

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:

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Donor Organizations:

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NATA District 4

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire

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 Wojeicki 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

- 2020 Audrey Sexter, The College of St. Scholastica
- 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 1978. He was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame in 1978.

Scholarship Recipients

- 2020 Allison Eavey, Purdue University
- 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
- 2011 Raeann Bennett, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
- 2010 Alyssa McPherson, Purdue University
- 2009 Bria Noel, Illinois State University
- 2008 Kathryn Webster, University of Toledo

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:

- 2020 Madison McWethy, Michigan State University
- 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:

- 2020 Jessica Carr, Indiana University
- 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:

- 2020 Caroline Fleming, Adrian College
- 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 and Linda Miller Scholarship



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: Endowed. First award to occur in 2021

Commitment: \$50,000