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CHOICE OF ONE
Oregano-crusted breast of chicken
with ricotta cheese manicotti
and wilted spinach in cacciatore sauce
~ served with a Tossed Salad ~

Quinoa Risotto with spinach and mushrooms
served with sugar snap peas and baby carrots
in a citrus beurre sauce ~ served with a Tossed Salad ~

DESSERT

ALL MEALS SERVED WITH ROLLS
AND YOUR CHOICE OF
COFFEE AND ASSORTED TEAS
**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

*John Moyer, President, PATS*

~ Invocation ~

~ DINNER ~

**PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

DISTRICT II "JOE IEZZI" STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

PATS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

"RICHARD M. BURKHOLDER" STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

"PHILLIP B. DONLEY" STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

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**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

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**CLOSING REMARKS**

*John Moyer, President, PATS*

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**Opening Remarks from the President**

On behalf of the Executive Board, I would like to welcome you to the 35th Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS).

Tonight we are here to honor our past and recognize our future.

This year we will be awarding five scholarships to deserving athletic training students from around the Commonwealth. These scholarships are in honor of Phillip Donley, Joe Iezzi, Richard Burkholder, and Cecilia Yost with the fifth scholarship being the PATS Inc. Award. Earlier this year, Angel Nuñez, from California University of Pennsylvania and Steve Nagib from the University of Pittsburgh were announced as the Southwest River Run Scholarship winners.

The athletic training profession continues to progress due to the strong bonds between physicians and athletic trainers in the Commonwealth. Tonight we will highlight this relationship with the presentation of two Team Physician Awards. We will continue to utilize the positive relationships we have created with physicians and other health care professionals to advance the team approach to effective health care.

We will also thank our outgoing Executive Board members for their service to the Society as well as presenting three Service Awards to individuals who have made significant contributions to PATS over the years. We will present a Distinguished Merit Award to a well-deserving member for her extraordinary dedication to PATS.

The highlight of the evening will be inducting our two newest members to the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame. A.J. Duffy and John Norwig are two individuals who have advanced our profession in countless ways, and on behalf of the athletic trainers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania we extend our thanks and CONGRATULATIONS to the Hall of Fame Class of 2015!

Please welcome our newest Executive Board members, Jamie Mansell (Treasurer), Shelly DiCesaro (Southwest Representative) and Mike Horan (Southeast Representative). I personally look forward to working with these individuals and I urge you to congratulate them and thank them for their service commitment to PATS.

The Convention Committee, chaired by Elizabeth Evarts, has once again dedicated a lot of time and effort to put together an outstanding meeting. I hope you have taken advantage of the educational opportunities put together by program directors Nicole Cattano and Shelly DiCesaro, enjoy the social events coordinated by Jessica Baum and enjoy your time in the exhibit hall, coordinated by Colleen Bensinger. Also involved in making the convention a success are Andrea Harmon, registration director, Matt Pyle, site coordinator, and Adam Richmond, audio-visual director. Please thank these individuals when you see them for all of their efforts and hard work!

Please enjoy an evening of celebration and fellowship as we honor our best and brightest.

*John Moyer LAT, ATC President Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society*
The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society
Student Scholarship Awards

Richard M. Burkholder Scholarship
Dick Burkholder is an untiring servant of the profession and the athletes he serves. The Richard M. Burkholder Award is given to a student who has a desire and eagerness to gain knowledge not only in the classroom but also through observation skills – and has insight of how these skills and knowledge can be used to evaluate early health problems and apply them to treat the athlete and use them in practicing his or her chosen health profession. Like “Burke”, the person awarded this Scholarship should have a great sense of humor and be committed to helping others in the profession.

Phillip B. Donley Scholarship
Phil’s Athletic Training Education Program was not only the first in the State, but also the first Co-ed program in the country. In 1965, he established a Co-ed athletic training room when few schools had one. He was a pioneer in helping women enter the field ad hired the first full-time female athletic trainer in 1966. Along with Bud Miller they were the heart and soul of early athletic training education. Phil is dedicated to the profession and is always there when you need him in professional organization matters. He continues to work behind the scenes to get things done and pushes his peers to step forward to take leadership roles. The Phillip B. Donley Award seeks to distinguish the student who is also dedicated to the profession – who not only distinguishes themselves academically, but more importantly, clinically and through volunteerism. It is the student who is well-rounded and who has shown themselves to go that “extra mile” – not just what has been assigned to them throughout their curriculum.

