

Year End NATA Foundation Investor Report 2025



The NATA Research & Education Foundation champions research, supports education and enhances knowledge to optimize the clinical experience and outcomes within the diverse patient populations served by the athletic training profession. www.natafoundation.org

PROGRAMS

RESEARCH GRANTS

In 2025, 16 research grants were awarded totaling **\$110,146**

- 1 General Grant totaling **\$49,824**
- 2 New Investigator Grants at **\$39,822**
- 5 Doctoral Grants totaling **\$12,500**
- 8 Masters Grants totaling **\$8,000**

Since 1991, there have been **416 research grants awarded totaling more than \$5.6 million.**

FREE COMMUNICATIONS

- **273** Abstracts were accepted in 2025 and published in the *Journal of Athletic Training* supplement

Since 1991, there have been more than **9,000 Free Communications abstracts accepted, presented and published.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

- In 2025, 67 scholarships were awarded totaling **\$154,100**

Since 1991, **2,107 scholarships have been awarded to students totaling more than \$4.35 million.**

MENTOR PROGRAMS

- **10** mentor/mentee pairings in 2025
- **148** mentors and mentees paired

2025 NATA FOUNDATION AWARD WINNERS

SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

- **Lifetime Contribution Award:** Kevin Tsang, PhD, ATC
- **Rachael Oats Leadership Award:** Kathryn LaLonde, MS, ATC
- **Volunteer Service Award:** Erik Wikstrom, PhD, LAT, ATC
- **Impact Service Award:** Leigh Weiss, PT/DPT, ATC

RESEARCH AWARD WINNERS

- **Medal for Distinguished Athletic Training Research:** Joe Hart, PhD, ATC, FNATA
- **The Dr. Freddie & Mrs. Hilda Pang Fu New Investigator Award:** Kate Jochimsen, PhD, ATC
- **The David H. Perrin Doctoral Dissertation Award:** Luk Devorski, PhD, ATC

FREE COMMUNICATIONS AWARD WINNERS

- **Pre-Professional/Professional Student:** Taisei Chiba, University of South Carolina
- **Post-Professional Advanced Clinical Track Student:** Elena Hobbs, MS, ATC, Concordia University
- **Post-Professional Terminal Degree Student:** Sarah Woelfel, MA, LAT, ATC, University of Nebraska
- **Early Career:** Katelyn Ward, MS, ATC, Keller Army Hospital
- **Established Career:** Erik Wikstrom, PhD, LAT, ATC, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

STUDENT WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

- **Best Original Research:** Kyler Conn, Cedarville University
- **Best Summary Evidence:** Kieran Scanlan, Moravian University
- **Best Clinical Practice Research:** Carlos Rivera, University of South Carolina at Columbia

2025 SPECIAL EVENTS

- **ParTee for ATs**
 - 312 registered to attend, raising \$37,848
 - Sponsors: Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer; Bob McCloskey Insurance; Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education; California Athletic Trainers' Association; Complete Concussions; Fabrication Enterprises, Inc.; Far West Athletic Trainers' Association; Gatorade Performance Partner; Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association; Henry Schein; Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association; Mid America Athletic Trainers' Association; NATA District Two; National Basketball Athletic Trainers' Association; Nebraska State Athletic Trainers' Association; NY Football Giants; OOFOS; OVIK Health; PFATS Foundation; Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society; Professional Hockey Athletic Trainers Society; Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers' Association; Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida; Waterboy Sports
- **Silent Auction**
 - Sponsor: AT Final Frontier

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 - Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society Foundation
- **Program Sponsors:**
 - Student Writing Contest: Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association
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