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The Entry-Level ATEP suffered a tremendous loss on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 when Devin Cleary, a Level V ATS, passed away in an automobile accident. Devin was the only child of Nancy and Shane Cleary. Devin loved to watch and participate in sports, particularly baseball. He was an avid Atlanta Braves fan. Devin also enjoyed customizing trucks, playing poker, and listening to music.

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ATSs planting a tree in Devin’s memory

From the Director’s Desk

I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you for your cooperation during the accreditation site visit. Because of your efforts, the site visit ran flawlessly and I anticipate a positive outcome. Official accreditation notification will be received in February or March.

To Michelle Odai—I would not have been able to achieve this without you. You are an incredible asset to the program and I value all that you do. — Jenna
Entry-Level ATS Spotlight: Farah Hernandez

Farah Hernandez, one of the program’s Level 5 students is a native of South Florida who knew she wanted to be an Athletic Trainer since her days in high school. She was looking for a career in healthcare that was both fun and helpful. Though not many women can be seen in the position, she eventually hopes to work with a professional football team. Farah feels that her greatest accomplishment since entering the program has been her ability to overcome her fear of public speaking, “When I started in this program I couldn’t speak in front of anyone. Every time I had to present something I’d have a panic attack”. Since then she’s managed to calm those dinosaur-sized nerves into mere butterflies. Lastly, she says that she feels great knowing that the Certified Athletic Trainers on campus really appreciate the time that she puts in at her clinical rotations.

ACI/CI Spotlight: Kari Riddle

Kari, who is the head athletic trainer at FIU, has been part of FIU’s athletic training staff since 2001. Kari feels that the best thing about being an ACI at FIU is having the opportunity to interact with students.

“I love seeing the 'light bulb go off' when they see how things work in our field.”

Her biggest accomplishment since coming to FIU has been helping to turn the Medical Emergency Course into two sections, allowing for general students to take the course and learn about CPR and promote the athletic training profession as a whole.

Kelly Jordan, who is originally from New Mexico, decided to become an Athletic Trainer because she was interested in orthopedic medicine and wanted to work with the athletic population. She is currently a second-year graduate student in the Post-

Professional Athletic Training Education Program. Mrs. Jordan is specializing in educational leadership. For her masters treatise project, Kelly is researching the professional development of athletic training students. Eventually, Kelly hopes to become a Program Director for an Athletic Training Education Program at a large University.

Kelly recently got married to the love of her life. This, she says, is her greatest accomplishment to date.
ATSO Corner

Nov. 9: SOC Event - “I now pronounce you Chuck and Larry” (7pm, GC 315)

Nov. 12-16: Mentors to conduct mock competitive-entry interviews with Observational ATSS

Nov. 15: General Meeting (11am-12pm, PA 112)

Nov. 22: His House community service event

Feb. 8-9: Student SEATA

“We’re optimistic about future ATSO events including the upcoming sporting events. Please stay tuned to emails regarding updates and invites. Look forward to seeing everyone at our first Home Men’s Basketball game against Barry at 7 pm, Saturday Nov. 3rd.”

- Lindsey Eberman

A sign up sheet will be posted in GPA 112 for all future sporting events. We need at

Quote of the Month

“Pain is inevitable; suffering is optional.”

Unknown

ATEP Dates to Remember

Entry-Level ATEP

Nov. 5: Mandatory ATEP Meeting (12 pm-1pm, PA 112)

Nov. 5: Open Advising (2pm, PA 113)

Nov. 6: Open Advising (2pm, PA 113)

Nov. 7: Open Advising (12pm, PA 113)

Nov. 19: Competitive-Entry paperwork due by 5pm to Director’s Office

Dec. 7: Competitive-Entry Interviews (8am—10am, PA 112)

Dec. 20: Mail Acceptance/Retention letters

Post-Professional ATEP

Dec. 1: Deadline for abstract submission for SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposia in Atlanta, GA

Dec. 1: Deadline for abstract submission for NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia in St. Louis, MI

Jan. 14, 2008: Deadline for abstract submission for SEATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia in Franklin, TN

General Information

Nov. 8-21: Spring 2008 Registration for degree-seeking students


Dec. 6: Last day of Fall 2007 classes

Dec. 10-15: Final Exams

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