



Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium

**AWARDS  
BANQUET**

Friday, June 8, 2018

Holiday Inn - Harrisburg/Hershey

Grantville, PA

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# MENU

## CHOICE OF ONE

*~Chicken Romano~*

*Chicken layered with Ham & Provolone Cheese  
with a Sundried Tomato seasoning atop Marinara Sauce*

*~ served with a Tossed Salad ~*

*~Penne Pasta with Garden Vegetables~*

*Assorted Fresh Vegetables tossed with  
Penne Pasta, Garlic, Olive Oil, & Fresh Herbs*

*~served with a Tossed Salad ~*

*~Gluten-Free Chef Choice~*

## DESSERT

*Cheesecake*

ALL MEALS SERVED WITH ROLLS  
AND YOUR CHOICE OF  
COFFEE AND ASSORTED TEAS

## WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

*George Roberts, President, PATS*

~ INVOCATION~

~ DINNER~

## PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

PATS "OTHO DAVIS" STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

DISTRICT II "JOE IEZZI" STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

"CECILIA YOST" STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

"RICHARD M. BURKHOLDER" STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

"PHILLIP B. DONLEY" STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

OUTGOING OFFICER AWARDS

TEAM PHYSICIAN HONORARY AWARD

PATS SERVICE AWARDS

PATS DISTINGUISHED MERIT AWARDS

## INDUCTION OF HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

*George Roberts, President, PATS*

## CLOSING REMARKS

*George Roberts, President, PATS*

## Greetings from the President

On behalf of the Executive Board, I would like to welcome you to the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS).

Tonight, we are here to honor our past and recognize our future. We will also be celebrating all things Athletic Training, the greatest profession.

This year we will be awarding five scholarships to deserving athletic training students from around the Commonwealth. These scholarships are in honor of Phillip Donley, District II/Joe Iezzi, Richard Burkholder, and Cecilia Yost with the fifth scholarship being the PATS, Inc./Otho Davis Award.

The athletic training profession continues to progress due to the strong bonds between physicians and athletic trainers in the Commonwealth. Tonight, we will highlight this relationship with the presentation of three Team Physician Awards. We will continue to utilize the positive relationships we have created with physicians and other health care professionals to advance the team approach to effective health care.

We will also thank our outgoing Executive Board members for their service to the Society as well as presenting the PATS Service Awards to an individual who has made significant contributions to PATS over the years. We will present two Distinguished Merit Awards to well-deserving members for their extraordinary dedication to PATS.

The highlight of the evening will be inducting our three newest members to the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame. Edwin "Sandy" Bush, Teresa Zepka, and Linda Fabrizio Mazzoli are the three individuals who have advanced our profession in countless ways, and on behalf of the athletic trainers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania we extend our thanks and CONGRATULATIONS to the Hall of Fame Class of 2018!

The Convention Committee, chaired by Elizabeth Evarts, has once again dedicated a lot of time and effort to put together an outstanding meeting. Take time to personally thank all of the volunteers who have made this outstanding symposium and banquet possible.

Please enjoy an evening of celebration and fellowship as we honor our best and brightest.

Finally, plan to attend next years meeting in Gettysburg PA.

- George

# The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society

## Student Scholarship Awards

### NATA District II - Joe Iezzi Scholarship

Joe has been the Head Athletic Trainer at Cheyney University, Philadelphia University, and Downingtown West High School. He works tirelessly for the profession and has been in many professional leadership roles within the State, District, and National levels. Joe Iezzi has mentored many students and has helped mold and shape their careers and lives.

### PATS, Inc.- Otho Davis Scholarship

In 1976, Otho Davis was the National Executive Director of the National Athletic trainer's Association and was also the principal individual who gathered our founding fathers together in Mechanicsburg, PA to create the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society, modeled after the NATA. Otho was a "bigger than life" individual who had the bold vision to organize Athletic Trainers in the State in order to protect our chosen profession in the uncertain political climate of that time. This award embodies the deep passion of our founding fathers, which holds its members to the highest professional standards by practicing moral and ethical behaviors, valuing camaraderie and collaboration, and exhibiting adaptability, flexibility, and creativity.

