

# YEAR-END NATA FOUNDATION INVESTOR REPORT 2024



The NATA Research & Education Foundation champions research, supports education and enhances knowledge to optimize the clinical experience and outcomes within the diverse patient populations served by the athletic training profession. Learn more at [www.natafoundation.org](http://www.natafoundation.org).

## Programs

### RESEARCH GRANT

In 2024, **12** research grants were awarded totaling **\$85,782**.

- 1 General Grants totaling **\$49,924**
- 1 New Investigator Grant totaling **\$20,000**
- 4 Doctoral Grants totaling **\$9,858**
- 6 Master's Grants totaling **\$6,000**

Since 1991, **400** research grants have been awarded, totaling more than **\$5.5 million**.

### FREE COMMUNICATIONS

**274** abstracts were accepted in 2024 and published in the *Journal of Athletic Training*.

Since 1991, there have been **more than 9,040** Free Communications abstracts accepted, presented and published.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2024, **68** scholarships were awarded totaling **\$156,400**.

Since 1991, **2,040** scholarships have been awarded to students totaling more than **\$4.17 million**.

### MENTOR PROGRAMS

**12** mentor/mentee pairings in 2024.

The program has paired **138** mentors and mentees.

### PRONOUNCEMENTS

In collaboration with NATA, **2** position statements were released in 2024:

- National Athletic Trainers' Association Bridge Statement: Management of Sport-Related Concussion
- National Athletic Trainers' Association Position Statement: Emergency Action Plan Development and Implementation in Sport

The NATA Foundation has collaborated with NATA on the release of **19** position statements.

## 2024 Award Winners

### SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

- **Lifetime Contribution Award:** Tom Abdenour, DHSc, ATC, CES
- **Rachael Oats Leadership Award:** Stephen E. Bair
- **Volunteer Service Award:** Susan Yeargin, PhD, ATC
- **Impact Service Award:** Valerie Moody, PhD, LAT, ATC

### RESEARCH AWARD WINNERS

- **Medal for Distinguished Athletic Training Research:** Troy Blackburn, PhD, ATC
- **The Dr. Freddie & Mrs. Hilda Pang Fu New Investigator Award:** Shelby Baez, PhD, ATC
- **The David H. Perrin Doctoral Dissertation Award:** Mayrena Isamar Hernandez, PhD, MPH, LAT

### FREE COMMUNICATIONS AWARD WINNERS

- **Pre-Professional/Professional Student:** Sara Escobar, University of Lynchburg
- **Post-Professional Advanced Clinical Track Student:** David Jacques, MS, ATC, University of Toledo
- **Post-Professional Terminal Degree Student:** Sunghoon Chung, MS, ATC, Old Dominion University
- **Early-Career:** Laurel Trail, MPA, ATC, University of Texas at Tyler
- **Established Career:** Johna Register-Mihalik, PhD, ATC, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

### STUDENT WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

- **Best Original Research:** Claire Akard, University of Virginia
- **Best Summary Evidence:** Riley Hector, University of Montana
- **Best Clinical Practice Research:** Lauren Richardson, University of South Florida

## 2024 Special Events

### • Pickleball and Pints, Presented by PFATS Foundation

- **300-plus** attendees raised **more than \$37,000**

- Sponsors: PFATS Foundation Presenting Sponsor; Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer; Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education; California Athletic Trainers' Association; Fabrication Enterprises Inc.; Foot Management; Gatorade Performance Partner; Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association; Henry Schein; JAG Physical Therapy; Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association; Medco Sports Medicine; Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association; NATA District Two; National Basketball Athletic Trainers' Association; New York Football Giants; Ochsner Andrews Sports Medicine Institute; OVIK Health; Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers' Association; Sway Medical; Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida; and Tiger Tail USA

### • Silent Auction

- Sponsors: AT Final Frontier and ThermoPact

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### • Tier 1 Partner: Avive

### • Program Sponsors:

- Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association: Free Communications Program
- Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association: Student Writing Contest
- Far West Athletic Trainers' Association: The Groundwork