

“On the banks of the Red Cedar...”

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Accredited Athletic Training Educational Programs Updates

The Michigan State University Undergraduate Educational Athletic Training Program of 2005-2006 began the year with two new faces in roles of leadership. Dr. Tracey Co-vassin was hired to direct the undergraduate educational program with Kim (Cornelisse) Kittleman returning to East Lansing as the new Clinical Coordinator.

Tracey arrived at Michigan State from Shippensburg University after completing her Doctorate at Temple University. Her research focuses on neuropsychological impair-

ments of concussions and epidemiology of sports injuries. Kim, a 1998 MSU undergraduate, had worked as an assistant athletic trainer and clinical coordinator at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas since 2001.

Dr. John Powell is currently in the process of responding to the summary and recommendations of the Graduate Ath-



letic Training Education Program's On-Site Visitation. Visitation was completed this past spring. Specific and general guideline changes are being implemented for the pursuit of the initial graduate NATA accreditation.

NATA Spartan Alumni: See You in Atlanta at the Omni Hotel on June 15...

The 2006 Michigan State University Alumni Gathering will be in Atlanta, Georgia on Thursday, June 15. This year's gathering will be held at the Omni Hotel at the CNN Center in Ma-

ple AB Room. The Maple AB is located in the Atrium Terrace Level of the South Tower. The night's festivities will be held from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

Lou Anne Jefferson will

be coordinating this year's event in Atlanta. Her time and energy are greatly appreciated. We look forward to your attendance with an active and festive Spartan involvement.

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- NATA Undergraduate and Graduate Athletic Training Education Programs.
- Ronnie Barnes Educational Resource Center
- Alumni Updates

End of the Year Awards Banquet offers new location at Spartan Stadium

Michigan State University's Annual Athletic Training end of the year banquet was completed in the newly created LaSalle Club on the fourth floor of Spartan Stadium.

The new location and setting offered graduating and current athletic training students the opportunity to enjoy in the festive year end gathering and be recognized for the 2005-2006 academic and clinical accomplishments. Lianna Haden and current MSU graduate athletic trainers completed the planning of this year's activities. The day included a round of an eighteen-hole putting competition at Hawk Hollow Golf Course, athletic training room open-house visita-

tion for interested parents or guardians, award presentations, video presentations, athletic training recognition opportunities, and dinner.



Undergraduate athletic training students pose for photos following the end of the year banquet.

Presentations, highlights, and updates were offered by head athletic trainer Jeff Monroe, and undergraduate and graduate coordinators Dr.'s Tracey Covassin and John Powell. The graduating undergraduate athletic training students and future employment locations are: Jeremy Auer, Mark Blazok, Stephen Campbell (GA: Georgia), Leslie Cowen (GA: Arizona State), Colleen Duff (GA: Alabama Birmingham), Jonathon Jonas, Jessica Koch (MSU DO school), Lauren Radakovich (graduate school), Ricky Ruiz (GA: San Jose State), Jessica Spratt (Chilton, WI, Clinical Outreach), Alan Stiver (GA: Akron), Jenna Street (GA: Wisconsin), Megan Turner (graduate school).

Ronnie Barnes Educational Resource Center

The Ronnie Barnes Educational Resource Center was opened and dedicated this past spring, 2006. The resource center is located on the third floor of Jenison

Field House adjacent to the Athletic Training academic and practical laboratory. The room

includes resource and reference materials, computers, a study lounge, and a conference table for small group meetings.

"The generous donation from Ronnie Barnes offers our athletic training students an opportunity for the continuing development of educational knowledge and clinical preparation in a professional and focused setting."

Michigan State Athletic Training is grateful and thankful for the generous dona-

tion and foresight from Ronnie Barnes, Head Athletic Trainer for the New York Football Giants. Ronnie's gift will allow MSU's athletic training's undergraduate and graduate educational program the opportunity improve upon academic success, while continuing the Spartan tradition of developing aggressive and knowledgeable sports medicine clinicians.

Outgoing Graduate Students continue on in the profession

Seven Michigan State University Graduate Athletic Training students and one Athletic Training Intern completed requirements this past spring on the East Lansing campus.

Kyle Beatty, Courtney Estala, Julie Homuth, Heather Kleiman, Nikki Sperger, Krissy Sutton, BJ Vascik, and Leigh Weiss are currently prepar-

ing for or have secured future employment options in a variety of fields within the profession.

