

KEITH WEBSTER

Keith Webster graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1978. Following graduation, he became the first Head Athletic Trainer at Centre College in Danville, KY from 1978-1980. From 1980-1982 he served as Assistant Athletic Trainer for Football and was in charge of Men's Basketball at the University of Florida. Keith was then Head Athletic Trainer at Morehead State University from 1982-1992 where he earned a Masters Degree in 1985. He left MSU to join Kenny Howard and Dr. Jack Hughston at The Hughston Sports Medicine Foundation as the Director of Sports Relations until 1997. He returned to UK in 1997 as the Head Athletic Trainer and later became Assistant Professor, Adjunct Faculty in the College of Health Sciences.

During more than 30 years as a certified member of the NATA, Keith has served the profession in many ways. He has been Vice President and President of both the Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society and Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association. He has served as Chair and as a member of various committees for KATS and GATA including: Legislative, Reimbursement, Scholarship, and Student Membership. While at the Hughston Sports Medicine Foundation, Keith initiated the cadaver lab mini course for the SEATA annual meeting. He was host and Program Director for the SEATA Annual Student Symposium in 1995 and 1997. He was a Collegiate Sports Medicine Foundation Advisory Board member (2005-2008) and presented at several of their meetings.

Keith represented District IX on the NATA Governmental Affairs Committee from 1987 to 1997 before becoming chair from 1997-2006. During his GAC service, the remainder of SEATA states passed legislation and several successfully updated their laws and he became a Charter Member of the NATA Leadership Information Management Education (LIME) Team which provided support and testimony for state associations pursuing legislation from 2004-2007. He was instrumental in gaining the Athletic Training Revenue Code (#951) assigned by the American Hospital Association in 1999. Keith represented NATA during numerous National Conference of State Legislatures annual meetings. He also led a task force to meet with HHS officials in Washington, D.C. to discuss HIPAA Privacy implications for athletic trainers. Keith was a Charter Member of the NATA Reimbursement Advisory Group (now the Committee on Revenue) from 1994-2000. He served on the NATA Educational Multimedia Committee from 1994-1997 and served as BOC examiner throughout his career including being a BOC Test Site Administrator from 1994-1997. As President of KATS and GATA, he also served on the SEATA Executive Board. While in Columbus, Keith was a member of the Editorial Board for the Hughston Health Alert from 1992-1997 and in 1999 successfully proposed the relocation of the Journal of Athletic Training (JAT) Managing Editor's office to The Hughston Sports Medicine Foundation. He was a SEATA Research and Education Committee member from 1993-2001 and a SEATA Convention Site Committee member from 1988-1992. Keith currently chairs the District IX NATAPAC Committee and serves on the NATA Political Action Committee (PAC) Board of Directors.

Keith has been a frequent NATA Annual Convention speaker and has also presented to the NAIA Athletic Directors Convention, the BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference, the NSCA Executive Council, the AOSSM and Major League Baseball. He presented at the SEATA Annual Meeting many times and has also presented to Districts I & II (EATA), III, IV, and VIII.

Keith served as athletic trainer with the 1978 World Invitational Tournament (Men's Basketball). He was Head Athletic Trainer for the 1995 World Team Cup Table Tennis Tournament and worked the 1996 IAAF Atlanta Grand Prix Track & Field event. He was named Chief Athletic Trainer for Table Tennis during the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. In 1997 Keith travelled to Japan to present athletic training topics during the Kobe Athlete Town Project. Keith was the host athletic trainer for the 1996 NCAA Division I Softball World Series and the 1996 National Softball Coaches' Association Tournament. He also covered basketball during the 1979 National Sports Festival II in Colorado Springs.

Keith has received numerous awards including: NATA 25 Year Award (2000), NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award (2004), SEATA District Award (1996), SEATA Award of Merit (2007), BOC Inaugural Public Advocacy Award (2007), and KATS Education/ Administration Award (2003).

Keith is married to the former Denise Lafferty. They have two children, Megan and Kevin.