NATA District II – Joe Iezzi Scholarship
Joe has been the Head Athletic Trainer at Cheyney University, Philadelphia University, and Downingtown West High School. He works tirelessly for the profession and has been in many professional leadership roles within the State, District, and National levels. Joe Iezzi has mentored many students and has helped mold and shape their careers and lives.

PATS, Inc. Scholarship
The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society believes that the strength of this Society is derived from the membership and the values we uphold. These values include: possessing a deep passion for the athletic training profession, holding the highest professional standards by practicing moral and ethical behaviors, valuing camaraderie and collaboration, and exhibiting adaptive, flexible, and creative solutions.

Cecilia Yost Scholarship
As the first female to be elected President of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society, Inc., she was also the first athletic trainer from the secondary school setting. These two groundbreaking accomplishments of historical significance make Cecilia Yost a shining star in the profession of athletic training in the Commonwealth. Because of Cecilia, the path was forged for women to ascend the ladder within the profession of athletic training. Even more importantly, she has strived to mentor those students seeking a career in the field while also constantly being a valuable resource for all of our young professionals. To that end, this award is specific to a rising senior (junior class applicant) who has shown his or her potential for having a unique impact on the profession and the PATS organization.
REBECCA DUBAS (Mechanicsburg, PA)
Graduated a few weeks ago from West Chester University. She has developed her professional skills and attributes through her participation as an EATA Symposium poster presenter and Quiz Bowl participant as well as being the 2015 NATA iLead Conference student representative from PATS. An EATA scholarship winner, she has served as Treasurer, Golf Outing chairperson, and President of the West Chester University Athletic Training Club while maintaining Dean’s List status every semester. Rebecca is a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society and will be attending the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in the fall for a Master’s degree in Athletic Training.

ALLISON GARDNER (Wyncote, PA)
Is a May 2015 graduate of King’s College. She has attended and presented at both PATS and EATA Symposia, been involved in PATS as a member of the Education Committee, Student Leadership Committee, and several PATS Hike-To-Harrisburg campaigns, as well as a volunteer with Special Olympics, several marathons, and a coach/mentor for the Philadelphia CYO Cross Country/Track and Field organization. Currently acting President of the King’s College Sports Medicine Society and a multiple scholarship winner, Allison is a member of the Iota Tau Alpha (athletic training), Phi Sigma Tau (philosophy), Delta Epsilon Sigma and Aquinas (both scholastics) Honor Societies and will be pursuing a Master’s degree in Athletic Training at Old Dominion University.

THEA LUCAS (West Mifflin, PA)
Will graduate in May 2016 from the University of Pittsburgh. She has attended both the PATS and EATA Symposia as well as volunteered with Family House, Relay for Life, and as a first aide and emergency responder with River Run. The current Secretary for both the University of Pittsburgh Lion’s Club and Athletic Training Student Club, Thea has been named to the Dean’s List every semester while also expanded her knowledge and skill set working with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center as a patient transporter and lab courier. Thea hopes to continue to develop her skills for a future career in athletic training.

KELSEY RYNKIEWICZ (Nanticoke, PA)
Anticipates graduating from King’s College in May 2016. She is the current EATA Student Delegate as the Eastern PA Representative and has attended several PATS and EATA Symposia. A certified lifeguard and registered EMT, Kelsey has volunteered her services with Special Olympics, the Steamburg Marathon, and the Nanticoke Ambulance Association. A Moreau Scholarship (King’s College) and EATA Scholarship recipient, she is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa, Iota Tau Alpha, and Aquinas Society Honor Societies and looks forward to her career as an athletic trainer.

MICHAEL THOMAS (Monroe Township, PA)
A recent graduate from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a Lambda Sigma Honors Society member and active member in the University of Pittsburgh Athletic Training Club, often mentoring the younger students in the program. An EMT and Rehabilitation Aide at UPMC Montefiore Hospital, Michael has volunteered with Special Olympics, the Allegheny County Wrestling Championships, and the Hoop Group-Pitt Jam basketball festival. The 5-time Dean’s List honoree will continue his education at the University of Pittsburgh in the Physical Therapy program, pursuing his dream of being an athletic trainer and physical therapist.
The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society
Team Physician Honorary Membership Award

The PATS Team Physician Honorary Membership Award was implemented to honor those individuals that have served as a Team Physician with 15 or more years of service in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The recipients have proven themselves to be of immeasurable value while working alongside Athletic Trainers in caring for Pennsylvania’s athletes. They are hereby recognized as Honorary Members of PATS and we are proud to recognize their contributions and support of our profession.

