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The retiring of Keith Handling after 47 years of dedicated service, mentoring, and friendship to UD Athletic Training,



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HANDLING RETIREMENT

Keith Handling's retirement party filled the North Atrium of the Health Sciences Complex last week with students, alumni, appreciative colleagues and other well-wishers saluting the beloved and long-serving associate professor in Kinesiology and Applied Physiology. Students from the 1970s to the Class of 2019 came out to celebrate a man credited with growing and improving the Athletic Training program.

After 47 years, there's no replacing someone like Keith, but Tom Kaminski, director of Athletic Training Education, along with family and friends, did their best to reflect on the impact Handling has had on the department, the college, the athletics program and the university. They noted his empathy, his compassion for athletes, his willingness to be a role model of others interested in athletic training – as well as his love of a good joke.

Perhaps Edgar Johnson, who served as UD Athletic Director for 25 years before retiring in 2009, said it best: "Keith will leave an indelible mark on both the athletic training education major and the entire athletic program when he retires. There's not been anyone more dedicated before him and I doubt there will be anyone more dedicated after him."

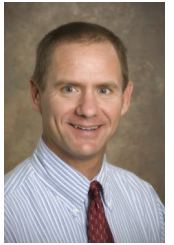
During his time first as a student at UD and then a member of faculty, Handling has served under eight university presidents. He has attended 438 consecutive football games at UD. He's also had the chance to work with every athletic training student enrolled in the program since it began in 1973.

"I think our program is one of the premiere programs in the country. Our students receive the best scientifically based education possible," Handling said. "I was given a great opportunity and I have cherished every moment."



Hot off the press... Keith Handling receives the CHS Excellence in Teaching Award for 2019.

FROM THE DESK OF DR. K ATEP PROGRAM DIRECTOR



On Monday June 10th UD ATEP officially opened a new era in athletic training education as we welcomed our 1st class of MS-AT students who have started their entry-level education with us this summer. The cohort of 7 students will no doubt have a busy summer ahead of them while taking 3 foundational classes in advance of them beginning their clinical rotations during the Fall 2019 semester. This summer also marks the beginning of the educational career for Dr. Bethany Wisthoff who off her freshly minted doctoral degree on June 1st has begun her career with us as an Assistant Professor supporting UD ATEP in the Department of Kinesiology & Applied Physiology. After serving UD ATEP as a doctoral student the past 4 years, Dr. Wisthoff has hit the ground running with instructional and administrative support. Our new Sports Health major is off to a terrific start and interest remains high with an incoming cohort of 55+ students set to begin Fall 2019. This program is so important to our MS-AT admissions numbers into the future. Please check out the websites for both the MS-AT—<https://sites.udel.edu/kaap/graduate-programs/athletic-training-ms/> and Sports Health—<https://sites.udel.edu/kaap/undergraduate-programs/athletic-training/> programs.

The 2018-19 school year was filled with many activities and highlights, including the wonderful retirement celebration on May 9th for Keith Handling. The cover story in this year's newsletter is only a brief summary of all that Keith meant to UD ATEP these past 47 years. The celebration was a fitting tribute to the man who has formed the foundation of UD ATEP and impacted many sports health care professionals throughout his time. Keith you'll be missed!

Special thanks to this year's Alumni Spotlight recipient Dr. Bill Prentice. As many of you know Dr. Prentice has had a long career as an athletic training educator and author at the University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill and probably best known as the author of the seminal textbook in AT education "Arnheim's Principles of Athletic Training". Dr. Prentice is a proud UD ATEP alumnus and a strong advocate for Blue Hens everywhere!

Congrats to current UD Associate AD/Head Athletic Trainer Dan Watson (UD ATEP Class of 1995) was recently named Sr. Associate AD for Sport

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FROM THE DESK OF DR. K

ATEP PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Performance and Well-Being. Best of luck in your new role. UD Athletics also welcomed back to it's staff ranks several Blue Hen AT alumni who now serve the sports health care of UD student-athletes including Steven Browne (SM grad program 2018), Karissa Carty (2014), Caroline Howard (SM grad program 2018), Tiana McKim (2016), Stephanie Minite (2016), and Michael Stant (2016). "Outsider" Sam Korolev also joined the AT staff ranks and has been a terrific preceptor and mentor to our students as well.