### Cecilia Yost Scholarship

As the first female to be elected President of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society, Inc., she was also the first athletic trainer from the secondary school setting. These two groundbreaking accomplishments of historical significance make Cecilia Yost a shining star in the profession of athletic training in the Commonwealth. Because of Cecilia, the path was forged for women to ascend the ladder within the profession of athletic training. Even more importantly, she has strived to mentor those students seeking a career in the field while also constantly being a valuable resource for all of our young professionals. To that end, this award is specific to a rising senior (junior class applicant) who has shown his or her potential for having a unique impact on the profession and the PATS organization.

### Richard M. Burkholder Scholarship

Dick Burkholder is an untiring servant of the profession and the athletes he serves. The Richard M. Burkholder Award is given to a student who has a desire and eagerness to gain knowledge not only in the classroom but also through observation skills – and has insight of how these skills and knowledge can be used to evaluate early health problems and apply them to treat the athlete and use them in practicing his or her chosen health profession. Like "Burke", the person awarded this Scholarship should have a great sense of humor and be committed to helping others in the profession.

### Phillip B. Donley Scholarship

Phil's Athletic Training Education Program was not only the first in the State, but also the first Co-ed program in the country. In 1965, he established a Co-ed athletic training room when few schools had one. He was a pioneer in helping women enter the field and hired the first full-time female athletic trainer in 1966. Along with Bud Miller they were the heart and soul of early athletic training education. Phil is dedicated to the profession and is always there when you need him in professional organization matters. He continues to work behind the scenes to get things done and pushes his peers to step forward to take leadership roles. The Phillip B. Donley Award seeks to distinguish the student who is also dedicated to the profession – who not only distinguishes themselves academically, but more importantly, clinically and through volunteerism. It is the student who is well-rounded and who has shown themselves to go that "extra mile" – not just what has been assigned to them throughout their curriculum.



**Otho Davis**



**Joe Iezzi**



**Phillip B. Donley**



**Richard M. Burkholder**



**Cecilia Yost**

# 2018 Student Scholarship Winners

**RACHAEL DETORE** (Asbury, NJ) graduated a few weeks ago from **King's College**. She has developed her professional skills and attributes through her attendance and participation at EATA and PATS conferences, PATS student symposiums, and PATS Hike-To-Harrisburg campaigns. A recipient of several academic awards at King's College, Rachael has served as a volunteer for golf tournaments, health and wellness fairs, and medical staff for local running events. She also was a Quiz Bowl participant at EATA, a member of the King's College Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and has recently accepted a graduate student position with the University of Miami in their Exercise Physiology program.

**MORGAN DUMONT** (Glen Mills, PA) is a May 2018 graduate of **West Chester University**. She has attended PATS, EATA, and NATA Symposiums, volunteered with Simon's Fund Heart Screenings and Special Olympics, is a counselor and ambassador for the West Chester University Health Sciences Summer Academy, and a tutor in Biology for her fellow students. The 2018 EATA District II Paula Turocy Scholarship winner and 2018 NATA District II Bobby Gunn Scholarship winner, she has been active in the WCU community as President of the WCU athletic training club, laboratory assistant, and lead student in developing a Mental Health Screening Tool for WCU athletics. A recipient of a several academic scholarships, Morgan has been a Dean's List member several times since her first semester of college and will be pursuing a Master's degree in Sport and Recreation Management at James Madison University.

**CONNOR LOGOYDA** (Randolph, NJ) has set his sights on graduation from **King's College** in May 2019. He has volunteered with Big Brother/Big Sister, CitySERVE, Trees for Troops, and Special Olympics as well as a trainer for raising puppies to become service dogs. Connor has served on several committees within the King's College Sports Medicine Society and also is involved in the college as a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, an Open House speaker, and Teaching Assistant for clinical courses. An Iota Tau Alpha (athletic training) Honor Society and Aquinas Honor Society member, he hopes to continue to develop his skills and attend graduate school with the goal of being an athletic trainer in the secondary school setting.

