

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:

- 2023 Zoe Gholson, University of South Florida
- 2022 Sarah Kult, University of South Florida
- 2021 Rachel Kleis, University of Kentucky
- 2020 Erica "Kellyn" Smith, Louisiana State University
- 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 University

Robert Nevil, ATC, PT, LAT