A special THANKS to all UD ATEP alumni who participated in this year's "I Heart UD Giving Day" the event was a huge success having raised over \$3,000.00 to support the UD ATEP Gift account and important educational aspect of the program, including support for the Joan Couch Athletic Training Scholarship. The event was a huge success for the university as well raising nearly \$1 million during the day — <https://www1.udel.edu/giving/iheartud/>

Despite being after Memorial Day, graduation weekend was another wonderful occasion as we added 17 more AT students to the UD ATEP alumni roll! This year's class was another special one that worked hard in the classroom and excelled in the clinical environment. They were 16 for 16 on their 1st time pass rate during the April 2019 BOC exam test window, with one student waiting to hear the positive results later this month! Congrats to all in keeping the proud tradition of success on the BOC exam for UD ATEP alive and well. One of the highlights during graduation weekend is the senior reception event. This year we hosted a luncheon and it did not disappoint. Highlights from my speech centered around a motivational YouTube podcast by Jocko <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdTMDpizis8> I encourage all to check it out!

A busy summer awaits but I'm always excited to share the Alumni Newsletter with you all. Look forward to seeing some of you in Las Vegas on Wednesday June 26th @ our alumni party event being held at Dick's Last Resort inside the Excalibur Hotel on the strip. Please follow UD ATEP on Twitter @UD_ATEP for updates throughout the year! I always welcome updates from UD ATEP alums so please reach out with exciting news about your personal and professional lives. The Blue Hen spirit is alive and well. Best of luck. Dr. K.



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FROM THE DESK OF DAN WATSON HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

As the year is winding down I'd like to take a moment to reflect on everything that has happened. We started '18-'19 off with a deliberately thoughtful on-boarding process of our seven new 10 month full time hires. For those of you who did not memorize the list from last year, we were able to hire: two grad alum Steven Browne UD '18 & Caroline Howard UD '18, four undergrad alum Tiana McKim UD '16, Stephanie Minite UD '16, Mike Stant UD '16, Karissa Carty UD '14 & Sam Korolev who somehow was hired without a UD degree (also same joke as last year). These bright young ATs have been a positive addition to the Athletic Department. I am looking forward to watching them continue to grow with added responsibilities within the department and service to our profession.

The Whitney Athletic Center (WAC) construction is well underway. A good chunk of Delaware Stadium was demolished and now the steel is rising. The WAC will be located in front of Delaware Stadium giving a face to that stadium in place of the concrete columns. The University is referring to it as the 'front porch' of UD. The new seats will be in by our first home Football game (8/29/19) and construction will continue on the WAC itself until completion. We plan to move in Summer of 2020. <https://www.udel.edu/udaily/2018/november/athletic-center-ken-whitney-stadium-renovation/>

Keith Handling retired at the end of this Spring Semester. Keith has meant so much to so many. To me he is a true gentleman and my first mentor. I'm excited for the extra time he'll now have to share with his beautiful family.

I was recently named interim Senior Associate AD of Sport Performance. This is an exciting opportunity to continue the progressive work our area has been part of over the last several months. Sport Performance is made up of: Athletic Training, Strength & Conditioning, Sports Nutrition & Sports Psychology. However, we engage with many partners on campus and in the community, including UDPT, UD Engineering, UD Health Sciences, UD Student Health, Christiana Care and many more. Our goal is to simultaneously impact the student-athlete so that every time they step into competition they are the best version of themselves.

Sometimes things are assumed and go unsaid for too long. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Tom Kaminski for his support personally and even more importantly his support of Athletics. The relationship that ATEP and Athletics has is special. It's not like this at other institutions. UD ATEP is our most valued partner and we could not deliver the high level of service to the student-athletes without this great ally.

As always, in closing, if you are planning to be on campus please reach out to me (dwatson@udel.edu). I'd love to give you a tour and thank you in person for your support.





FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

BRANDON DESANTIS

Since coming to Delaware in 2014, my focus has been on successful athlete injury rehabilitation. This is obviously one of the major domains of athletic training, and one that I have always taken a lot of pride in working in college athletics. Although rehab is crucial in any sport population, the rehab that follows football related injuries are unique; so many things must be taken into consideration outside of the normal general rehab guidelines. After managing a large group of athletes returning from injury with the football team, our medical staff saw value in structuring the return to play for all athletes having surgery on campus. I helped to establish the rehabilitation coordinator role in athletics during my first year on staff. This was a new approach to having one overarching system to athletic rehabilitation. I was able to provide guidance to the younger athletic trainers (graduate assistants at the time) while holding everyone on staff, myself included, to a very high standard regarding an athlete's return to play. Overall, it is a role that has provided for better communication between athletes, athletic trainers, team physicians, and orthopedic surgeons ensuring the best possible outcomes for our student-athletes.

When Dr. K asked if I wanted to teach the rehabilitation class to the athletic training students when Brian Catania stepped away in the spring of 2016, it was a no brainer for me. I was able to take the key concepts that I was teaching to the students in the clinic and provide that structure to all of the junior athletic training students.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

BRANDON DESANTIS

My approach to class is simple- you must learn the general rehab guidelines first if you want to be able to rehab an injury. Once we understand the rehab continuum, we are then able to look at specific body parts and ways to approach those injuries. There is a focus in our class on generating discussion amongst all of the athletic training students. I provide techniques that I think are important based on best-available research and on successes I've had in the clinic. However, there is significant value to opening it up to the class for ideas; they are able (or forced at times) to share what they have seen/ used/ been shown that has been successful in the clinic. Overall, it has been a rewarding experience for myself and our students have been able to directly apply techniques learned in classroom to the clinic. I look forward to teaching our first class of entry-level master's students as well, in the next step of our athletic training journey at UD.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

DR. WILLIAM E. PRENTICE (CLASS OF 1974)



When I came to the University of Delaware in the Fall of 1970, I had no idea how the next four years would impact the rest of my life. Like many freshman, I stumbled through my first two years exploring chemical engineering, computer science and business majors. By the fall of my junior year I settled on what I had always wanted to do from the beginning and that was something related to sports and athletics. After declaring physical education as my major, I was finally pursuing a major that I was truly interested in and even though I wasn't a great student, I went into it with a committed passion and enthusiasm for learning.

Fortunately two of my first classes were taught by professors who would become cherished mentors and role models, Dr. Roy Rylander and Keith Handling. For the next two years, they allowed me to discover what athletic training was all about. For those of you who remember "Doc", he taught all of us with "tough love". Frankly he scared the crap out me from the beginning and it wasn't until several years after graduating that I realized how much he actually cared for me. Keith had just begun his athletic training career in 1972, and being only 4 years older than me, I felt like I could always come to him for advice and counseling. I feel very fortunate to have been among the first few athletic training students that he taught and mentored.

There were only four of us at that time. Jeff Cooper, who became the Head Athletic Trainer for the Philadelphia Phillies for nearly 30 years; John Knarr who owns a very successful physical therapy practice

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

DR. WILLIAM E. PRENTICE

in Rehoboth and over the years has treated a number of celebrity patients including President Ronald Reagan; and Jim Wagner, who never actually became an athletic trainer, but did become the President of Emory University in Atlanta. I am sure that each of these guys are also grateful to Doc and Keith for instilling a work ethic that has certainly contributed to success in their chosen professions.

My time as an undergraduate at Delaware proved to have a significant effect not only on the course of my professional career but also on my personal life. In my senior year I met the love of my life, Tena, and we were married two years later. She has miraculously put up with me for the last 43 years, and we have two grown sons Brian and Zach who have become wonderful human beings that we are very proud of. For all four years at Delaware I lived in Gilbert C dorm. The guys that I got to know, several of whom were football players, became my brothers. They turned out to be amazing lifelong friends and 45 years later our families still manage to get together once a year.

After finishing my Masters degree at Delaware, I became a certified athletic trainer and took a job as an assistant at Temple University. After 2 years in the big city, I made a decision to go back to school to get my PhD. I was accepted at the University of Virginia, where I found another incredible mentor and role model in Dr. Joe Gieck. Joe became like a surrogate father to me. I was the first student to graduate with my PhD from UVA's well-respected sports medicine program.