**ALLISON ROSS** (York, PA) looks forward to graduating in May 2019 from the **University of Pittsburgh**. She is President-Elect of the University of Pittsburgh Athletic Training Club, Director for the Pitt Dance Marathon, Fundraising Chair for the Pitt Club Field Hockey Team, Founder of Think Pink 5k Run, and a committee leader for the Lambda Sigma Honor Society. Allison has volunteered her services with Special Olympics, PATS Hike-to-Harrisburg campaigns, and Allegheny County Wrestling Tournaments. A Sandra Bahn Memorial Scholarship and "Class of 1973" Scholarship (Univ. of Pitt) recipient, she is a multiple Dean's List honoree and a certified and state registered Emergency Medical Technician. Allison intends to pursue a Master's degree in Athletic Training in graduate school.

**KELLY ST. JOHN** (Millersville, PA) recently graduated from **West Chester University**. She has attended both PATS and EATA symposiums, been a featured poster and oral presenter at PATS, and will be a poster presenter at NATA (June 2018). Kelly has been active in the WCU Athletic Training Club, serving as Senior Class Representative, as well as a planning committee member for their annual Golf Outing and 5k Fun-Run fundraisers. A recipient of several academic awards, including the 2018 NATA District II Tanya Dargusch Community Leadership Scholarship, Kelly has volunteered with Special Olympics, several Penn Manor Wrestling Tournaments, WCU Adopt-A-Block, WCU Campus Ministry, Upward Basketball, and World Vision. The 5-time Dean's List honoree and Phillip B. Donley Outstanding Senior Award winner will continue her career by seeking a Master's degree in Health Promotion through Concord University in West Virginia.



# **The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society**

## **Team Physician Honorary Membership Award**

The PATS Team Physician Honorary Membership Award was implemented to honor those individuals that have served as a Team Physician with 10 or more years of service in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The recipients have proven themselves to be of immeasurable value while working alongside Athletic Trainers in caring for Pennsylvania's athletes. They are hereby recognized as Honorary Members of PATS and we are proud to recognize their contributions and support of our profession.



*James Bradley, MD*

### **Certifications**

**Surgeon, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery**

**Diplomat, National Board of Medical Examiners**

### **Education**

**MD, Georgetown University, School of Medicine, Washington D.C.**

### **Internship/Residency**

**General Surgery, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, TN**

**Orthopaedics, Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA**

### **Fellowship**

**Sports Medicine, Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic, Inglewood, CA**

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***William Charlton, MD***

### **Certifications**

**Sports Medicine, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery**

### **Education**

**MD, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA**

### **Internship/Residency**

**General Surgery, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA**

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*Lawrence Cox, DO*

### **Certifications**

**Family Practice, American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians**

### **Education**

**DO, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, MO**

### **Internship/Residency**

**Family Practice, Community General Hospital, Harrisburg, PA**

**Osteopathic, Community General Hospital, Harrisburg, PA**

# **The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society Service Award**

The Service Award was created by the PATS, Inc., Board of Directors to recognize and honor those individuals deserving for their dedication, loyalty, & service to the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society.

All honorees have made contributions which have greatly impacted the members of the Society and must have demonstrated direct and/or indirect service to the Society for a period of at least five years.

The services include, but are not limited to, committee work, special projects, liaison to allied groups with significant results, commercial ventures that benefit the Society, establishment of programs to benefit the health care of athletes of the Commonwealth, and any other service as deemed to be significant by a Board member or one of the constituents of the Board.



## 2018 PATS SERVICE AWARD



**Jason Vian**

As a recipient of the PATS Service Award for 2018, Jason Vian, MS, MBA, LAT, ATC, has exemplified what it means to be a servant member of PATS. He began his career in 1996, employed by Ohio University as a graduate assistant, this after completing his undergraduate studies in Health Science and Athletic Training at Lock Haven University. Through his career he has worked to grow and develop our profession utilizing skills learned in various settings of our profession.

Jason's vast educational background, which includes an MBA from Alvernia University, allows him to participate in Athletic Training through many aspects, both administratively and clinically. He has been employed in both the traditional and industrial settings, allowing his knowledge and expertise to be utilized by many individuals while also educating and sharing wellness topics with all interested.

