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AJ DUFFY, III, MS, ATC, PT BIO
16th PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

A.J. Duffy III, MS, ATC, PT, is the 16th president of the [National Athletic Trainers' Association](https://www.nata.org/) (NATA). Duffy's three-year term began in June 2024. He assumed responsibilities from Kathy Dieringer, EdD, LAT, ATC.

Duffy has served as dean of athletic trainers in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) and retired in October 2024 after 34 years as Widener University's head athletic trainer and physical therapist and his 42nd in intercollegiate athletics. Along with his assistants and in collaboration with Widener's Student Health Services and the Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS), they provided medical care for the 600 Pride student athletes.

Duffy has been active in the profession, serving in various elected and appointed positions at all levels. For the Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society (MATS), he was its state liaison officer and co-chair of the MATS Hall of Fame Committee. For the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS), he served as secretary, past president, PATS Hall of Fame Committee chair and a member of the PATS Education Committee. For the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA), he chaired the EATA Exhibit & Sponsorship Committees-and is a past president.

He has been a member of the NATA Convention Planning, Ethics, and International committees. Duffy served as the District Two treasurer and is a past director. He recently served on the NATA Research & Education Foundation Board of Directors. In addition, he served as the chair for the MAC's athletic training committee.

Duffy, along with his assistants, created the "MAC ATtaCk on Hunger" in 2010. The initiative was instituted to combat food insecurities involving all member schools of MAC, by collecting food and money for each school's local food banks.

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Prior to Widener, Duffy served as an assistant athletic trainer and physical therapist at the University of Michigan and an assistant athletic trainer at Temple University. He served as an adjunct lecturer for 25 years in Temple's CAATE-approved athletic training program. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, his master's degree from the University of Arizona and his physical therapy certificate from Drexel University.

Duffy is a member of NATA, GLATA and MATS. AJ and his bride, Monica, have been married since June 1988 and recently relocated to Sterling Heights, Michigan where they are a mere 20 minutes from their granddaughter Jude and grandson Lucas along with their parents Joe and Lani Duffy. Their other son Connor and his wife Jocelyn have recently relocated to suburban Philadelphia.

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