

# GLATA Influential Individuals Project

Featuring: William E. “Pinky” Newell



## A Brief Snapshot...

- Attended Purdue University on a football scholarship and earned a Bachelor's in Physical Education
- After serving in the Marines, Pinky attended PT school at Stanford
- Became the head athletic trainer at Purdue from 1949-76, and taught athletic training classes
- Pinky also was an athletic trainer for the College All-Star Game and the US Olympic teams

## His Contribution to our Profession

- Pinky served as the Executive Secretary of NATA for over a decade
- He is credited for the transformation of athletic training from an occupation to an allied health profession
- He is acknowledged as one of the founders of NATA
- “Father of Modern Athletic Training”