Jason currently serves as the chair of the PATS Committee on Practice Advancement, a position he has held for the past 5 years. He also previously served on the Revenue Committee for PATS and on the national level as the District 2 representative for the NATA.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Jason Vian for his efforts and passion that have assisted us to grow and become a stronger organization. He has consistently demonstrated the criteria necessary for a PATS Service Award and his commitment to the profession has been exemplary as he continues to serve the Society. Thank you Jason and congratulations.



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**SOCIETY, INC.**

# **The Pennsylvania Athletic Training Society**

## **Distinguished Merit Award**

The Pennsylvania Athletic Training Society Distinguished Merit Award Hall of Fame was created by the PATS' Board of Directors to honor those individuals who have demonstrated exemplary professional practice achievement in their respective employment setting.

The DMA is awarded to a PA certified athletic trainer who has been in practice for a minimum of 10 years and deserves merit for demonstrated excellence in one of the following settings:

1. Secondary School (High School)
2. College/University
3. Professional Sport
4. Clinical/Industrial
5. Educator/Researcher

These athletic trainers are awarded for their excellence in their primary fields of practice and positive influence on patients, athletes, students, administrators and organizations they provide service for in their role as a professional employee.

# PATS DISTINGUISHED MERIT AWARD 2018



**Joseph Iezzi**

Joe Iezzi, MS, LAT, ATC, PES, has been a certified athletic trainer since 1975 and worked tirelessly for the student athletes of Cheyney University (1975-1985), Philadelphia University (1985-1988), and Downingtown High School (1988-2013). For the past 38 years, he has worked with student athletic trainers from West Chester University helping to mold them into respectable, young professionals who also volunteer service to their state Society. Joe also worked at the U.S. Olympic Training Center which parlayed into serving Olympic teams at the Olympic Festival, World University Games, and the Goodwill Games in Moscow.

He has been a constant force within our profession holding various state, regional and national leadership positions. Within PATS, Joe has served the Society as the President-Elect/President from 1990-1994 and was the Legislative Chair from 1996-1998. He took his expertise to the EATA Board of Directors and then as District II Director to the NATA from 1999-2005. During his six years on the NATA Board of Directors, he served as Vice President (2004-2005) and was the liaison to the public relations committee, secondary school committee, and the professional hockey athletic training association.

His accomplishments have been recognized with numerous awards: Micro-Biomedics EATA Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award winner (1999), PATS Service Award (2004), NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer (2005), Philadelphia Sports Medicine Congress “Ted Quedenfeld” Award (2006), PATS Hall of Fame (2009), EATA Cramer Award (2010), Cheyney University Athletic Hall of Fame (2012), Philadelphia University Athletic Hall of Fame (2014), EATA Jeffrey Stone Service Award (2015), The James Thornton EATA Keynote Address Speaker Award (2016), and, most recently, the Chester City Sports Hall of Fame (2017) and EATA Charter Member of the “49” Club (Hall of Fame-2017). It is without question that Joe deserves the Distinguished Merit Award for excellence as an Athletic Trainer in the College/University and Secondary School levels, for his tireless efforts and influence within our profession, and for his commitment to the development and mentorship of young athletic trainers. Thank you and congratulations Joe.



# PATS DISTINGUISHED MERIT AWARD 2018



**Greg K. Janik**

For over 20 years as a certified athletic trainer, Greg Janik, MS, LAT, ATC, has committed himself tirelessly to advance the profession of athletic training. King's College has employed Greg for the past 19 years as an Assistant Clinical Professor, Associate Clinical Professor, Clinical Professor, and Director of Athletic Training. During this time, he has been able to influence and mold future generations of Athletic Trainers, as evidenced by his involvement with PATS, EATA, and NATA Student Quiz Bowls and countless student poster presentations. Greg was recognized for his excellent mentorship of students with the 2012 King's College Max and Tillie Rosenn Award for Faculty Excellence.