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

DR. WILLIAM E. PRENTICE

As I was graduating from UVA, a job opened up for an Assistant Professor and Director of the Masters Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Professionally, at that time I was one of only a handful of people in the country with a PhD. That, combined with my getting another degree in physical therapy at UNC, opened many doors for me professionally. I can tell you that Tena and I found a wonderful life in Chapel Hill.

At UNC I was assigned to work with women's soccer, and I could not possibly have imagined that this program would become the most successful program in the history of the NCAA in any sport. In those 26 years we won 18 NCAA championships and I have 18 rings to prove it. My academic career really took off in 1985 when I was asked to come in as a second author on a book called *Fitness for College and Life*. From that point, my career as an author was like a snowball rolling down hill. Over the last 35 years I have authored 56 editions of 10 different textbooks. Perhaps the one that you are most familiar with is the *Principles of Athletic Training* text which is in its 16th edition.

Our sports medicine program at UNC has grown to be not only one of the largest programs in the United States, but more importantly what I believe is also a well-respected program. I have been honored to work with hundreds of bachelors, masters and doctoral students over all of these years, and I am so proud of all they are accomplishing. My faculty colleagues, many of whom were former students, have all become well-respected scholars and researchers in sports medicine.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

DR. WILLIAM E. PRENTICE

In 2004 I was selected for the NATA Hall of Fame following in the footsteps of two of my mentors, Doc Rylander and Joe Gieck. But the honors that I am most proud of are two scholarships, one from the Research and Education Foundation and one from District 3 that are presented to deserving students each year in my name.

I am happy that Dr. K asked me to do the Alumni Spotlight for 2019. This is a special year in the history of the AT program at the University of Delaware because Keith Handling- the man, the myth, the legend- has decided to retire. Since those early days and over the last five...yes, five decades, Keith has impacted the lives of thousands of athletic training students, student-athletes and countless other individuals at the University, within the community and throughout the state. His passion for the Special Olympics has motivated many students to get involved with the special athletes both during their time at the University and after graduation. Over the years, Keith has said repeatedly that what he has cherished the most in his professional life is teaching and interacting on a personal level with the athletic training students. But since those early years, perhaps the one thing that has amazed me the most has been his remarkable ability to balance his very busy professional life with his personal life. Keith is a family guy. He and Linda always talk with such pride about their boys. As Keith closes the book on this chapter of his life, I think we can all agree that his professional career has been defined by class, integrity and loyalty, and I don't believe that anyone could have been a better representative of the University of Delaware. Thank you Keith!



NATA CONVENTION 2019



Faculty/Staff Presentations

Dr. Buckley (co-author)

Motor Performance During Single and Dual-Task Administration of a Novel Dual-Task Assessment for Sport Concussion.

Dr. Kaminski

Wednesday June 26th

Special Topics Session: Wading through the Athletic Recovery Landscape with so many Gadgets, Gizmos, and Wearables - Tips from an Athletic Trainer Perspective

Feature Presentation: Getting Evidence Straight from the Source: Peer-Reviewed Publications in Athletic Training

Michael Stant

Reliability of the Hruska Adduction Lift Test

Free Communications Poster

Dr. Wisthoff

Thursday June 27th

Comparison of Y Balance Test Scores at Baseline and 2-4 weeks following an Acute Lateral Ankle Sprain in Collegiate Athletes

Free Communications Oral

Graduate Student Presentations

Jong Woo An (Dr. Swanik co-author)

Cognitive Training Improves Joint Stiffness Regulation and Knee Function in ACLR Patients

Jenna Liljeberg

Examining the Functional Movement Screen (FMS) and Y Balance Test (YBT) Scores in a Cohort of Intercollegiate Athletes before and after a Training Intervention

Free Communications Poster

Sarah Roger

Examination of Concussions and Their Effect on Functional Movement Screen Scores in Collegiate Athletes

Free Communications Poster

Wes Sellars

Examining Near Point of Convergence in High School Athletes

Free Communications Poster

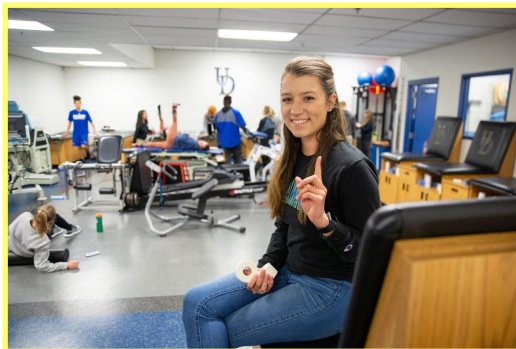
Check out the convention guide for more information!

