John A. Mayes – Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC) Scholarship

**About the Endowment:** The John A. Mayes – Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC) Scholarship provides an annual scholarship of $2,300 to a qualified entry-level athletic training student from a diverse ethnic background.

**About Mr. Mayes:** John Mayes, a certified athletic trainer, is the CEO of the C.A.E.O.S. Foundation Inc., an organization created to assist ethnically diverse students in accessing educational opportunities through sports participation. Formerly the director of Athletic Training/Sports Medicine at Prairie View A&M University, Mr. Mayes earned the Master’s degree from PVAMU in 1993. Throughout his career, Mr. Mayes has worked tirelessly to champion ethnic diversity initiatives and to promote health care and higher education in the minority community. He served as the national liaison to the National Athletic Trainers Association’s Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee and his outstanding leadership efforts have been recognized with the NATA Service Award and articles in *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, NATA News Journal* and the *AMA Health Care Career News*.

**Scholarship Recipients:**

- **2022** Georgia Vernardakis, The University of Tulsa
- **2021** Breanna Ferguson, University of South Carolina
- **2020** Keiona Nance, University at Buffalo
- **2020** Hyunwook Lee, Brigham Young University
- **2019** Not Awarded
- **2018** Amber Griffin, Louisiana State University
- **2017** Kumiko Hashida, University of Nevada Las Vegas
- **2016** Amani Jackson, Indiana State University
- **2015** Yuki Uemura, University of Utah
- **2014** Danielle Enrique, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- **2013** Suzi Aparicio, A.T. Still University
- **2012** Dominique Starr, Wright State University
- **2011** Seth Byers, University of Utah
- **2010** Noritoshi Shirakawa, Louisiana State University
- **2009** Masahiro Takahagi, Methodist University

**Status:** ENDOWED  
**Commitment:** $50,000  
**Amount Received:** $50,000

**Donors:**  
John A. Mayes, ATC