Greg has been described as a selfless individual and his influence goes well beyond his work as a clinical professor at King's College. He has served in countless leadership positions that include: PATS Northeast Representative, President-Elect, President, Past-President, Pennsylvania Department of Health Committee Member of the Pennsylvania Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board, and many other committees at the local, state, and national level. In 2011, under the presidential leadership of Greg, athletic trainers' achieved licensure in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A project for many years, this achievement placed our profession on the same level as other peer health professions as valued, medical professionals.

Greg's work towards advancing health care for youth sports resulted in a \$400,000 grant for PATS. The purpose of this grant is to educate physicians, physicians' assistants, nurses and coaches, parents and athletes affiliated with youth sports in the Commonwealth about the importance of recognition, proper care, and resulting management of Traumatic Brain Injuries.

It is with great honor and deserving recognition that PATS presents Greg with the Distinguished Merit Award for his excellence as an Athletic Trainer in the College/University setting and for his unwavering dedication to our profession. Thank you and congratulations Greg.

# **The Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall Of Fame**

The Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame was created by the PATS' Board of Directors in 1999. The Hall of Fame is a state-wide honor that is administered and funded by PATS, Inc. and our society's most prestigious award.

The inaugural class was in 2000 and inducted 11 members. Since the initial class, a total of 53 members have been inducted. This includes 46 athletic trainers, 6 physicians, and 1 state senator. Today, 3 new members will join this prestigious group.

The 32" x 18" framed keystone-shaped certificate is signed by the current PATS President and Honors Chair. It is inscribed with the words "Whereas the recipient has brought distinction and honor to the profession of athletic training through a commitment to excellence, dedication, and valued contributions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania".

***CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
CLASS OF 2018***

# The Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame

## **CLASS OF 2000**

E.H. "Hal" Biggs  
Joseph Blankowitsch, Jr.  
Richard Burkholder  
Otho L. Davis  
Phillip B. Donley  
Chuck Medlar  
David G. Moyer, MD  
Ted Quedenfeld  
Francis Sheridan  
Bruce Vogelson  
Howard Waite

## **CLASS OF 2001**

G.E. "Moose" Detty  
Joseph Godek  
Willie Myers  
David J. Tomasi  
Joseph Torg, MD