<https://convention.nata.org/nata-2019-schedule/>



ATEP NEWS

ATEP Alums return as staff ATs in support of UD Athletics. Including Steven Brown (18'), Karissa Carty (14'), Caroline Howard (18'), Tiana McKim (16'), Stephanie Minite (16'), Michael Stant (16'). <https://bluehens.com/staff.aspx> Here is a photo of some of the faculty/staff following the ATSA Holiday Banquet in December 2018.



Leah McGoldrick (UD Exercise Science 2019) was the 1st student accepted into UD ATEP's MS-AT cohort back in November 2019

Student Name	Institution
Todd Henry	Delaware State University
Kristen Kennedy	Cortland State University
Joh'nasia Lewis	Syracuse University
Leah McGoldrick* (pictured above)	University of Delaware
Amanda Singer	University of Maryland
TaiJheir "Tai" Tidmore	Delaware State University
Victoria Wittemann	DePauw (IN) University



ATEP NEWS

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

2018 ATEP Award Winners

Dr. Julie Moyer-Knowles Award:
Emily Crutchfield

Dr. C Roy Rylander Outstanding Senior Award:
Molly Zabilowicz

Paris Delligatti Memorial Scholarship: **Courtney DeFeo, Alyssa Mears, Laura Durkee**

Lee J. Hyncik Athletic Trainer Achievement Award: **Jordan Del Bianco, Melissa Gutheil**

Keith Handling Scholarship Award: **Courtney DeFeo**

Joan Couch Athletic Training Scholarship: **Molly Zabilowicz**

NATA District 2 Athletic Training Student Scholarship Award:
Jordan Del Bianco

DATA Student Leadership Award: **Dominique Padula**

Ethnic Diversity Advisor Committee Scholarship for NATA District II: **Xia Howard**

ATSA Service Award:
Bethany Wisthoff

EATA and NATA Scholarship Awards: **Courtney DeFeo**



ATEP NEWS

CLASS OF 2019

**After all of their hard work, the ATEP Class of 2019 ...
Check out where you can find them in the years to come!**

Kyle Ball – Washington University DPT Program

Alex Casciato – ATC GA position at Auburn University

Alex Davisson — ATC GA position at East Stroudsburg University

Courtney DeFeo — ATC GA position at the University of Kentucky

Sara DeLiberty — ATC @ Delcastle HS via ATI PT

Nick Dooley – AT intern at Cleveland State University

Michael Herstenberg — ATC @ Wilmington Christian High School via ATI PT

Alec Howells – UD DPT Program

Ethan Lennox — Florida International University DPT Program

Tiffany Malin — ATC GA position at East Stroudsburg University

Erin McClanahan – Duke University DPT Program

Alyssa Mears — working

to fulfill prerequisites for Nursing School

Sierra Padfield – UD DPT Program

Dominique Padula — UD DPT Program

Eddie Perez – ATC GA position at East Stroudsburg University

Brooke Snyder — ATC GA position at Texas State University

Molly Zabilowicz — ATC GA position at Illinois State University



The Class of 2019 following the Senior Graduation Reception @ STAR Atrium



ATEP Seniors and Faculty at Deer Park tavern to begin the annual “Senior Night Out”



ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ATSA)



2018-2019 ATSA Exec Board



2019-2020 ATSA Exec Board

Executive Board ('19-'20)

- President:** Emilie Hager
- Vice President:** Jules Perno
- Treasurer:** Jordan Del Bianco
- Secretary:** Emily Crutchfield
- Event Chair:** Ally Thomasen
- Historian:** Paige Palli

Summer Internships

- Aran Porte: Atlanta Falcons*
- Jordan Del Bianco: New York Jets*
- Marco Diaz: New York Giants*
- Erin Finley: Los Angeles Rams*
- Sara Binkley: Lake County Captains—minor league baseball*
- Emily Crutchfield, Aly Thomasen, Olivia Greene, Matthew Cecchett and Erin Finley: Notre Dame Summer Camps*
- Trevor Kosinski: Seattle Seahawks*
- Harsh Patel and Jay Hinds: Houston Texans*



JUNIOR BLUE HENS



Laura (Pepper) Lange (2007) and husband Eric have two kids—Jack (3) and Elizabeth (8 months)



Nolan Braun, son of Peter Braun (MS 2009)

Matt Hinsey (MS 2011) and wife Meredith have 2 sons Chip and Sullivan.



