

# 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!

#### 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".

## Student symposium specifics still to come!



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# Plan for a Trip to Baltimore this Summer!

## Q: Why Baltimore?

A: It's the location fo 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.

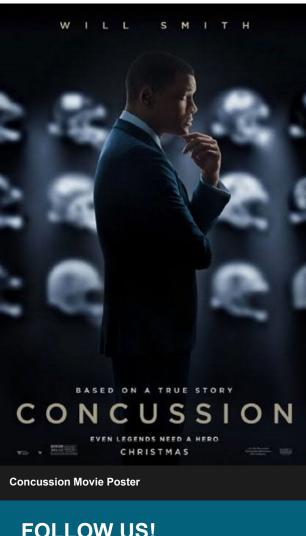
Follow this link to find out more information and how to get an NPI number: nata.org/npi



#### Baltimore Sprorts 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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