



THOMAS WEIDNER

— DOCTORAL RESEARCH ENDOWMENT

ABOUT THE ENDOWMENT: The GLATA Thomas Weidner Doctoral Research Endowment provides an annual Doctoral Research Grant of up to \$2,500 to a member of NATA District 4 or District 11.



ABOUT DR. WEIDNER: Dr. Tom Weidner earned a bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees from Southern Illinois University completing his education in 1986. While working on his doctorate degree, Tom began his career serving as an assistant athletic trainer at Southern Illinois from 1984 to 1985. After a short time at California State University where he started his career as an educator, Tom moved to Ball State University in 1991 where he became an Assistant Professor and Director of the Athletic Training Education Program. He has contributed numerous publications and has given many professional presentations over the years. Tom has raised money for numerous research grants relating to athletic training totaling well over \$7,000,000. He has been the recipient of numerous awards including the NATA Sayers "Bud" Miller Distinguished Educator Award, GLATA Distinguished Educator Award and NATA Most distinguished Athletic Trainer Award. Tom is a member of the NATA Fellows, an outstanding honor.

Status: Endowed.

Research Grant Recipients:

- 2025 Emily Srygler, University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2022 Oliver A Silverson, Regents of the University of Minnesota
- 2021 Mayrena Hernandez, The University of Wisconsin-Madison