Kaley Russin's (2017) baby Laine.



JUNIOR BLUE HENS



15 mo. old Grayson
James Geller (son
of Nick Geller grad-
uate SM program
2009-2011)

Congrats to Andrea
(UD PhD 2016) and
Dan Lobacz on the
birth of their daughter
Natalie Clare



HEN DROPPINGS



Matt Armistead's (2016) wedding Summer 2018 with Courtney Taylor ('17), Michael Stant ('16) Michael Bruno ('16), Matt, Matt's wife Kayla, Kathleen Criss ('16), and Tyler Golembrosky



Chris Marroquin (2015), Cody Walker (2015), and Leah Lamborn (2014) at UK in Fall 2018.

Bill Hyncik with Dr. K at EATA 2019.

Seniors Alyssa Mears and Molly Zabilowicz honored with the CCHS Impact Award.



Class of 2019 celebrating passing the BOC!



HEN DROPPINGS



Chris Marroquin (2015) & Jon Boone (2008) get together 2018.



Grottos Reunion on Main Street Fall 2018! Jeff (2018) and Molly Hennessy (2016), Brian Winkler (2016), Mikey Stant (2016), and Kathleen Criss (2016).



John Knarr (1977) pictured with Keith Handling and Dr. K.

Leeah Faysan (2014) and Dr. K in summer of 2018.



Collin Francis (2010) with the Ravens at a preseason game Fall 2018.



HEN DROPPINGS



Kyle Tinsman (2016) and Tyler Golembrosky (2016) working a FB game on opposite sidelines Fall 2018.

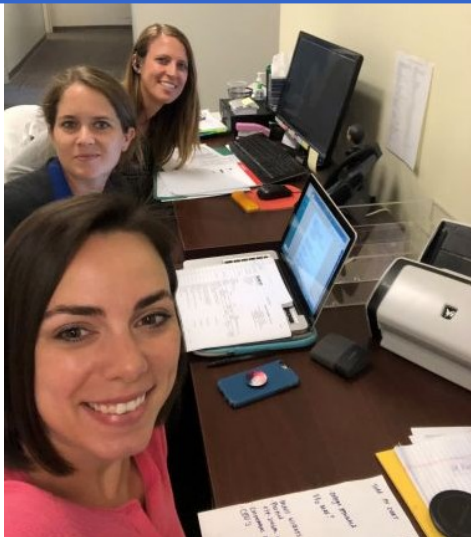


Cody Walker, Chris Marroquin, and Evan Griskowitz, class of 2015.



UD Lab School on a summer camp tour!

Brooke (Havens) Dob (2011), Shannon Matheny (2016) and Leigh Waters (2013) @ Vincera Institute Summer 2018.



Jeff Konin with Dr. K at NATA in 2018.

HEN DROPPINGS

ATEP junior Harsh Patel (2020) with Uriah Myrie (2011) at the Houston Texans Preseason in WV.



Jon Boone (2008) and Collin Francis (2010) 2018 NFL Preseason.

Spring 2019, Mrs. Christin Taggart begins serving as a part-time administrative assistant to UD ATEP!



Jeff Hennessy (2018) at preseason in the NFL, Fall 2018.



Jeff Driban (2001) with Dr. K at EATA in 2018.



HEN DROPPINGS



Dr. Jessica (Bonnett) Bicher (2014) wedding photos summer 2018!