James N. Masterson, DO

Dr. Masterson has been a school doctor and team physician for Seton Hill University and Hempfield Area High School since 1995. Starting his career as a family practice physician, he was recently promoted to Director of Sports Medicine for Excela Health and was instrumental in establishing Hempfield as one of the first school districts in the entire country to implement computer neurocognitive testing to improve concussion management of student-athletes. His friendly demeanor, giving attitude, availability, and pleasant personality have made him a favorite physician for athletes, parents, coaches, and athletic trainers alike. A multiple Patients Choice Award winner, Dr. Masterson received his degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed residencies in family practice and occupational medicine at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio and at the University of Cincinnati.

Michael J. Rogal, MD

Dr. Rogal has supported athletic trainers in the surrounding communities of Pittsburgh since 1982. During his 33 years, mainly at Penn Hills High School, he has covered over 600 football games and 2500 other sporting events, missing only one football game at the high school during this time span. Founder and President of the East Suburban Sports Medicine Center, Dr. Rogal’s commitment to the student-athlete and the athletic training profession is unwavering and he gives back to both through scholarship programs and professional development opportunities. A member of the Penn Hills High School and Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fames, Dr. Rogal received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania and completed his surgical residency at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He returned to the University of Pittsburgh and completed his Juris Doctor in 1995 and is an accomplished presenter, often lecturing on medical malpractice and sports medicine topics.

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society
Service Award

The Service Award was created by the PATS, Inc., Board of Directors to recognize and honor those individuals deserving for their dedication, loyalty, & service to the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society.

All honorees have made contributions which have greatly impacted the members of the Society and must have demonstrated direct and/or indirect service to the Society for a period of at least five years.

The services include, but are not limited to, committee work, special projects, liaison to allied groups with significant results, commercial ventures that benefit the Society, establishment of programs to benefit the health care of athletes of the Commonwealth, and any other service as deemed to be significant by a Board member or one of the constituents of the Board.
**Elizabeth Evarts**

A tireless worker for the Society for many years, Elizabeth Evarts is honored today as a 2015 recipient of the PATS Service Award. As an athletic trainer in the high school setting, she works diligently to provide quality healthcare to her athletes and brings that same level of service to her roles within PATS.

A 2004 graduate of Lock Haven University’s Athletic Training curriculum, Liz started her career as the Head Athletic Trainer at Central Mountain High School. She transitioned to a clinical athletic trainer with Susquehanna Health Systems in 2007 and worked at Williamsport High School as an outreach athletic trainer. In 2010, she returned to Central Mountain High School as their athletic trainer, this time as a Susquehanna Health outreach athletic trainer, and remains in this position today.

Within the PATS organization, Liz has served behind the scenes quietly and efficiently. She first started as a volunteer with the PATS Convention in 2003 as a runner/assistant for the committee, doing anything and everything to help the committee members. From 2004-2006, she assisted the Registration Chair, Mandy Horner, and then assumed that responsibility herself from 2006-2010. In 2010, Liz took over as the Convention Committee chairperson and continues in this role today.

Liz also represents the profession well through her efforts as a Student-Athlete Leadership Group Advisor at her high school and working with the Clinton County Special Olympics, Little Ladies On The Run (elementary age 5k), and Kent’s Festival (a special needs children talent show). She has also given lectures on orthopedic injuries, concussion treatment protocols and updates, and collaborative approaches to healthcare delivery with area school nurses and the North Central Athletic Training Conference. She also stays involved with community service through her church and memberships with Phi Sigma Pi and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Elizabeth Evarts for her outstanding efforts and contributions to make the Society a better organization. She has demonstrated the criteria necessary for a PATS Service Award and her commitment to the profession is exemplary as she continues to serve the Society. Thank you and congratulations Liz.

**Kimberly J. Stoudt**

As one of the 2015 recipients of the PATS Service Award, Dr. Kimberly Stoudt has been an extremely passionate and dedicated professional as a PATS member. In her 21 years as a certified athletic trainer, she has worked to continually improve quality of healthcare service to her athletes and the public as well as education of students, administration, and colleagues.