## **CLASS OF 2002**

Rudolph "Rudy" Corona  
I.O. Silver, MD  
John Thatcher

## **CLASS OF 2003**

Romeo Capozzi  
Michael Cordas, Jr., DO  
George "Speed" Ebersole

## **CLASS OF 2004**

Gareth "Lefty" Biser  
Alexander Kalenak, MD  
Jack Rea, Jr.  
Lois Wagner

## **CLASS OF 2005**

Sayers J. "Bud" Miller  
Cecilia Yost

## **CLASS OF 2006**

David Joyner, MD  
Mark Keppler  
Bob Shank

## **CLASS OF 2007**

William B. Biddington  
Joseph Iezzi

## **CLASS OF 2008**

Jeffrey S. Cooper  
Michael R. Sittler  
Paula Sammarone Turocy

## **CLASS OF 2009**

John Hauth  
Steve Heckler

## **CLASS OF 2010**

Steven J. Nemes

# The Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame

## **CLASS OF 2011**

George Roberts

## **CLASS OF 2012**

Senator Robert Tomlinson

Paul G. Slocum

## **CLASS OF 2013**

Julie Ramsey Emrhein

Barry McGlumphy

Linda Platt Myer

## **CLASS OF 2014**

Joseph Donald Donolli

Glen L. "Larry" Cooper

Gary Robert Hanna

## **CLASS OF 2015**

AJ Duffy III

John Norwig

## **CLASS OF 2016**

Rick Burkholder

Jim Thornton

Tom West

## **CLASS OF 2017**

- *no selections* -

**INDUCTEE CLASS OF 2018**

Edwin “Sandy” Bush

Linda Fabrizio Mazzoli

Teresa Zepka



## 2018 Hall of Fame Inductee



**Edwin "Sandy" Bush, MS, LAT, ATC**

Edwin "Sandy" Bush is a Montrose native from Northeastern Pennsylvania. Sandy has been a NATA member since 1975 and PATS member starting in 1981. Sandy completed his Bachelor's degree in Health, P.E. and Athletic Training from Lock Haven State College in 1977, under the tutelage of the late David Tomasi, PA HOF member. While at Lock Haven State, Sandy competed on the men's soccer team, helping lead the Bald Eagles to three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. Sandy earned his Master's degree from South Dakota State University in 1981. He returned to his home state and worked alongside PA HOF Dr. Joseph Torg at the prestigious University of Pennsylvania Sports Medicine Center from 1981-1983. Sandy would move to Grantham, Pennsylvania and Messiah College in 1983. At Messiah, Sandy was asked to wear many professional hats including: senior lecturer, academic advisor, mentor, head athletic trainer, clinical instructor, practitioner, and program director. As the athletic training program director, he would become the cornerstone for implementing one of the first Christian College accredited athletic training education programs in the nation.

For the past 35 years Sandy has been guiding the Messiah athletic training program with high character and solid morals which he shares with his friendly staff and students. He will be the first to note how blessed he is to be surrounded by such a dynamic and supportive staff that has helped grow the program over the years. The Messiah College mission statement is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character, and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service and leadership in church and schools.

Sandy demonstrates these qualities of service and leadership with friends, staff, students and the community. Sandy has served on over twenty committees at Messiah College. To name a few: Hiring Committee, Professional Development, Safety, Department AD-hoc and Athletics Honors & Awards. Sandy has served on the PATS BOD, chairing the following PATS committees: Governmental Affairs, Clinical Symposium Convention, History and Archives and Honors and Awards Committee. Currently, Sandy serves as the Co-Chair for PATS History and Archives Committee since 2002 and has been a member of the PATS HOF committee since 1997. Sandy was honored with the PATS Service Award in 2003 and the PATS Distinguished Merit Award in 2014. Sandy is a frequent speaker to MD groups, parents, administrators, local high schools and youth organizations promoting the profession of Athletic Training.

Sandy's true investment in life is the time and love he has made for his family. Sandy always made time to teach and coach his children in youth sports: his daughter Heather in soccer, Edwin in both basketball and soccer and his youngest son B.J. in soccer. Now he has a grandson Luke who will be on the pitch shortly.

Sandy resides in Dillsburg with his wife Sheila and the family dog: Moses (AKA the linebacker).

# 2018 Hall of Fame Inductee



**Linda Fabrizio Mazzoli, MS, LAT, ATC, PTA, PES**

An innovator and insightful leader in Athletic Training who has been blessed with the ability to identify new challenges and create unique professional opportunities for herself and others is how one might describe Linda Fabrizio Mazzoli, MS, LAT, ATC, PTA, PES; a 2018 Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame Inductee. The Director of the Rothman Institute Concussion Network in Philadelphia, PA, Ms. Mazzoli, a working mother of four and fearless soccer coach, also is the Executive Director for the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society and a consultant and Partnership Team Member for Clark Group Associates. Striving always to recognize, hone, and advance her skill set, Linda has never fit into just one professional box. In addition to being a Pennsylvania-licensed and nationally certified athletic trainer, Ms. Mazzoli was credentialed as an athletic trainer in New Jersey and Delaware and EMT in Pennsylvania, currently holds Physical Therapy Assistant registration in Pennsylvania, and has both a National Class D license for youth soccer and Level 1 Diploma recognition as a coach from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

We in Pennsylvania were blessed to initially identify Linda's outstanding talents in 1994 when she was in her very first professional position with Nova Care. It was then that sports medicine entrepreneur and Philadelphia native, Pat Croce, allowed Linda Mazzoli to spread her wings and soar, moving from the Ridley High School Athletic Trainer position to eventually becoming, in 1998, the National Director for Athletic Training Services and Director of Program Development for his then-mega national sports medicine corporation.



