ATHLETIC TRAINING CLUB SEMESTER ROUND UP

Here's what happened this semester...

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Fundraising

During this spring semester, we had many fundraising opportunities. In February, we sold shirts in honor of National Athletic Training Month! We sold 108 shirts to friends, family, students, and faculty. In March, we held The Great Ice debate between Katie Morrison and Carolyn Jimenez. To decide a winner for this debate, we had viewers donate to the club. We also held the spring clothing order, which we shared with faculty, friends, and family. In April, we held a virtual bingo night on the 11th. During this, we sold almost 50 bingo cards and decided this was an event we definitely want to do again next semester!

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Fundraising cont.

In May, we held the "Be Well" Virtual 5k to help raise funds for cancer research in Zimbabwe. Dr. Tinago, a West Chester University faculty member, lost her father to cancer earlier this year; because of that, she and her family were the inspiration for this 5k. We raised almost \$1,500, 50% of these funds were donated to the Tinago family GoFundMe account, the other 50% was donated to Island Hospice and Healthcare in Harare, Zimbabwe, which supports cancer patients and their families through clinical care, counseling, and psychosocial support

Social



Service

events are sometimes hard to come by. We made the most of this semester and held a yoga night once a month for students to relax after a hectic semester. Along with yoga nights, we also held a self-defense seminar in March. Sarah Jefferson hosted this. We are hoping to have another event like this in the fall. In April, we held a virtual bingo night; while this was also a fundraising event, it was a time for students and faculty to hang out and socialize while playing bingo via Zoom.

While still virtual this semester, social

This semester we could only safely do one service event in February. We made Valentine's Day cards for the Brandywine Hall Nursing Home. This is a favorite of students and residents of the nursing home. We do this event every year, and it always is a good time getting to make cards for the residents!

Education

During this semester, we tried to have as many educational opportunities as we could. We had a couple of guest speakers and a symposium. In February, we hosted Julie Tucker, a guest speaker who spoke to us about the Maccabiah Games, which are an international multi-sport event that is held in Israel every four years. In April, there was an opportunity to attend PATS Students Symposium via Zoom; this was hosted by the Lock Haven University Athletic Training faculty and students. We had 13 students attend the symposium. This symposium focused on the mental health stigmas present in healthcare and how healthcare workers should be able to manage and speak up about mental health without hesitation. In May, we hosted Mary Kirkland, an athletic trainer for NASA. She spoke to us about how she came to be an athletic trainer at NASA, what she does daily, and why she enjoys it.

Awards

This year there were many recipients of awards and scholarships. Congratulations to all of the recipients!

WCU Sports Medicine Scholarship Recipients (a total of \$12,000 awarded)

Philip Donley Scholarship – Max Coulter Sports Medicine Scholarship – Kate Gaglias Pat Croce Scholarship (UG) – Marley Kreiser Pat Croce Scholarship (G) – Deanna Laubach Brad Taylor Scholarship – Brooke Barkley Doug Weiss Scholarship – Erin Gilligan

Other WCU Scholarships & Awards

1871 Award – Skylar Brightbill 1871 Award – Sam Yothers GSA Award for Excellence in the Field (professional) – Melissa Felicetti GSA Award for Excellence in the Field (post-professional) – Christian Miles Sturzebecker Scholarship (G) – Brooke Barkley Sturzebecker Scholarship (UG) – Carter Smith

Awards cont.

Athletic Training Professional Scholarships NATA Eve Becker Doyle Scholarship – Emily Schmidt NATA District 2, Tanya Dargusch Leadership in Community Service Scholarship – Deanna Laubach NATA District 2, James Thornton Leadership Scholarship – Abigail Verbeke EATA Paul Grace Scholarship – Emily Schmidt PATS Phillip Donley Scholarship - Erin Gilligan PATS Joe Iezzi Scholarship - Abigail Verbeke

Alpha Eta Society Inductees

Brooke Barkley Skylar Brightbill Helen Clark Melissa Felicetti Erin Gilligan Emily Schmidt

Congratulations to all of the students that graduated this year!





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