

ATHLETIC TRAINING CLUB SEMESTER ROUNDUP

Here's What Happened This Semester...



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WCU ATHLETIC TRAINING 50TH YEAR CELEBRATION POSTPONED

2020 marks the 50th year of athletic training education at West Chester University! But unfortunately, due to COVID-19 all WCU events have been cancelled for the semester. The AT 50th year celebration event is postponed and we will be in touch soon on rescheduling the event.



Save The Weekend

May 1-3, 2020

Join us as we celebrate

50 Years
of Athletic Training Education at WCU

FRIDAY, MAY 1
Opening Reception

SATURDAY, MAY 2
Athletic Training Legacy Lectures
featuring Phil Donley
Alumni Reception

SUNDAY, MAY 3
Annual Golf Outing

Please visit the website for more details
www.wcupa.edu/at50

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARD WINNERS



Congratulations to these sports medicine students who received scholarships and awards in 2020:

- Olivia Gingrich (3+2) – 2020 Pat Croce Scholarship
- Emily Schmidt (MSAT)– 2020 Pat Croce Scholarship
- Summer Chatelain (MSAT) – 2020 Phillip B. Donley Award, GSA Award for Excellence
- Maddison Miller (BSAT) - 2020 Phillip B. Donley, 2020 EATA Kent Scriber Scholarship, 2020 NATA District 2 James Thornton Leadership Scholarship, 2020 NATA PBATS Hall of Fame Scholarship
- Kendall Couch (MSAT) 2020 EATA Paul Grace Scholarship
- Tina Riordan (MSAT post-professional) – 2020 Sports Medicine Award
- Cameron Corbett (MSAT) – 2020 Brad Taylor Scholarship
- Emma Krentler (MSAT) – 2020 Douglas M. Weiss Scholarship
- Erin Gilligan (3+2) – 2020 WCU 1871 Award

Congratulations to the following club members who were inducted into the Alpha Eta National Honor Society for Allied Health Professions:

Leah Blackburn, Melissa Klock, Natasha Nevis, Kendall Couch, Chad Kleinsmith and Kevin Wiesner

Congrats to Abbie Verbeke on being selected as an EATA student delegate!

UNDERGRAD STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Julianna Blatz

My name is Julianna Blatz, I am currently in the second year of the 3+2 program, and I am from Riverton, NJ. This past year I was the sophomore class representative and next year I'll be the secretary.

What advice would you give to incoming students about the program?

I would say get involved! The events we do are all so fun and a great way to meet other people in our major.

Why did you choose athletic training as your major specifically the 3+2 program?

I played sports my whole life and wanted to work with them in the future. I love the idea of helping athletes, and I knew that WCU had a great program.

What has been your favorite event held by the club?

I love the Turkey Bowl, it's always a fun time. I also enjoyed the Phillies and Flyers games we went to.

Is there anything you are looking forward to or want to see the club do in the future?

I look forward to going back to school and seeing everyone. I want to do more fun events as a club.

How has this program here at West Chester impacted your life?

The people I have met because of this program have had a huge impact on my life.



MSAT STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Maxwell Coulter

Hi Everyone! My name is Max Coulter and I am one of the 1st year MSAT students and their class representative. I was assigned at Spring-Ford high school before clinical was shut down due to COVID-19. I got my bachelor's degree in health and exercise physiology with a minor in human performance assessment at Ursinus College. I also spent 3 years working in their ATs as a student aide, which is where I became interested in becoming an athletic trainer!

What advice would you give to incoming master's students about the program?

I would tell any incoming student to be like a sponge and just absorb as much information as you can. There is a lot of information given to you in a short amount of time but you just need to try your best to get as much as you can out of these amazing faculty.

Why did you choose athletic training for your master's program?

I chose athletic training because I always have been involved in sports whether it was as a spectator or an athlete and I always wanted to try and help people. Athletic training was the perfect choice! Working in the ATR at Ursinus really got me involved with the profession and I fell in love with it, not to mention my AT helped me out so much while I was swimming at Ursinus. I hope someday that I can become a clinician like those that have helped me in the past.

What has been your favorite clinical site and why?

My favorite clinical site so far has been with the women's rugby team at West Chester. It was my first clinical and it was such a great learning experience. The team was super accepting of having students help them with their injuries and were always super supportive. We also won the national championship!!

Is there anything you are looking forward to or want to see the club do in the future?

I can't wait to experience and help out with the golf outing since this years was unfortunately cancelled due to corona virus. I have only heard good things about it and it benefits the club so much!

How has this program here at West Chester impacted your life?

The MSAT program at West Chester has truly been a blessing. I have met so many wonderful people, and we have become super close as a class...some would argue too close. The faculty here have been so supportive and always want to see you succeed. The program has taught me the value in being curious, asking questions as well as hard work and determination. It has been tough at times but I can't wait to finish my degree and become a certified athletic trainer!



GRADUATING CLASSES

Congratulations to all the BSAT, MSAT, and MSAT post - professional students! We hope your time here at WCU was just amazing as you all are! Good luck with all your future endeavors. We know you will make WCU proud!



"Congratulations to all the graduating seniors and MSAT students. Thank you for helping us with classes and being great friends these past years. I wish you all well and enjoy the journey ahead of you. Good luck!" -Alyssa Smith (3+2)

"Good luck to all of our graduating classes! You all have been great members of this club and our program and will all be missed! We wish you all the best of luck in your bright futures and hope you enjoy being WCUAT alum! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this program! Ram's Up!" - Erin Gilligan (3+2)

"Congrats to all the graduating classes of 2020! Good luck in the future and all it has in store. Thank you for all the things you have done, you have set a great example for future cohorts to follow. I wish you all the best and enjoy the ride!" - Brooke Barkley (3+2)

2020-2021 AT CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

Congratulations to the new executive board for the 2020-2021 year:

President: Erin Gilligan

Vice President: Skylar Brightbill

Secretary: Julianna Blatz

Treasurer: Deanna Laubach

Education Chair: Brandon Clayville

Fundraising Chair: Jillian Correale

History & Archives Chair: Helen Clark

Marketing/Media Chair: Sam Yothers

Service Chair: Sarah Jefferson

Social Chair: Jessica Schmidt

MSAT 2 Class Rep: Maxwell Coulter

MSAT 1 Class Rep: Alexis Meixsell

3rd Year/Jr. Class Rep: Umar Favors

2nd Year/Sophomore Class Rep: Amelia Gilch

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Also, check out our other accounts:

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Twitter: @wcuatclub