



NATA Research & Education Foundation • 2952 Stemmons Freeway • Dallas, TX 75247  
[www.natafoundation.org](http://www.natafoundation.org) • 800.879.6282

Contact: Teresa Foster Welch (972.532.8841 or [teresa@nata.org](mailto:teresa@nata.org))  
Heather Franklin (972.532.8837 or [heatherf@nata.org](mailto:heatherf@nata.org))

**Local Legend Stephen Bair  
Recognized by NATA Foundation for Volunteer Service**

Dallas, TX June 2010 – Stephen Bair, MEd, ATC, has been selected by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Research & Education Foundation's (NATA Foundation) as the 2010 Volunteer Service Award Recipient.

Bair's career as an athletic trainer, which includes his most recent position at Overbrook High School in Pine Hill, NJ, head athletic trainer and part time faculty at Temple University, and athletic trainer at Amphitheater High School, has made him a legend in the community. But his dedication to the profession of athletic training is known nationwide. In addition to his work as an NATA Foundation Board member, he has also held positions on the Boards of Directors of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), the Board of Certification (BOC) and the Athletic Trainers' Society of New Jersey (ATSNJ).

"Steve is not only a local legend in the New Jersey and Philadelphia areas, he is known all over the country by athletic trainers, coaches and athletes for his commitment to the profession," said NATA Foundation President Mark Hoffman, PhD, ATC. "And his impact as a member of the NATA Foundation Board of Directors has been significant. I can think of no better way to honor Steve."

The Volunteer Service Award is given to a current NATA Foundation board or committee member who has provided significant advancement or financial growth to the organization. Bair will receive this award at the NATA Foundation 2010 Donor Reception – *Night of 1000 Stars* – Wednesday, June 23 at The Fels Planetarium at the The Franklin Institute. This event is being held in conjunction with the NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia.

"There is no one more deserving of this honor than Steve Bair," said Jeff Ryan, chief operating officer at the Hahnemann University Hospital Physician Practice Plan and a member of the NATA Foundation Board of Directors. "He is a mentor, a friend and a role model to many of us who studied to be athletic trainers, and to the athletes and coaches he has worked with over the years. Bair has definitely left his mark on the sports medicine community."

**National Athletic Trainers' Association Research & Education Foundation (NATA Foundation)** – Athletic trainers are health care professionals who specialize in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses. The NATA Foundation is the only 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the profession of athletic training through research and education. Established in 1991, the NATA Foundation has awarded more than \$2 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships and \$2.9 million in research grants. For more information, visit [www.natafoundation.org](http://www.natafoundation.org).

###