



IATA Student Congress Monthly Program Reports

Aurora University

Aurora University athletic training students have been quite busy already this semester! In mid-August, students arrived on campus for their annual welcome-back orientation. Juniors and seniors settled into their new upperclassman positions and welcomed the new sophomore students into the program. This year, the orientation was competition-based and focused on three main areas of the profession: taping technique, injury evaluation, and emergency procedures. That same day, the majority of students started their first day of clinical rotations with pre-season camps. Pre-season camps were eventful and exhausting for everyone, but students gained valuable experience with all of the injuries and conditions they encountered during those two weeks. School started at the end of August and normal clinical schedules began as well. Senior students are so excited to be in their last year of the undergraduate program! Seniors began studying for the BOC exam over the summer and are currently enjoying learning about medical conditions in the athlete and administrative roles. Juniors are currently learning about the upper extremity and how to evaluate their conditions. Sophomores are learning about preventative care and finding their roles at their clinical sites. This school year is going to be busy and exciting for everyone!

Spartan Athletic Training Student Organization (SATSO) had their first meeting this week to plan out volunteer events, field trips, and fundraisers. In the past, SATSO has volunteered at HESED House of Aurora, the Interfaith Food Pantry of Aurora, and numerous events hosted on campus. Field trips in the past have included a visit to Northwestern University's athletic training facilities, and the facilities of the Chicago Wolves. This year, students are planning on a trip to Wrigley Field to meet the athletic trainers and staff of the Chicago Cubs. In order to pay for these experiences, students are planning on selling athletic training t-shirts to students, friends, and family. Another big celebration of SATSO this month was the winning of the NATA Student Challenge for the 4th time! SATSO raised over \$1,400 for the NATA Research Foundation from our annual 5K run. We are excited to see what SATSO will raise again this year! SATSO is not the only organization that has been discussing fun, educational things for the year. Our honor society, Iota Tau Alpha (ITA) is planning on hosting an imaging seminar for junior and senior students. Students in our program are interested in learning how to read basic x-rays and MRIs to better understand what to look for when athletes bring in their images. ITA students are also preparing to start tutoring sessions with other students in the program. Tutoring has always been successful in helping other students succeed in the program, and we are very happy to start that up again this year. Aurora University's ATP is ready for a great 2017-2018 school year!

Eastern Illinois University

Everyone is getting into their clinical rotation and settling into the semester. Many of our seniors are studying for the BOC that they are taking some time later in the semester. We had many seniors that had successful internship this past summer. We have a new board for our Athletic Training club and we had our first meeting Tuesday. There are many ideas that have been brought up to get our program more involved with. This year seems to be more promising for our participation level in the program.

Illinois State University

Seniors have returned from their summer internships. Our first year GAs have started at sites as well. Our semester started on August 21. All students have reported to clinical sites already and will be there until December. Incoming sophomores have started observation hours and will begin the application process in the coming months.

Our athletic training club has met once for an introduction meeting. We have big plans this year for service, professional, and social events. We have reached out to Gas, preceptors, and friends of the program about possible guest lecture for the club. We have plans to help out with community races and are possibly planning a trip to work the Chicago Marathon. We plan to meet again in the next few weeks.

Lewis University

The AT students of Lewis University are continuing to adjust to our new clinical sites that started this August. It is an exciting year, especially for the new members welcomed into the program. They are beginning to showcase their skills learned in class at clinical from now on. Blayne and I spoke to our program director about informing our classmates of the importance of the NPI (National Provider Identifier) number as health care professionals. An email was sent to the entire AT class at Lewis at the end of last semester about the benefits of acquiring an NPI. Thus, this action contributed to an addition of students who signed up and are now aware of the value that it holds. The class of 2019 is transitioning from being upper/lower students to Clinical 1 individuals who have the opportunity of having more responsibilities at their clinical sites. We are holding material reviews in groups to go over information learned in previous classes. Finally, the seniors of LU are focusing on studying for their respective upcoming exams, such as the BOC and GRE. We wish them the best of luck!

