Sonya Abadeer is a graduate student in the Post-Professional ATEP and she is conducting research on football coaches’ awareness of lightning safety guidelines. Through her research, Ms. Abadeer hopes to improve the standard of education provided to football coaches regarding lightning safety practices.

Sonya Abadeer’s research efforts are already being recognized in the community. She was recently interviewed by the Miami Herald, Comcast Newsmakers (Channel 10), and ABC News Radio regarding lightning safety and athletics. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

In addition, Sonya has submitted an abstract of her research results to the National Athletic Trainers’ Association for consideration for a poster or oral presentation at the national convention, which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri June 17-21, 2008. Good luck Sonya!
Frank Millan is a student in the Entry-Level ATEP dedicated to pursuing a career in Athletic Training because he has a passion for sports and helping others. Frank says, “I’ve been an athlete all my life and can relate to them well.” Frank’s favorite aspect of the Entry-Level ATEP is the clinical education component because it allows him to work with his classmates and apply what he has learned in previous courses. In regard to the Entry-Level ATEP as a whole, he loves the fact that it is flexible and allows adjustment for everyone’s personal life. Those who are short on time or money can still matriculate through the program. Frank is proud that he has been able to earn a degree while managing married-life. Frank reports that balancing his time with the people he loves while pursuing his career goals is his greatest accomplishment to date.

Frank would like to let everyone in know that he is very appreciative of the opportunity that he’s been given at FIU and loves working alongside his classmates. In addition, Frank would like to extend special thanks to Jenna, Michelle, and Brady for their hard work in developing the program so that it is eligible for accreditation! “In the future I know we’ll be a powerhouse program.”

Lindsey Eberman

Lindsey has been a student at FIU for 5 years. She completed her MS degree and is currently working on her Doctorate degree. In addition to her own studies, Lindsey teaching courses in the ATEP including Anatomy, Orthopedic Assessment II and III, and Thesis in Athletic Training.

Her favorite thing about teaching classes is the ability to be creative in her teaching methods, which range from old-fashioned lectures to the anatomy version of Jeopardy.

Lindsey feels it’s very important for students to have a strong foundation of knowledge before going out into the field. Her career goal is to be a tenure-earning faculty member or graduate program director.

In the meantime, Lindsey is really enjoying her work with Dr. Tripp and the new Golf Academy.
**ATSO Corner**

- Thank you to those who participated in the Adopt-a-Family Christmas Fundraiser. Because of your contributions we were able to provide Tiffany Williams and her children Donte, Celsea, and Jasaria with a happy holiday.
- The Mentorship Night (Dec. 8, 2007) was a great opportunity to mingle with one another. We were happy to come together and we look forward to other events like this one.
- We will be meeting on Wednesdays in the spring semester, so our first meeting is Wednesday, January 9th at 11:30AM in GPA 112.
- Next Meeting—Feb. 6th, 2008 at 11:30AM in GPA 112

- Lindsey Eberman

**Quote of the Month**

A memory lasts forever. Never does it die. True friends stay together. And never say goodbye - Anonymous

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**ATEP Dates to Remember**

**Entry-Level ATEP**

**Jan. 4:** Signed Clinical Education contracts for all ATSs due to Director’s office

**Jan. 7:** Proof of Liability Insurance for Level I ATSs due

**Jan. 8:** Deadline for SEATA Scholarships ($500-$1000). Visit www.seata.org for information

**Jan. 16:** BOC Study Group (pam—10am, ZEB 256)

**Jan. 18:** Mandatory ATEP Meeting (12 pm-1pm, PA 112)

**Jan. 18:** Information packets for all ATSs due (signed by the ATS and assigned ACI) to Director’s office

**Post-Professional ATEP**

**Jan. 14:** Deadline for abstract submission for SEATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia in Franklin, TN

**General Information**

**Jan. 14:** Last day to Drop/Add courses

**Feb. 8:** Last day to apply for Spring 2008 Graduation

**Feb. 10:** Deadline for NATA Undergraduate or Entry Level Masters Student Scholarship.

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