**AT Staff
at a DIIA
Track
meet
February
2019**



**Kazu Tamooka [L] (from DR. K's
time at UF) and Taka Sakurai [R]
(2007) in Japan 2018.**



**Josh Evans
(2015) and
Steve Feld-
man (2010)
working the
Falcons vs.
Eagles NFL
game Fall
2018**



**UD ATEP Class
of 2021 with
Keith on the
first day of his
47th and final
year at UD.**

HEN DROPPINGS



Kyle Alea (2018) and sophomore Marco Diaz (2021) attended a 76ers game in Fall 2018 against the NY Knicks and talked with Knicks ATC/PT Erwin Valencia about life in the NBA.



Alumni and Staff member Kelly Stafford (2008) presented at EATA on the Disablement Model.



Nick Ludwig (2015), Pat Morton (2015) and Chris Marroquin (2015) hanging out in Summer 2018.

Junior Jordan DelBianco (2020) study abroad trip in New Zealand January 2018.



HEN DROPPINGS



Tower Hill School visiting the HPL Fall 2018.

Rae Everson (2010) ATC @ Ohio State Univ. with former UD strength coach Jason Beaulieu



Senior Kyle Ball (2019) at his honors thesis defense Spring 2019.



An article on Theresa Repole (2003), a Newark Charter HS AT and teacher.



Matt Piha (2015) on the cover of Sports Medicine Legal Digest



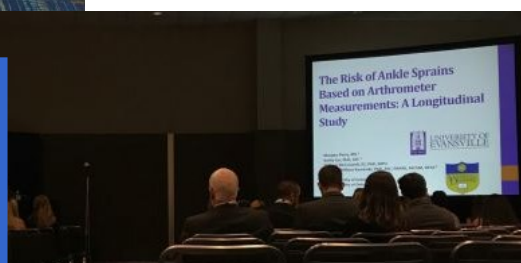
HEN DROPPINGS



Kathy Liu (PhD 2012) with her student from U of Evansville @ NATA 2018.



Ricker Adkins (2010) and Collin Francis (2010)



Kyle Ball (Sr.) presented his abstract at EATA in 2019. He successfully defended his honors thesis at UD May 6.

Courtney DeFeo (Sr.) won the DATA Quiz Bowl and went on to EATA to compete, where she was also recognized as an EATA Scholarship winner.

Courtney was also selected to receive a prestigious NFL PFATS scholarship.

Laura Durkee (Jr.) and **Xia Howard (Jr.)** represented UD ATEP and

DATA at NATA's iLEAD Conference in Dallas, TX in January.

Harsh Patel (Jr.) was awarded an NFL Minority AT Student Scholarship for

Summer 2019

Olivia Greene (So.) will replace Molly Zabilowicz on the EATA Student Delegate Panel.

Congrats to sophomores Emily Crutchfield, Olivia Greene, and Paige Palli who placed 2nd in the Brainstorm-a-Palooza competition—<https://chs.udel.edu/brainstorm-a-palooza-encourages-student-ideas-innovation/>

Keep an eye out for NATA President Tory Lindley, who is visiting the UD campus in September 2019 sponsored by UD Career Center Innovation Grant.



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Devon (Fegley) Adam (MS 2008)

was awarded the DATA Outstanding Mentorship Award in December 2018.

Ricker Adkins (2010) is a full-time Professor at Jefferson University in their MSAT Program.

Onazi Agbese (2016) started working as a firefighter in Waterloo, IA in summer 2018.

Matt Armistead (2016) was hired at MSOC head ATC at Penn State.

Dr. Jessica (Bonnett) Bicher (2014) started residency in June 2018 at PM&R at Walter Reed in DC.

Darryl Patrick Conway (1993) will be honored as a 2019 NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award winner.

Juan Correa (2011) is a DPT/ATC at SPEAR Physical Therapy in NY.

Bryn Crowder (2016) recently appointed Head AT of Quince Orchard HS in Montgomery County, MD.

Athena DeAngelis (2012) is working for her third year as an ATC at a High School in NJ.

Malinda Dobbins (2015) is the Head Athletic Trainer at Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, PA

Tory Engel (2018) is an ATC at Archbishop Ryan High School in PA.

Gabriel Fife (MS 2011) is headed to basic training with the USAF and eventually to the Defense Language Institute.

Stephanie (Szalma) Florio (2006) is the Director of Operations at Injury Prevention by ATI Worksite Solutions in Levittown, PA.

Harrison Grube (2012) accepted a position to become an ATC/PT with the Seattle Seahawks.