Millikin University

Things have been quiet and we have all been consumed with our clinical sites. We have had one AT club meeting where we elected new officials and talked about goals that we wanted to accomplish this semester and next. We also decided on a fundraiser and to do t-shirt sales. All of our students are on campus this semester for clinical rotations due to our numbers being lower than average.

North Central College

This fall the athletic training students at North Central College arrived on August 8th where students reviewed policies, procedures, and environmental emergencies simulations. The students ended the night with challenge style games and a group bonding BBQ. Clinical experiences are underway with the College's teams, at local high schools, rehabilitation clinics,

and community colleges. The first Cardinal Athletic Training Students (CATS) was September 17th where plans regarding the Chicago Marathon, the IATA Fall Meeting, and participating in homecoming activities were discussed. Classes began on September 11th and the students are excited for the new academic year.

Northern Illinois University

The faculty, staff and students are excited for the school year to begin. We are sad to announce that Dr. Eva Frank has left our staff to front-line the accreditation for Lebanon University Athletic Training Program and Accreditation. Also, we said good-bye to our fantastic educational graduate assistants, Samantha Melendez and Sarah Paver, and wish them luck post-graduation. With their departures from the program, we are excited to announce the return of Dr. Pitney, who will be teaching the seniors Organization & Administration Concepts in Athletic Training. We are also welcoming our two-new educational GAs, Karisa Fuerniss and Katie Fant. They will be responsible for educating and facilitating educational experiences for our students. Our student organization had our first meeting on 9/13/2017. We are planning and looking forward to volunteering for the Chicago Marathon in October. We would also like to extend our congratulations to some of our students who received school awards and scholarships at the end of last semester and over the summer.

- The Mid-America Conference Scholarship: Nick Steif
- The Lela Trager Scholarship: Brianna Kraft, Ariel Russell, Mia Reyes, Carissa Atilas
- IATA Living Memorial Scholarship: David Park
- NIU Al Kranz Student Athletic Trainer Scholarship: David Park
- National Athletic Trainers' Association Foundation Jerry Rhea Scholarship: David Park
- Newcomer of the Year, an award given to a student in their first year in the ATP at NIU who has shown leadership and excellence in the class room: Nick Driscoll.
- Athletic Training Student of Excellence, an award given to a student in their second year in the ATP at NIU who has shown commitment in both the classroom and clinically: Adam Cap
- Athletic Training Student of the Year, an award to a student in the ATP at NIU who shows passion for the profession of Athletic Training: Adam Cap

North Park University

This month at North Park, we have been slowly getting into the swing of things with the new school year starting. Our fall sports began back in the second week of August and our upper level students are working with our lower level students to get into the motions of their first clinical rotation. Additionally, we had our first ATSA (Athletic Training Student Association) meeting to kick off the new school year. Some things that we discussed included potential fundraising ideas, program outings that we can all get involved in, as well as discussing designs for this year's t-shirt. We have also discussed getting our program together to get involved with more bonding events to welcome our new students into the program. At the beginning of this month, we had a table set up at our Annual Viking Fair Carnival to get recognition of our program and give out information for those who are interested. Lastly, we are transitioning into prepping for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. The upper level students are working

together to create guidelines and information to share with the first year students as they get ready for their first ever marathon experience.

Olivet Nazarene University

This month has been a busy one for the ONU ATP. We have been getting ready for volunteers to participate in the Chicago Marathon and doing some early BOC prep with the seniors by going to the ACES workshop in McKendree University in November. The upperclassman have also been guiding the sophomores through their first couple weeks of clinical rotations and helping them out with through proficiencies. Our ONU football athletic training staff is at a high right now with the ONU tigers being 3-0 for the first time in 20 years! As a whole, the ONU ATP has been coming and working together academically and coming together when things become a little overwhelming.

Trinity International University

In August, we had ten returning student athletic trainers, which included the four students that were accepted into the program last April. All of our fall sports have gotten underway with practices and games that started just after the beginning of classes. Over the last three weeks our ATP have focused efforts on time management between school and clinical assignments. Our program is currently trying to decide what weekend works best for the ACES Workshop (BOC preparation class) and final arrangements for the Chicago Marathon in October. On Friday, September 16 we had a special guest speaker, Jordan Anderson, talking about how to transition into a young professional after graduation.