**February 2022 Content**

**2022 SAAC Award Winners**

The SAAC is excited to announce our 2022 award winners! We will celebrate this outstanding achievement and present awards at the State Leadership Forum. Make sure you congratulate them when you see them.

**Excellence in Leadership Award**

Nicole German (ND)

Scott Powers (VA)

John Ryan (ME)

**Emerging Leader Award**

Steve Barandica ( NJ)

**SAAC NATA Presentation**

Please join us at the 73rd NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo, June 28 – July 1, 2022 in Philadelphia, PA when the SAAC Committee presents: *Engaging, Developing, and Advancing Future Association Leaders* on June 30th at 8:55a.m.- 9:50a.m. This presentation will discuss available leadership programs to help grow ethical leaders who understand statutory and regulatory provisions.

**GAC Awards**

Don’t forget to nominate leaders for the NATA Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) Awards. The awards are open from March 1-31. The William T Griffin Award for Outstanding Leadership in Legislative Advocacy, Impact Advocacy Award, and for State Associations Daniel L. Campbell Award are available. Check out the GATHER site for more specific details.

**Update State Leader Information**

If your association has recently undergone a change in elected officers, please update your leadership list with the SAAC by emailing the information to [Madison Sequenzia](mailto:madisons@nata.org).

**New and Growing Leader Resources**

With new leaders across the state associations, SAAC is looking to make your transition easier. We introduced our State AT Leadership Toolkit at the SLF in July 2021 and invite those who haven’t yet seen this to view [HERE](https://www.dropbox.com/s/6jpoc2a6f5i361w/SAAC%20Guide%20for%20Developing%20Diverse%20and%20Engaged%20Leaders.pdf?dl=0) . This document gives guidelines, suggestions, and tips from representatives of the NATA SAAC, EDAC, LGBTQ+AC, YPC, and SLC to help build a diverse, robust pipeline of new leaders for your state association.

**National Athletic Training Month**

Happy NATM! Thanks for all you do for your members and patients. The NATA has many resources to support your public relation efforts during this month. Please visit [HERE](https://www.nata.org/advocacy/public-relations/national-athletic-training-month) to support your advocacy!

**Photos Needed**

We are looking for photos of state AT leaders and state AT members for our NATA State Association Advisory Committee (SAAC) State Leadership Forum video. We have put together a short video each of the last two years for State Leadership Forum to encourage our state AT leaders. If you have photos you can share for that video (no guarantees that all photos make it into the video), we would love to see representation of ATs in different work roles across our country throughout the various states. Please send photo submissions to <[slee@hba.net](mailto:slee@hba.net)>

**Updates**

* Our SAAC Grants and Leader Fellow programs continue to be on hold in 2022. We are hopeful they are able to return in 2023 so please be thinking about innovative grant ideas to submit and individuals to put forward as a Leader Fellow in the upcoming year. If you’re not sure what these programs are, be sure to ask your Division Reps or invite us in to your board/council meeting and we will be happy to review them with you.
* The Safe Sports School Award is currently experiencing an approximate 6 month delay in processing, due to staffing shortages. They are also only accepting electronic applications at this time. If you have any questions about it, please contact [katies@nata.org](mailto:katies@nata.org).