Marleigh Halkes (2011) is working as a teacher/ATC at Atlantic County Institute of Technology in New Jersey.

Taylor Hatfield (2017) was featured in BayHealth Magazine for her work as an outreach ATC.

Jeff Hennessy (2018) will start PT school in Vermont this fall.

ALUMNI NEWS

Jon Hernandez (2010) is an ATC/PT with the LA Rams and went with the team to the Super Bowl in February 2019.

Molly Johnson (MS 2014) works at Hockessin Athletic Club as the Director of Dance Instrumentation.

William Kerr (2016) is an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Immaculata University.

Lindsey Lamond (MS 2016) is working at Wake Forest Baptist as an Assistant AT and CARE Coordinator at Winston Salem State University. She began teaching an Intro to AT class this spring.

Kim Leonard (2012) accepted a position with Premier PT in Dover, DE as the ATC at Polytech HS.

Meagan Maguire (2011) recently took a job as the supervisor of Athletic Training for Northwell Health in Northern New Jersey.

Chris Marroquin (2015) was recently hired as an ATC/PT with the Baltimore Ravens of the NFL

Mona Marrash (MS) is working in a Physician Extender role at an Ortho-

pedic Practice in Scottsdale, AZ.

Melissa Maskery (2011) is an Assistant Athletic Director and Head ATC at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, NJ.

Kelly McGuire (MS 2014) is working as an ER Nurse in North Carolina.

Robert Murrian (2016) has accepted a position with ATI physical therapy working at Gauger Middle School in Newark, DE as their ATC.

Alan Needle (MS 2009/PhD 2013) was promoted to Associate Professor at Appalachian State in Fall 2018.

Garrett O'Donnell (2011) is an ATC at St. Josephs Regional HS whose football team recently won states!

Laura (Pepper) Lange (2007) is in the Philly area working as an OT at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.



ALUMNI NEWS

Oscar Rau (MS 2015) is a sales consultant for DePuy Sythes in the DE area.

Sarah Roger (MS 2018) accepted a position as the Neuro-trauma and Spine resident in BU for next year.

Alex Salinas (MS 2014) ran in the Boston Marathon 2019 and is serving on the MATS board as a regional representative and continues to practice as ATC at Forest Hills Northern HS.

Jacob Stoner (2017) accepted a position as head AT for the FB team at North Park (IL) University.

Taka Sakurai (2007) is working in Japan with minor league baseball with the Chiba Lotte Marines. He is an ATC and assists the S&C coach. Next year he will also work as a rehab coordinator.

Courtney Taylor (2017) will be attending Rutgers University DPT Program on the North/Newark Campus starting July.

Kyle Tinsman (2016) is an ATC at Wagner College working FB and MLAX.

Daphne (Joy) Thompson (1992) is the head coach of Women's Basketball at SUNY Oneonta.

Alyssa Truehart (2013) accepted a position with NovaCare at Neumann University—started in July 2018.

Rachel Vaccaro (2015) is working at Menlo College (California) with women's basketball and men's volleyball.

Brian Winkler (2016) is physical therapist at a clinic in North Carolina.

Megumi Yoshigai (2015) maintains her ATC credentials in Japan, and recently accepted a position with Stryker where she will start this fall.

Gregory Zaccone (1999) is an ATC/DPT at SPECTRUM Physical Therapy and Athletic Training.

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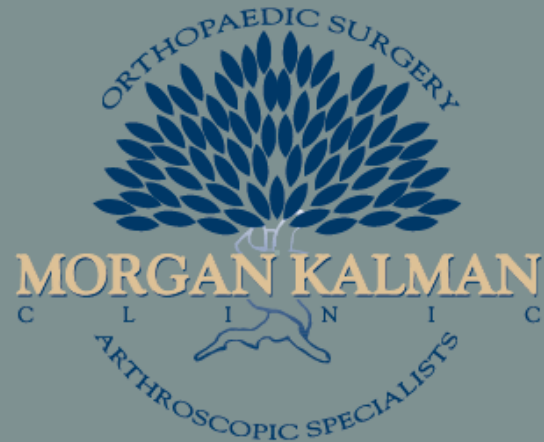
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