

Patty and Chuck Kimmel Scholarship



About the Endowment: The Patty and Chuck Kimmel Scholarship Endowment was established in 2013 by District 9 to honor former NATA President Chuck Kimmel and his wife, Patty for their unwavering dedication to the athletic training profession. It provides an annual scholarship of \$2,300 to a qualified athletic training student from District 9.

About Patty and Chuck Kimmel: Patty and Chuck met in 1970, began dating in 1972 and were married six years later. They are the proud parents of three children, Chad, Meredith and Adam and three grandchildren. Chuck earned his BA from the University of Kentucky in 1976 and his MA from East Tennessee State University in 1978. A certified athletic trainer since that same year, Chuck has held a number of leadership positions at the state, district and national levels, including Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society President, Vice-President and Parliamentarian; District 9 President, Secretary/Treasurer and Parliamentarian; and NATA President, District

Director, Secretary/Treasurer and Finance Committee chair, to name a few.

Chuck received the NATA's Athletic Trainer Service Award in 1997, was named a Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer in 2002 and, in 2011, was inducted into the association's Hall of Fame. He has received numerous accolades at the district and state levels and remains active in the profession lecturing at conferences and meetings across the country. He is currently the Injury Clinic Director at Appalachian State University, a position he has held since 2007. Patty, after spending more than 20 years at her dream job as a stay-at-home mother, earned her BA from Austin Peay State University in 2003. She continued her education at Trevecca Nazarene University, receiving her master's in library science a year later. Patty served as an elementary school teacher at from 2003-2012 and is currently the librarian at Doe Elementary and Laurel Bloomery Elementary Schools in Mountain City.

Like her husband, volunteer service has always been a way of life for Patty. From girl scouts to the PTA to being a foster parent, Patty has unselfishly given her time to help those around her. Her most visible role within the NATA has been that of supporter, sounding board and confidant to Chuck throughout his many years of service to the profession. While some might find the long, often thankless hours of a spouse's volunteerism a burden, Patty has always encouraged Chuck, standing beside him with an unwavering loyalty that makes a scholarship in his name that didn't include hers inconceivable.

Status: ENDOWED

Commitment: \$50,000

Amount Received: \$50,000

Scholarship Recipients:

- 2021 Rachel Johnson, University of Georgia
- 2020 Katherine Bain, University of Kentucky
- 2019 Tiffany Franklin, Spalding University
- 2018 Morgan Marie North, Samford University
- 2017 Savannah Knighton, Louisiana State University
- 2016 Kelly Stephens, Middle Tennessee State University

2015 Alexandra Pfefferle, University of Southern Mississippi

2014 Natalie Myers, University of Kentucky

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