Kim began her journey in Athletic Training after graduating from Penn State University in 1994. While working at Wilson College, she found her way back to her alma mater to complete her Masters in Health Education in 1998 and then completed a Doctorate in Education from Wilmington University in 2006. Kim moved on to Alvernia University as an Instructor/Assistant Athletic Trainer (1999-2002), Assistant Professor/Assistant Athletic Trainer (2002-2009) and since 2009 she serves as Program Director/Assistant Professor/Assistant Athletic Trainer. Kim is also an EMT supporting many athletic events across the Commonwealth. She is a research analyst, senior scientist, and education specialist with the Human Performance Resource Center, Consortium for Health and Military Performance at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (Bethesda, MD) in the Department of Military Medicine.

While completing her duties related to her employment positions, Kim has served in many capacities within the profession. She has represented PATS with the NATA as a member of the International Committee (2011-2014) and Women in Athletic Training District 2 Subcommittee (2006-2008). Additionally, she has been the Coordinator of Athletic Training Services for the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Summer Games for the past 13 years, organizing the medical care for over 2000 SOPA athletes. She continues to place the athletic training profession in a positive light with other health care professionals through her efforts as the Academic Director for ETA4 in Vietnam and Taiwan, as well as on missions in Ecuador, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic. Kim has also served as a faculty leader on educational trips to Australia and Greece. A co-author of various research papers, Dr. Stoudt most recently presented in Spain and will present in Italy this June. She also stays involved in community service as a member of the Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corp, an American Red Cross Disaster Action Team, and the West Side Regional Emergency Management Agency in Berks County.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Dr. Kim Stoudt for all her efforts that have prompted our profession locally, nationally, and globally. She has demonstrated the criteria necessary for a PATS Service Award and her commitment to the profession is exemplary. Thank you and congratulations Kim.
Gregory K. Janik

Greg Janik has been dedicated to the promotion and advancement of our profession and has served PATS continuously since 2004. An extremely passionate and dedicated professional on legislative issues, concussion awareness, and the educational development of students, he is the Head Athletic Trainer and a Clinical Professor at King's College.

A graduate of Penn State University and AT Still University, Greg has been able to accomplish a unique list of service activities within the scope of athletic training and PATS. He is a member of the Public Relations Committee, and currently serves as the chairperson, as well as the Political Action Committee. He has also served on the PATS Executive Board as the Northeast Representative (2004-2008), President-Elect (2008-2010), President (2010-2012), and Past-President (2012-2014). Within these positions, he demonstrated a tireless presence in Harrisburg during the legislative process to establish licensure for athletic trainers and we are reaping the benefits of his and others efforts. Greg was also instrumental in the development of the Student Quiz Bowl competitions, starting with PATS in 2006 and progressing to the EATA and NATA, and remains active as presenter and moderator.

Outside of PATS, Greg is a Pennsylvania Department of Health Appointed Committee Member for the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board, Coordinator of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs for Sports Safety International, and the newly elected President-Elect for the EATA. An accomplished speaker and presenter, he has received numerous awards and recognition including the 2011 NATA Young Professionals National Distinction Award, the 2012 King’s College Max and Tillie Rosen Award for Faculty Excellence, the 2013 NATA College/University Division III Athletic Trainer of the Year Award, the 2014 Jeffrey Stone Service Award from the EATA, and a 2014 NATA Service Award.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Gregory Janik for his strong leadership, intuitive vision, and intelligent guidance, making our organization stronger. He has consistently demonstrated the criteria necessary for a PATS Service Award. His commitment to the Athletic Training Profession is exemplary as he continues to lead by example and serve the Society. Thank you and congratulations Greg.

The Pennsylvania Athletic Training Society
Distinguished Merit Award

The Pennsylvania Athletic Training Society Distinguished Merit Award Hall of Fame was created by the PATS' Board of Directors to honor those individuals who have demonstrated exemplary professional practice achievement in their respective employment setting.

The DMA is awarded to a PA certified athletic trainer who has been in practice for a minimum of 10 years and deserves merit for demonstrated excellence in one of the following settings:

1. Secondary School (High School)
2. College/University
3. Professional Sport
4. Clinical/Industrial
5. Educator/Researcher

These athletic trainers are awarded for their excellence in their primary fields of practice and positive influence on patients, athletes, students, administrators and organizations they provide service for in their role as a professional employee.
PATS Distinguished Merit Award 2015

Robert J. Simmons

Robert J. Simmons, MEd, LAT, ATC, has been a certified athletic trainer for more than 35 years. She began her career in athletic training as an assistant athletic trainer at Penn State University (1980-1981), Lehigh University (1981-1983), and Bucknell University (1983-1988) before moving into a clinical outreach position at Southern Lehigh High School (1989-1993) through Orthopedic Associates of Allentown (1989-2004).

