Great Lakes Athletic Trainers’ Association Scholarship Endowment

About the Endowment:
The Great Lakes Athletic Trainers’ Association Scholarship Endowment, established in 2009, provides three annual scholarships of $2,300 to qualified athletic training students from District 4, in Entry-level, Masters, and Doctoral programs.

Status: ENDOWED
Commitment: $170,000
Amount Received: $170,000

Individual Donors:
Robert S. Gray
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Donor Organizations:
Indiana Athletic Trainers’ Association
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**Linda Weber Daniel Memorial Scholarship:**

Linda served as an athletic trainer at Ohio State University from 1975 through her untimely death in 2000. Upon graduation from Ohio State, she was awarded the Eddie Woejeicki Award for receiving the highest score in the nation on the NATA Certification Examination. Daniel worked in the capacity of an assistant athletic trainer, co-head athletic trainer and director of rehabilitation services for the Department of Athletics, all while completing her master's degree in Physical Therapy at OSU. She had extensive international experience in women's basketball and was involved in numerous national and local athletic training organizations.

**Scholarship Recipients**

2019  Emily Sagstetter, Purdue University  
2018  Hannah Walker, Michigan State University  
2017  Helen Bulford, Ohio State University  
2016  Conor Burton, University of Indianapolis  
2015  Jared Rush, Wright State University  
2014  Christina Hirsch, The College of St. Scholastica  
2013  Eric Post, Illinois State University  
2012  Dustin Grooms, Ohio State University  
2011  Lindsey Klykken, University of Michigan  
2010  Amanda Sabin, Wilmington College  
2009  Beth Fruchte, Minesota State University  
2008  Lucy Elliot, McKendree University

**Z. Mel Blickenstaff Memorial Scholarship**

Mel Blickenstaff’s 30-year career was punctuated by awards, speeches and recognition. Mr. Blickenstaff, the head athletic trainer at Indiana State University from 1962 to 1978, wrote more than 15 articles for professional publications, delivered more than 50 speeches and served on several research committees to advance athletic training. He also cared for the 1976 U.S. Olympic Team in Montreal. Mr. Blickenstaff served as District Four Director from 1960 to. He was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame in 1978.

**Scholarship Recipients**

2019  Brian Brewster, A.T. Still University  
2018  Elizabeth Neil, Indiana State University  
2017  Erin Arnas, Winona State University  
2016  Megan Keen, Central Michigan University  
2015  Alexandra Pfefferle, University of Southern Mississippi  
2014  Michael Borst, University of Wisconsin LaCrosse  
2013  Emily Franz, University of Wisconsin LaCrosse  
2012  Brianna Papotto, Ohio State University
GLATA Living William E. “Pinky” Newell Scholarships

William “Pinky” Newell was Purdue University’s chief athletic trainer from 1949-76; he also was an assistant professor at Purdue. Acknowledged as the Father of NATA, he was Executive Secretary for more than a decade, and many subsequent leaders credited him for their success. A former football player for the Boilermakers and 1947 graduate, Mr. Newell served as an athletic trainer at the 1976 and 1980 Olympics and coordinated all athletic training coverage for the 1984 Olympics. He was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame in 1972.

Undergraduate Recipients:

2019  Estefania Zavala, Lewis University
2018  Arick Crecelius, Indiana State University
2017  Kiley Buchanan, Capital University
2016  Andrea Patterson, UW Madison
2015  Lena Grunloh, Indiana State University
2014  Eden Embree, University of Indianapolis
2013  Kellen Scott, College of Mount St. Joseph
2012  Jeanette Limberg, UW Stevens Point
2011  Alison Reddick, Grand Valley State University

Graduate Recipients:

2019  Alexis Yelland, Western Michigan University
2018  Victoria Swipas, Miami University
2017  Mary Joos, Bethel University
2016  Jenna Newmann, Indiana University
2015  Jennifer Huston, Kent State University
2014  Megan Quinlevan, University of Toledo
2013  Michelle McLeod, University of Toledo
2012  Kelly Potteiger, Rocky Mountain University
2011  Hayley Ericksen, University of Toledo

GLATA Living Memorial Graduate Scholarship:
The Great Lakes Athletic Trainers’ Association corresponds to District 4 of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association and makes up the geographic region which includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Scholarship Recipients:

2019  Katilin Grapes, Winona State University
2018  Erin Arnas, Winona State University
2017  Angela Wirsching, Indiana University
2016  Eric Post, UW Madison
2015  Noah Thaman, Indiana University
2014  Shinichiro Sugiura, University of Toledo
2013  Ashley Thrasher, Ball State University
2012  Alyssa McPherson, Indiana University
2011  Michelle Lamb, Ball State University
2010  Janet Simon, Ohio University
Denny Miller was named director of sports medicine for the Purdue athletic training program in July of 2000 after a 24 year stint as head athletic trainer. Before that, he served four years as an assistant athletic trainer. Miller also is director of the Physical Therapy Department of the Purdue Student Health Center.

In June of 1996, Miller completed four years as president of NATA. He also is a former president of the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Association. He currently is chair of a NATA task force to develop and recommend standards for health care for intercollegiate athletes. Miller was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame in June of 2001.

**Status:** IN PROGRESS  
**Commitment:** $50,000  
**Amount Received:** $46,693/55  
**Outstanding Pledges:** $3,788  
**Needed to Endow:** $3,306.45  
**as of 6/30/19**