This is also when the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society (PATs) first benefitted from Ms. Mazzoli's expertise and experience when she agreed to serve as the Society's Co-Chair of the Clinical AdHoc Committee. The timing of this selection is very important, because it occurred when only a handful of singularly-credentialed Athletic Trainers worked in full-time positions within sports medicine clinics nationally. Today, approximately 20% of Athletic Trainers nationally work in clinic, corporate or industrial practice settings. Linda Mazzoli went on to be elected to the Southeastern Representative to the PATs Board of Director and later was appointed as Parliamentarian for that Board. Her outstanding work for PATs has been recognized with the PATs Service Award in 2004 and the PATs Distinguished Merit Award in 2012. Linda's successful performance as Co-Chair of the PATs Revenue & Reimbursement Committee and her work developing the "value recognition" model for Athletic Trainers parlayed itself into NATA national leadership positions including a 5-year stint as Chair of the NATA's Council on Revenue and at least 7 other NATA committees and task forces. Her leadership contributions at the national level also have been recognized by her peers across the United States with the NATA's Service Award in 2010 and the NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award in 2014.

Linda's dedication and exceptional work ethic, which she often attributes to her mother's and sister's influence, also have led Linda Mazzoli to partner in Summit Sports Training Facilities and eventually open her own business, Quin Tech Health Services, a company that outsourced health, wellness, and prevention services delivered by athletic trainers. This company was later bought out by Benchmark Medical, Inc. who had the foresight to retain Linda as a Vice President of Clinical Services after the transition. Linda's work for Benchmark contributed to the growth and generation of millions of dollars in revenue. Before taking her current position, Linda Mazzoli also spent seven years as the Director of Marketing and Professional Development for the Cooper Bone and Joint Institute at Cooper University Hospital and had a brief two-year stint as the Chief Operating Officer for an international and domestic electrical power manufacturing firm based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Linda Mazzoli received her Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training from West Chester University, her Master of Science degree in injury prevention and performance enhancement from California University of PA, and her Associate of Science degree as a Physical Therapy Assistant from Harcum College. Linda is the proud mother of Dominic, David, Maya, and Mykah; and loving daughter of Barbara Fabrizio Smyth and the late Francis Fabrizio.

# 2018 Hall of Fame Inductee



**Teresa Zepka, PA-C, AT-RET**

Teresa Zepka received her BS degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation in 1991, from the University of Pittsburgh. Her MS degree in Athletic Training in 1993, from the California University of Pennsylvania and most recently her PA-C in 2013 from the Physician Assistant Program at Lock Haven University.

Teresa's background and experience is varied. She has served as the Head Athletic Trainer for Charleroi High School; Assistant Athletic Trainer/Instructor at Millersville University; Athletic Trainer/Assistant Professor at California University of PA; an Athletic Trainer/Physician Extender at The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) and has served as a Physician Assistant- Certified for various medical groups and physician practices in Western Pennsylvania since 2013.

Teresa has served on numerous committees for Millersville University, California University of Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATs), The Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA) and the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA). Most notably were her efforts with governmental affairs and public relations.

Her efforts laid the ground work for PR campaigns throughout the Commonwealth and throughout the nation. Her efforts and contributions to educate the public on concussions are immeasurable. In 2009, she authored a grant in which PATS received a \$10,000 grant for concussion education. During Teresa's chairpersonship on the PATS PR Committee, PATS received numerous national PR awards. Teresa efforts laid the groundwork on which all future PR campaigns will be measured.

Teresa's volunteer service with the NATA and PATS is extensive. She has served and is currently serving on the PATS PR Committee since 1993. She was a member of the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee to the State Board of Physical Therapy from 1996-2002; She served on the NATA PR Committee from 1998-2004; PATS Board of Directors SC Rep from 2002-05; the PATS Convention Committee from 2002-05; served as the Site Director for the PATS Symposium in 2005; Chaired the PATS PR Committee from 2004-09; served as the Liaison to the Brain Injury Association of PA from 2008-2012 and also the Liaison for the Pennsylvania Society for Physician Assistants from 2013-2017.

Teresa has been recognized by her peers with awards honoring her outstanding service. In 2004, she received the NATA Public Relations Committee Service Award and the NATA District 2 Service Award. In 2006, she received the PATS Service Award and in 2009, the NATA Service Award.

Teresa is always willing to lend a hand to the needs of the society. Her love and devotion to the profession of Athletic Training and her commitment to service is unequalled.

Teresa currently resides in Johnstown, Pa. She is the daughter of Peter Zepka and the late Bette Zepka.

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