It was during her time with OAA when Roberta expanded her professional skills by teaching more in the high school, working with athletes in the local community and the Keystone State Games (1980-1991), several USA Olympic Festivals (1997, 1990, 1991), the World University Games (Germany-1989), and the Summer Olympic Games (Barcelona, Spain-1992 and Atlanta, USA-1996). She became very fond of track cycling and made the Lehigh Valley Velodrome her home-away-from-home providing medical services to several National and Olympic USA Cycling Trials and Championships (1993-2004).

With an opportunity to become an Instructor/Clinical Coordinator in the collegiate setting, Roberta moved on to Winthrop University (2004-2007) before returning to her roots in the Commonwealth where she is currently a full-time health and physical education teacher at Pennridge High School (Perkasie, PA) while continuing to provide valuable athletic training services to both the Pennridge School District and her alma mater, Upper Perk High School, as a supplemental athletic trainer and emergency medical technician.

Roberta has held several committee positions in state and national organizations within our profession including PATS Secretary (1987-1991), PATS Honors and Awards Committee (1991-2005, chairperson 1996-2003), and EATA Registration Committee (1984-1990). She is a recipient of the Southern Lehigh High School Lifesaving Award (1990), member of the Upper Perk High School Hall of Fame (1996), and a PATS Service Award winner (2003). Also active in her church and community, Roberta deserves the Distinguished Merit Award for excellence as an Athletic Trainer in the Secondary School setting and for her positive influence on students, athletes, our profession, and the volunteer organizations she served.

The Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame

The Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame was created by the PATS’ Board of Directors in 1999. The hall of fame is a state-wide honor that is administered and funded by PATS, Inc. and our society’s most prestigious award.

The inaugural class was in 2000 and inducted 11 members. Since the initial class, a total of 48 members have been inducted. This includes 41 athletic trainers, 6 physicians, and 1 state senator. Today, 2 new members will join this prestigious group.

The 32” x 18” framed keystone shaped certificate is signed by the current PATS president and HOF chair. It is inscribed with the words “Whereas the recipient has brought distinction and honor to the profession of athletic training through a commitment to excellence, dedication and valued contributions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania”

Congratulations to the Class of 2015!
The Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame

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2015 Hall of Fame Inductee

AJ Duffy, III

After earning his degree from his beloved University of Michigan in 1980, AJ enrolled at the University of Arizona and graduated one year later with a Master of Science Degree. AJ. Duffy quickly made his way to Pennsylvania for an assistant athletic trainer's position at Temple University and shortly thereafter in 1984 earned a Certificate of Proficiency in Physical Therapy from Hahnemann University. His current roles include serving as an Athletic Trainer, a Physical Therapist, an adjunct professor, and loves to serve the profession of which he has so much pride.

Mr. Duffy has taught students in both athletic training and physical therapy education curricula at the University of Michigan, Temple, Widener, Hahnemann and Wayne State Universities. AJ has also practiced as a clinical athletic trainer assuming many roles over the years. He was the Assistant Athletic Trainer at Temple University (1981-1983), Assistant Athletic Trainer and Physical Therapist at The University of Michigan (1984-1990) and then went to Widener University in 1990 as the Head Athletic Trainer/Physical Therapist, where he remains today.

AJ. has always been proud to be an Athletic Trainer and to promote this profession. From the time he came back to Pennsylvania he became active in the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society. AJ has served on the Education Committee (1991-1993), was elected Secretary for two terms from 1993-1997, and from 2000–2002 chaired the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame Committee. This committee inducted the first PATS HOF Class and established the first criteria for their consideration. Mr. Duffy has served not only the PATS, EATA and NATA District II but also works in his community and local campus activities. Some ofAJ.'s achievements include serving as the President of both PATS and EATA, as well as the Director of NATA District 2.
He was voted the NATA “Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award” in 2001, the 2003 EATA Cramer Award winner, the 2005 Philadelphia Sports Medicine Congress Ted Quedenfeld Award recipient, the 2007 Donald Grover Award by the EACA and was the 2011 NCAA Division III Athletic Trainer of the Year Award. Most recently in 2013, AJ received the PATS Distinguished Merit Award.

