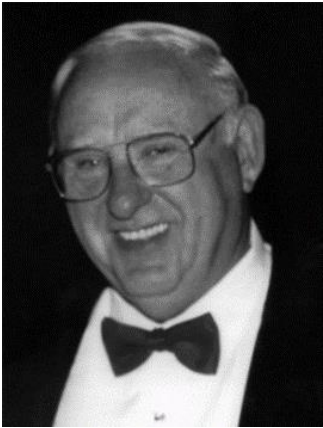


The Ted Quedenfeld Endowment

Established by Stephen E. Bair - 2023



About the Endowment: To honor his mentor, colleague, and friend, Stephen E. Bair, MEd, ATC, established the Ted Quedenfeld Endowment with a generous estate gift to the NATA Research & Education Foundation. This endowment will provide significant annual support for the NATA Foundation's research programs in perpetuity.

About Ted Quedenfeld: While working at Temple University, Ted developed the first hospital-based sports medicine center and the first clinic-based outreach program for high school athletes in the U.S., creating jobs for athletic trainers outside the traditional setting. Mr. Quedenfeld also contributed significantly to secure Pennsylvania's first state legislative act for athletic trainers in the early 1980s. He was posthumously inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame in 2004. His research helped promote advancements in everything from cleats to the prevention of sports-related asthma attacks.



About Stephen E. Bair: Steve was a member of the NATA Foundation's Shoebox Society for planned giving, and he was a steadfast supporter of the NATA Foundation for many years. Steve's estate gift, establishing the Ted Quedenfeld Endowment is the single largest donation the NATA Foundation has received from an individual to date.

Steve earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Western Michigan University and his Master of Education in Athletic Training from the University of Arizona. He began his athletic training career as an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Temple University in Philadelphia. In 1978, he was named Head Athletic Trainer at Temple, a position he would hold for 10 years. In 1988, Steve took his talents to Overbrook Senior High School in New Jersey where he would remain until his retirement in 2010.

Where Steve truly shined was as a mentor, teacher, and friend. As a mentor and teacher, he was an outstanding clinician that could teach at the level the student needed. Steve taught his students to be involved and to promote themselves within the athletic training profession. Steve was recognized for his outstanding service to his patients and the profession. He was a member of the NATA Hall of Fame, the Athletic Trainers' Society of New Jersey (ATSNJ) Hall of Fame, and the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA) 49 Club. Steve was also recognized with the ATSNJ Distinguished Service Award, the EATA Excellence in Secondary School Athletic Training Award, and the EATA Leadership Award.

Steve was a leader who was committed to serving the athletic training profession at the local, regional, and national levels. At the New Jersey state level, he was significantly involved in the ATSNJ where he served as the treasurer, the treasurer of the New Jersey Political Action Committee, and a founding member of the ATSNJ Golf Outing that raises funds for various charities in New Jersey. On the regional level, Steve served on the Executive Board of the EATA. On the national level, Steve served as director for the Board of Certification for The Athletic Trainer, District Two Director for the NATA and he served on the NATA Foundation's board of directors as the District Two Chair from 2004-2010.