PFATS Research Endowment
Kent and Maxine Falb Research Endowment

About the Endowment: Named after Kent and Maxine Falb. Kent served as NATA President, the long term athletic trainer for the Detroit Lions and currently serves as the PFATS Executive Assistant. Kent was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame in 1999 and also served as past NATA President. Maxine is an avid supporter of certified Athletic Trainers.

About PFATS: The Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society is over 100 members strong. All members are Certified Athletic Trainers and the vast majority has advanced degrees. PFATS provides scholarship and internship opportunities, educational seminars and charitable activities with the ultimate goal of sharing information and education. PFATS hopes to provide support and encouragement to both Student and Certified Athletic Trainers, to provide with the team physician’s and other medical professionals the highest quality healthcare to the athletes they serve and to show the value that a Certified Athletic Trainer provides to the team. PFATS works with the NFL Physician’s Society, the National Football League and the National Athletic Trainers’ Association we take on new challenges to work towards better solutions, collaborative opportunities and new ideas.

Donors have several selection priorities (listed below in descending priority order):
   - Sports Hernia
   - Ankle Syndesmosis Injuries
   - Lis France Injuries
   - Jones Fractures
   - Concussion
   - Heat Illness
   - Low Back
   - Lower or Upper Extremity

Research Grant Recipients:
2022  Justin Rush, MS, ATC, The University of Toledo
2021  Not Awarded
2020  Allyn Abadie, University of Alabama - Birmingham
2019  David Sherman, The University of Toledo
2018  Yuki Sugimoto, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
2017  Caroline Lisee, Michigan State University
2016  Kyeongtak Song
2015  Zachary Winkleman, Indiana State University
2010  Melissa M. Montgomery, MA, ATC, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Status: ENDOWED
Commitment: $52,000
Amount Received: $52,000
Donor Organizations:
Professional Football Athletic Trainers’ Society