



News Release

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Hospital celebrates the role of athletic trainers in health care

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(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – Every March, Columbus Community Hospital recognizes athletic trainers' work on and off the field.

National Athletic Training Month celebrates how athletic trainers are part of a health care team that works together to ensure athletes' safety.

Across the nation, many events are taking place to increase awareness of the athletic training health care profession. This year's slogan, "From head to toe," highlights the important role of athletic trainers, who help people prevent injuries and keep them healthy and active.

The hospital provides athletic training services for the three Columbus high schools, Central Community College – Columbus, and various athletic departments in the surrounding area.

The hospital's athletic training staff continues to support the profession on a state, district and national level. Staff members hold positions with the Nebraska State Athletic Trainers' Association (NSATA), the Mid-America Athletic Trainers Association (MAATA) and the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA).

- Rob Marshall, athletic training services program manager, is the NATA vice president and the MAATA district director.
- Mike Sloup, athletic trainer for Lakeview High School, is a member of the NATA State Association advisory committee.
- Denise Marshall, athletic trainer for Central Community College – Columbus, is the NSATA president and MAATA state representative.
- Brooke Hughes, athletic trainer for Columbus Public Schools, is the MAATA connection and engagement chair.
- Andrew Sheridan, athletic trainer for Scotus Central Catholic, is the NSATA secondary schools committee chair.
- Melissa Bulin, athletic trainer for Humphrey-Lindsay Holy Family, is the early professionals' committee chair.
- Jordan Stithem, athletic trainer for Shelby-Rising City, is a member of the secondary schools committee.



- Whitney Vessar, athletic trainer for Twin River High School and St. Edward High School, is the NSATA history and archives chair.
- Andrew Spencer, athletic trainer for Columbus Public Schools, is an NSATA honors and awards member.
- Gavin Dowding, athletic trainer for Schuyler Central High School, is the NSATA early professionals committee chair.
- Michelle Holt, athletic trainer for multiple area high schools, is the NATA physician practice committee chair.

The hospital is incredibly proud of each of its athletic trainers, and recognizes their essential role in our community.

For more information on the hospital's athletic training services and staff, visit columbushosp.org.

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