

NEWSLETTER

MASTER OF ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM



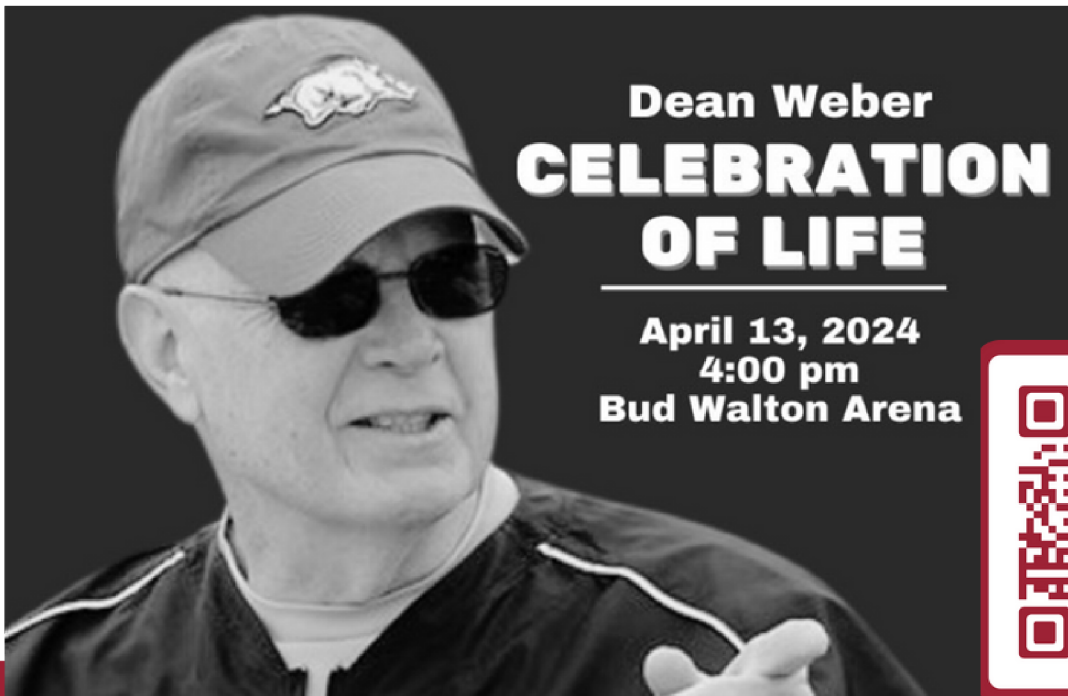
A YEAR IN REVIEW 2023-2024

The year 2023-2024 brought significant achievements to the University of Arkansas Master of Athletic Training Program. Our students, faculty, and preceptors celebrated numerous successes while also honoring the memory of Dean Weber and his profound influence on the University of Arkansas. Dive into the noteworthy events from the academic year 2023-2024. Go Razorbacks!



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In February 2024, Dean Weber, the devoted Head Athletic Trainer and Assistant Director of the Razorback Foundation, passed away. In April, a Celebration of Life took place, attended by numerous alumni and former athletes who gathered to honor Dean, his impact on athletic training, and his lasting legacy. Dean, you will be dearly missed.

To honor Dean's memory, the family kindly asks for memorial contributions to be directed to the Dean Weber Endowed Athletic Training Scholarship Fund. You can make a donation by scanning the QR code provided.



■ **CLASS OF 2024**

We celebrated the Class of 2024 with a hooding ceremony on 5/10/24. Our graduates have accepted jobs with the Atlanta Falcons, Arizona Cardinals, LSU, Georgia, Kentucky, Montgomery County H.S., UCF, Texas A&M, Stephen F. Austin, UAB, American International College, Pulaski Academy and IMG Academy. Good luck!



■ **100% BOC PASS RATE**

Congratulations to the Class of 2024. Their hard work and diligence paid off with a 100% first-time pass rate on the BOC examination. We are so excited about the impact that they will make on the profession.



We had 18 students join the Class of 2025 and they came from all across the U.S. Students are completing the new degree plan created after a year of strategic planning. The degree plan includes new courses such as a 3-semester Therapeutic Interventions course, Sport and Nutrition, Sport-Related Concussion and Behavior, Performance Enhancement and Sport Science to name few. Students will also complete both a summer and fall immersive clinical education experience in the new degree plan.

