

Richard F. “Dick” Malacrea Research Endowment



About the Endowment: The Richard F. Malacrea Research Endowment Fund was established in 2008 by the Athletic Training Society of New Jersey’s leadership to honor one of the organization’s founders, Richard “Dick” Malacrea, while at the same time funding student research. When the endowment balance reaches \$25,000, it will support one master’s grant annually, in perpetuity. At \$50,000, it will fund two master’s grants or one doctoral grant and, at the \$75,000 mark, an additional master’s grant will be awarded.

About Mr. Malacrea: Hard work and sacrifice became a way of life for Dick Malacrea since graduating from West Chester State College in 1954 and after serving in the U. S. Army as a Scout in the 4th Infantry Recon

Company. He returned in 1956 to earn his certification in physical therapy from the University of Pennsylvania. His career included seven years at various Philadelphia hospitals as a staff chief physical therapist, three years at Swarthmore College as a physical therapist/athletic trainer and 30 years as Director of Athletic Training and Physical Therapy at Princeton University to round out his career.

At Princeton in 1998, Dick was the recipient of the Marvin Bressler Award for the Princeton Varsity Club. Since 1997, this honor has been given to a member of the Princeton family who, through heartfelt support of the University’s student-athletes and coaches, best embodies a belief in the lifelong lessons taught by competition and athletics as a complement to the overall education mission. It is awarded in honor of Marvin Bressler, professor of sociology, 1963-1994.

Professionally, Dick was instrumental in the founding of the Athletic Training Society of New Jersey, enabling legislation in 1984. He was appointed, consecutively by three governors, as Chairman to the Advisory Committee of Athletic Training to the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners. He served as EATA President, was elected to three terms as District Director, Vice President of NATA, served as the first liaison to the Sports Medicine Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics (under the auspices of the Johnson & Johnson and Sony Corporations). From 1975-1980, Dick conducted a series of lectures, demonstrations and workshops in Japan on athletic training, “American-style” and the role, structure and certifications of the NATA.

Dick has been awarded the Most Distinguished Service award from the ATSNJ, the Cramer Corporation (EATA) and the American Orthopaedic Society of Sports Medicine (AOSSM). In 1992, he received the EATA William E “Pinky” Newell Award.

Throughout his career, Mr. Malacrea has worked to set the bar for the profession and, more importantly, to help his colleagues achieve the high standards of today’s athletic trainer.

Research Grant Recipients:

- 2021 Derek Dewig, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2020 Thomas Birchmeier, Michigan State University
- 2019 Rebecca Hirschorn, MS, SCAT, ATC, NRAEMT, University of South Carolina
- 2018 Melissa Kay, MS, ATC, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2017 Jennifer Hunnicutt, MSc, ATC

2016 Jennifer Hogg MA, ATC
2015 Christopher J. Burcal, MSc, LAT ATC, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
2014 Riana Pryor, MS, ATC, University of Connecticut
2013 Samantha Bowker, BS, ATC, University of Toledo
Anna Porter, ATC, University of Kentucky Research Foundation
2012 Heather Boley, ATC, University of Toledo
Hayley Root, ATC, University of Connecticut, Storrs
2011 Not Awarded
2010 Megan Quinlevan, ATC, University of Kentucky Research Foundation
2009 Not Awarded
2008 Tracy Andrus, ATC, Old Dominion University

Status: FULLY ENDOWED (1 Doctoral grant or 2 Master's grants)

Goal: \$50,000

Amount Received: \$88,445

Outstanding Pledges: \$0

Needed to Endow: \$0

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