Bobby Barton Scholarship Endowment (District 9)

About the Endowment:
The Bobby Barton Scholarship Endowment, sponsored by District 9, provides an annual scholarship of $2,300 to a qualified entry-level athletic training student.

About Dr. Barton:

Bobby Barton served as an athletic trainer at the University of Kentucky (where he worked with legendary coach Adolph Rupp), the University of Florida and Florida International University, prior to going to Eastern Kentucky University as Head Athletic Trainer and Program Director in 1976. He served as District 9 Director and as NATA Vice President prior to being NATA President from 1982 to 1986. He was a member of the NATA Placement Committee, Public Relations Committee and the NATA Research and Education Foundation Board of Directors. He co-authored the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s athletic training certification law, and continued to serve his state, district, and national organization in numerous professional endeavors. He remained a practicing athletic trainer while earning professional rank at Eastern Kentucky University and served as head athletic trainer for USA Basketball’s World Championship Team at the 1995 World University Games.

Bobby was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) Hall of Fame in 1996, the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame in 2004 (where he was the first athletic trainer to be so honored), and the Southeast Athletic Trainers Association (SEATA) Hall of Fame in 2007.
Scholarship Recipients:
2019    Carolina Quintana, University of Kentucky
2018    David Payne, Louisiana State
2017    Bianca Grimshaw, University of Kentucky
2016    Meghan Reid, Louisiana State University
2015    Marlee Gross, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2014    Kelsey Branstetter, Middle Tennessee State University
2013    Rachel Gregory, University of Miami
2012    Katherine Kite, University of West Alabama
2011    Kabel Veazey, The University of Alabama
2010    Reid Jones, Eastern Kentucky University
2009    Matthew Hoch, University of Kentucky
2008    Elyse King, Eastern Kentucky University

Status: ENDOWED Commitment: $52,000
Amount Received: $52,000

Donors: NATA District 9 Florida International
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