Students and Faculty to Attend Conference

Athletic Training students and faculty members will be attending the Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association Student Symposium and Educator’s Conference February 8-9th. These events will take place simultaneously at the Crown Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, Georgia. The students will attend one of two workshops, *Foundations of Athletic Training* or *Competencies in Athletic Training*, based on their current educational level.

This is the third consecutive year that FIU Athletic Training students are attending this educational, networking opportunity.

The Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association is comprised of Athletic Trainers from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

- M. Odai

From the Director’s Desk

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Class of 2008 for all of the feedback provided during your exit interviews. The exit interview process is extremely important for the continuous improvement of the Entry-Level ATEP. I appreciate all of your comments regarding the courses, textbooks, library resources, and clinical education experiences.

I was glad to hear that all of you are proud to be part of the first graduating class from the Entry-Level ATEP. I assure you that we will strive to be the best Entry-Level Masters program possible so that you may continue to feel FIU pride throughout your professional careers.

- J. Doherty-Restrepo
**Entry-Level ATS Spotlight: Dawn Selvidge**

Dawn Selvidge will be one of the first graduates from the Entry-Level ATEP this Spring. Dawn is eager to finally become an Athletic Trainer because she wants to play an integral role in young athlete’s lives. After going through High School without an Athletic Trainer she hopes to provide student-athletes with quality athletic training health care that she was not afforded.

During her time in the AT program, Dawn’s favorite class was the advanced exercise physiology course because it was challenging and the professor was engaging. Dawn also loves the fact that the ATEP offers many opportunities for hands-on experiences in a variety of different clinical sites. Her favorite clinical site was Belen Jesuit Preparatory School because she found that the athletic staff and coaches really appreciated the Athletic Trainer. She states, “I’ve never seen a more supportive circle of people.” Dawn’s dream job would be as a full-time Athletic Trainer in a public school where she could also teach physics or chemistry classes.

Dawn states that her greatest accomplishment to date, Dawn says “It has to be getting my bachelor’s degree. I’m the first person in my family to do so!”

**ACI/C1 Spotlight: Ron Yacoub**

Ron Yacoub is founder and president of Pinecrest Physical Therapy. He is both an Athletic Trainer and Physical Therapist. Ron loves his job in the outpatient orthopedic rehabilitation setting.

Ron starting supervising students from the ATEP in the Spring of 2007. One of Ron’s favorite things about being a CI for FIU is the opportunity to work with our students. Ron states, “Both Frank and Farah were such a welcome compliment to our staff. Everyone loved them; they were motivated, smart and hardworking!”

As for his own work, the most traumatic injury he’s ever had to deal with was a basketball player who suffered a complete knee dislocation with nerve damage. Luckily, the athlete made a full recovery and can now walk without assistance. Ron has a high regard for others in his field and finds the most rewarding part of his job to be the opportunity to work with colleagues on and off the field in an ever changing environment. “I often look around and think, ‘Wow, I love my job!’”

**GA Spotlight: Eva Frank**

Eva Frank is a German-born Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer at FIU. She received her Bachelor’s degree from Valdosta State University in Georgia.

Eva realized that she wanted to be an Athletic Trainer because of her fascination with the human body. She states, “I like to work around physically active people and it’s a fun job!”

Her dream jobs include being the Head Athletic Trainer at a University or working with the USA softball team. She really enjoys working with women’s sports, especially soccer and softball!

Eva’s favorite classes include Anatomy, Kinesiology, and 'Disease and Disabilities’ because the content is really interesting. Outside of the classroom, she appreciates the amount of responsibility entrusted to her while caring for FIU athletes.

Eva says that her greatest accomplishments so far have been getting her Green-card and establishing a successful life in the U.S. We’re glad you’re here, Eva!
ATSO Corner

- Thank you to Cyndil Flores for her earnest participation as ATSO Vice-President. Due to personal reasons, Cyndil has chosen to relinquish her Board position, but will continue as a member of the organization and Banquet Committee.
- Kerri Houck, a Level III student, was appointed by the board to fulfill the VP position. Congratulations Kerri!
- Remember to turn in your raffle tickets and money at the next meeting: Feb. 6th at 11:30am in GPA112!
- We are preparing our second fundraising event, the ATSO Car Wash, for late February. Please keep an eye out for emails and check the ATSO website for updates.
- Congratulations to Dawn, Frank, Farah, and Rodrigo for earning enough Incentives Points to attend the Student SEATA Conference in Atlanta, GA with Jenna, Michelle, and Lindsey.
- Carlos Savinon is the ATSO student of the month! Carlos is a new student who is already very active in the organization by attending meetings and assisting with the marketing campaign for ATSO.

Quote of the Month

“Profession alism: It’s NOT the job you DO, it’s HOW you DO the job”

Unknown

ATEP Dates to Remember

Entry-Level ATEP

Feb. 6: Mandatory ATEP Meeting (11am—11:30am, PA 112)
Feb. 6: ATSO Meeting (11:30am—12:30pm, PA 112)
Feb. 6: BOC Study Session—Orthopedic Assessment of the Lower Extremity with M. Odai (8am—9am, PA 113)
Feb. 8-9: 23rd Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium
Feb. 13: Monthly ACI Meeting (11am—12pm, FIU AT Room)

Feb. 13: BOC Study Session—Orthopedic Assessment of the Upper Extremity with L. Eberman (8am—9am, PA 113)
Feb. 20: BOC Study Session—Orthopedic Assessment of the Head, Trunk, and Spine with L. Eberman (8am—9am, PA 113)
Feb. 25: BOC Study Session—Therapeutic Modalities with E. Frank (8am—9am, PA 113)

Post-Professional ATEP

Feb. 28—March 2: 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposia & Members Meeting in Franklin, TN

General Information

Feb. 8: Last day to apply for Spring 2008 Graduation
Feb. 8-9: 2nd Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference
Feb. 10: Deadline for NATA Undergraduate or Entry Level Masters Student Scholarship.
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