CLINICAL IMMERSIVES

The Class of 2025 will be completing immersive experiences with the Dallas Cowboys, Cincinnati Bengals, Baltimore Ravens, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Carolina Panthers, Sporting KC, Racing Louisville NWSL, Pittsburgh Pirates, NWA Naturals, Dallas Wings, UCF, Arizona State, University of Virginia, Vanderbilt, Butler, Purdue, Georgia, Clemson, University of Houston, Tennessee, and IMG.



■ OUTSTANDING M.AT. STUDENT

Congratulations to Diane Zashin for earning the outstanding M.AT. Student Award. Diane successfully defended her thesis, served on the NATA Student Leadership Committee, and was the AATSA Treasurer.



■ M.AT. PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the M.AT. Program scholarship winners including Kinley Farriester (Dean Weber and Bill Ferrell Awards), Bailey Walker (Bill Ferrell Award), Nicole Robinson (Bill Ferrell Award) and Braxton Lubenow (Al Gordon Award).



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OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Fourteen students earned a Benjamin Lever Tuition Fellowships during the 2023-2024 year. The Lever Tuition Fellowship pays for full graduate tuition of degree-related course work for the duration of the degree program.



■ SWATA STUDENT SENATE

Both Diane Zashin and Braxton Lubenow served on the SWATA Student Senate during the year. We love to see our students serve the profession!

■ DEAN'S ADVISORY BOARD AND INNOVATE FOR HEALTHCARE

Joseph Evangelista served on the COEHP Student Advisory Board, spoke at the Dean's Executive Advisory Board Meeting in April, and participated in the inaugural Innovate for Healthcare (I4H) Academy.



Congratulations to Keith Jones, B.S.E. '85 for earning the HHPR Outstanding Alumni Award. He spent a few years in the NFL and USFL before transitioning to the NBA. When Jones was hired by the Los Angeles Clippers in June 1990, he became the first African American, as well as the youngest, Athletic Trainer in the NBA at age 28.

AWESOME ALUMNI



AL GORDON PRECEPTOR AWARD



This award is given to a preceptor who has demonstrated excellence in clinical education and mentorship to the University of Arkansas M.AT. Program

AMAZING PRECEPTORS

Thanks to all of our amazing preceptors across the U.S. Because of your impact we have created the Al Gordon Preceptor Award to recognize the contributions of our excellent preceptors.



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18TH ANNUAL RAZORBACK SPORTS MEDICINE SYMPOSIUM

140

Total Attendees

94

Professionals

46

Students

10

Speakers (national, regional and local)



Benefits

7 Continuing education units for APTA AR and BOC provided

APTA Arkansas



Program Overview

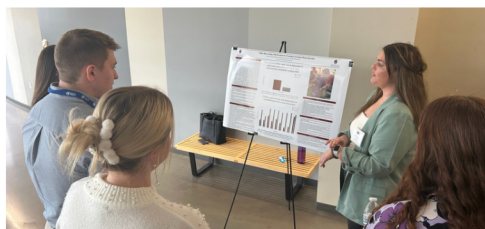
This symposium focused on interventions for sport-related concussion from leading experts in sport-related concussion management.



Sponsors



We hosted the 18th Annual Razorback Sports Medicine Symposium with the theme *Interprofessional Approach to Sport-Related Concussion Rehabilitation*. The distinguished speakers also met with local ATs as part of the pre-conference presentations. All program students attended and many presented research. We provided CEs for ATs, PTs, and PTAs. Thanks to our generous sponsors.



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2023-2024 Review



**2024
NATA**

**Alumni
Gathering**

Join us for food and fun with
fellow Razorbacks!

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 5:30-7:00pm
Location: Coterie Restaurant & Oyster Bar, 135
Decatur St, New Orleans, LA 70130

Calling all alumni and preceptors. Please join us for our NATA Alumni Party on **6/26/24**. Please see details above and RSVP to the QR code to the right.

*Share your program photos with Jeff Bonacci at
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Please stay in touch. If you would like to update your contact information or want to volunteer to mentor a student please complete a survey at:

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