AJ has had the honor of presenting on various topics at the local, regional and national levels. He presented at the NATA Convention in 2000 on “The Treatment of the HIV Athlete” and in 2003 on “Chest Pains in Football Players.” At the 2012 EATA Convention and PATS Symposium, AJ educated attendees about “The Transgendered Athlete in Collegiate Sports”.

AJ Duffy has served in many leadership positions in PATS. He has increased the productivity of our organization by streamlining our policies and procedures and made our Commonwealth better with his thought provoking and influential ideas. AJ always has the organization that he serves at the top of his priority list. We thank him for his work as an Athletic Trainer, a Physical Therapist, a teacher and a leader. He is recognized as a, “go to, do it” leader at all the levels of the athletic training profession.

AJ is also very active in his community. He has served on the Board of Directors of Voice for Children. He is a member of the Citizens 4th of July Association of Norwood, PA, served as a member of the Interboro Education Association and as the Medical Coordinator for the Head Strong Foundation that sponsors a Lacrosse Game to raise money for Blood Cancer Research. AJ serves as the Coordinator of MAC ATaCk on Hunger, a coordinated effort by all the ATs in the Middle Atlantic Conference to collect food or money for local food banks.

AJ has been married to Monica for 27 years. They are empty nesters, both of their children having graduated from college: A. Joseph IV, from Michigan State University and Connor Gabriel, from Catholic University.

A good friend writes of AJ, “that he is totally unselfish and puts his whole heart and soul into making Pennsylvania and the Athletic Training profession number one.” AJ we thank you for your hard work and devotion to our profession, especially in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is our honor and pleasure to welcome Mr. A.J. Duffy to the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame, Class of 2015.

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**2015 Hall of Fame Inductee**

**John Norwig**

To some, Mr. John Norwig is “living the dream.” He was raised in Hanover, Pennsylvania, attended Southwestern High School and then attended The Pennsylvania State University where he earned both his Bachelor’s Degree in Health and Physical Education and Master’s Degree in Health Education. His mentors and instructors, including Bud Miller and Lindsey McLane, ignited a spark in him to become an Athletic Trainer. He graduated from Penn State University (1979) and assumed the position of Head Athletic Trainer at nearby Bellefonte High School. During the next five years he returned to Penn State University as an Assistant Athletic Trainer.

In the summer of 1984, John served as an Assistant Athletic Trainer for the San Francisco 49er’s Football Club during training camp. John was gaining experience at many levels and in 1985 he assumed the role as the Head Athletic Trainer for Vanderbilt University until 1991, before returning to Pennsylvania and the position of Head Athletic Trainer for the Pittsburgh Steelers Football Club, a position that he still holds today.

John has been involved in the NATA and in PATS over the years serving as PATS Public Relation Committee Chair (1993-96) and on the NATA Education Council Continuing Education subcommittee. He was also part of the 1990 Role Delineation Study. John has represented the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania well as President of the Professional Football Athletic Trainers’ Society from 2008 to 2014. Mr. Norwig has spearheaded communications with the NATA, Board of Directors, the contribution fund for eight NATA scholarships, the “Heads Up Program”, and developing funds for high school athletic trainers for secondary schools in the NFL cities.
Under John's direction and leadership, the Pittsburgh Steelers was the first NFL Franchise to hire a full-time female Athletic Trainer on their staff.

John believes that as Athletic Trainers at the professional level improve the care they provide, these advancements will trickle down to younger levels of athletics. He has lectured locally, nationally, and internationally about many topics, mostly with the core theme of safety and protection of our athletes. He has often presented at PATS and the NATA conventions as well as locally in the community. He feels most comfortable and proud when he is speaking to Athletic Training students at nearby Duquesne University, Pittsburgh University, and Penn State University.

John was awarded the NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award in 2007 and, in the same year, his staff was awarded the NFL Athletic Training Staff of the Year. In 2011, John was honored by his alma mater, Penn State University, as an Alumni fellow. Mr. Norwig is also one of a few Athletic Trainers that are Affiliate Members of the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine. Earlier this year he was honored by the National Football Physician's Society with the "Cain-Fain Award". This award is given to The National Football League Athletic Trainer of the Year.

John and his wife Emily have been married for 28 years and they have three children: Erin, 22; Nicholas, 19; and Luke, 16. Any time that John gets, he spends with his family and wishes he always had more. It is with great pleasure that we congratulate and welcome Mr. John Norwig to the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame, Class of 2015.

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