All the graduate athletic training students were recognized at the Spartan end of the year



Leigh Weiss, 2006 Department of Kinesiology's "triple threat".

banquet. Leigh Weiss was also recognized with the Department of Kinesiology's Outstanding Master Student Award for his "triple threat" accomplishments and contributions in the areas of scholarship, teaching, and service.

Athletic Training honors, awards, and future employment settings

Ronnie Barnes was recognized at the Michigan State University's 11th Annual Department of Kinesiology Awards Luncheon with the Department's Professional Achievement Award. Due to Ronnie's unavailability, Dr. John Powell graciously accepted his award. Ronnie was honored earlier in the day with the dedication and ceremony of the Ronnie P. Barnes Athletic Training Educational Resource Center.

The Departments of Kinesiology and Athletic Training recognized the outstanding achievements of its undergraduates this past spring. Award

winners included Leslie Cowen as the Ray Saltzman Outstanding Student



Athletic Trainer and the Michael Straus S.A.T. Academic Excellence Award; Lindsey Coleman, the David O. Hough Memorial Scholarship Award; Colleen Duff, the Ronnie P. Barnes S.A.T. Service and Leadership Award; Mike Fibiger, David O. Hough Memorial Scholarship Award; Jessica Koch, Janet Wessel Award in Adapted Physical Activity and Michael Straus S.A.T. Academic Excellence Awards; and Jenna Street, Ronnie P. Barnes S.A.T. Service and Leadership Award. Mary Barron announced acceptance as the undergraduate AT program director at Georgia Southern University this upcoming fall.

Staff updates and current events

The Michigan State University AT staff continue to stay active in local and national activities. Jeff Monroe continues his position as President-Elect for the Michigan Athletic Trainers Society.

Sally Nogle was selected for the honorable Jack Breslin Most Distinguished Staff award.

Dr. John Powell will be inducted into the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education at the 2006 annual meeting.

Sally was also honored with the 2006 Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society Hall of Fame award. She was honored among professional colleagues and family following the recent MATS

Golf Outing. Dave Carrier was honored in 2005 with the MATS Hall of Fame award. Dr. John Powell will be inducted into the

American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education. New fellows will be inducted into the membership at the Academy's annual meeting in September in Tucson, AR. Presently, there are only 150 active members in AAKPE. Tom Mackowiak completed his Doctoral Degree in Fall 2006 with his dissertation on "An evaluation of planned change: accredited undergraduate athletic training educational programs".

Graduate's Pursue Future Employment Opportunities

The 2006 MSU graduate assistant/intern athletic trainers are energetically pursuing fulltime employment. Leigh Weiss has secured a Seasonal Assistant Athletic Trainer position with the New York Giants. BJ Vascik and Nikki Sperger have accepted internship positions for the fall 2006. BJ will be returning to his undergraduate

roots at Penn State and Nikki will be joining MSU alumni David Fluker at Cincinnati. Krissy Sutton has been hired on at Disneyland in California.

Courtney Estala is en-



Grads Leigh, Krissy, BJ, and Heather after the Awards Banquet.

tering PA school at Central Michigan University. Heather Kleiman is pursuing a clinical outreach program with Sparrow Hospital and the servicing of Grand Ledge High School. Julie and Kyle are actively pursuing future employment.

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Alumni updates from around the globe...

MSU alumni continue to gain athletic training experiences and employment within various settings. Several that have forwarded us new or updated information include: Pete Morano (92) is the AT program director at Central Connecticut State University. Leah (Bundt) Monette continues work at Western Michigan. Lynn (Aula) Swindall (97) works clinically in Racine, WI and was spotted enjoying the sun in Maui this past fall cheering on the Spartans. Lynn and Chad are expecting their first child in September. Leslie Bruno (01) is completing PA school and has accepted a surgical PA position at Troy Beaumont Hospital while planning for a wedding next year. Cheri Kay Sessions (98) is

completing three month physical therapy position with a non-profit organization Ancheri Care in Haiti. Ashley Larimer (03) is working at Mary Free

Bed Hospital in Grand Rapids as a PA in occupational therapy. Courtney (Troost) Landheer (01) is a high school Health and Physical Education teacher in Farmington, CT. Shauny (Fiori) Caruso (03) worked at the University of Rochester this past year. Linley Reichelt (03) is employed at Performance Orthopedics in Bingham Farms, MI. Chip Wise (94) lives in Phoenix, AR and works with Ernst and Young Health Science Advisory Services. Dan Clapper (03) is working at Capitol University in Columbus and is expecting his first child in November. Keep in touch!



Third year athletic training student Colleen Duff celebrates the end of a long Jenison day.