. Sneed explained how the pit crew is a team that must be able to perform together, and her care allows the team to do so. Such care is something these teams have never had before.

What to say when an athlete has a concussion and wants to keep playing...

Will Smith says no. "Concussion" is a movie that will be released on Christmas day featuring Will Smith. He portrays Dr. Bennet Omalu whose attempts to raise awareness about football-related brain trauma are interfered with by the NFL. Ask for a movie theater gift card for Christmas!

What to say when an athlete comes in with a bloody nose...

That should probably be dealt with. Recent research out of Boston University and the US Department of Veterans Affairs showed that 91% of deceased football players tested positive for Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE). The NFL has commented, declaring its support for athlete care and prevention. More research still needs to be done, but this research certainly raises heads.

Open GA Positions

Indiana University
Location: Indiana
Benefits: \$11,500 Stipend, \$2900 Tuition Waiver
Sport Assignment: University, high school, military, performing arts
Apply: NATA Career Center

Baylor University
Location: Texas
Benefits: Full tuition waiver, \$7500-14000 Stipend
Sport Assignment: N/A
Apply: NATA Career Center

University of Kentucky
Location: Kentucky
Benefits: Full Tuition waiver, \$8000 Stipend
Sport Assignment: N/A
Apply: NATA Career Center

University of Arkansas
Location: Arkansas
Benefits: Full tuition waiver, \$12000 Stipend
Sport Assignment: N/A
Apply: NATA Career Center

University of Utah
Location: Utah
Benefits: Full tuition waiver, \$17111 Stipend
Sport Assignment: Football, volleyball, track, high school
Apply: NATA Career Center

Virginia Tech
Location: Virginia
Benefits: Full tuition waiver, Stipend
Sport Assignment: N/A
Apply: NATA Career Center

West Virginia University
Location: West Virginia
Benefits: Full tuition waiver, \$12000-\$16000 Stipend
Sport Assignment: WVU, other colleges, high school, club/intramural
Apply: NATA Career Center

University of South Carolina
Location: South Carolina
Benefits: \$19000 GA package
Sport Assignment: N/A
Apply: NATA Career Center

University of North Texas
Location: Texas
Benefits: Full tuition waiver
Sport Assignment: N/A
Apply: NATA Career Center

Parkview Sports Medicine
Location: Indiana
Benefits: Tuition assistance
Sport Assignment: IPFW & Indiana Tech
Apply: NATA Career Center

Have an Idea?

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