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**Wikstrom Awarded NATA Foundation
David H. Perrin Doctoral Dissertation Award**

Dallas, TX June 2010 – Erik Wikstrom, PhD, ATC, has been awarded the National Athletic Trainers' Association Research & Education Foundation's (NATA Foundation) Doctoral Dissertation Award in Honor of David H. Perrin, PhD, ATC.

The Doctoral Dissertation Award recognizes outstanding doctoral student research, while supporting and encouraging research through the NATA Foundation.

To be considered for this award, the nominee must have received a doctoral degree within the past three years. He/she must be the principal author of a published (or accepted for publication) manuscript that originates from his/her dissertation research and a current NATA member and certified athletic trainer in good standing.

"The goal of this award is to encourage research among athletic trainers," said NATA Foundation Research Committee Chair Darin Padua, PhD, ATC. "This honor is awarded to the candidate who presents the highest quality of research that impacts the profession of athletic training and the quality of health care provided to our physically active population."

Dr. Wikstrom will be honored during the NATA Foundation's Distinguished Lecture Series, Wednesday, June 23, in Philadelphia, PA during the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Annual Meeting & Cynical Symposia.

"Dr. Wikstrom's research contributes not only to the field of athletic training, but to the entire health care community," added NATA Foundation President Mark Hoffman, PhD, ATC. "I am confident his work will continue to advance the profession."

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.

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