

KATS Elections



The 2017 Polls Are Open!

The 2017 KATS election is now open! Voting for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, Region 1 Representative, and Region 3 Representative will occur between today April 15 and will close April 30, 2017. You must be an active member to vote and you may only submit 1 ballot. Please click the link on the home page to cast your vote. You may also access the ballot under the Events tab.

A profile for each candidate is below.

Vice President

Carol George



Hello KATS Membership!

My name is Carol George and I am running for Vice President of the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society.

I am a lifelong Kentuckian, born and raised in Lebanon and a Marion County graduate. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science from Western Kentucky University, where I was also thankful to have been given the opportunity to be part of their athletic training internship program on my way to take the BOC exam. After graduation, I worked in Bowling Green in an orthopedic bracing and AT outreach setting before later taking an athletic training position at St. Catharine College.

I currently work as the Supervisor of Sports Medicine for Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown while also serving as the athletic trainer for Elizabethtown High School. I oversee our outreach program to six area high schools, a junior college and the Elizabethtown Sports Park.

I have served in the role of KATS VP for the last year, having been appointed to the vacant position by President Rob Ullery last spring.

Region 1 Representative

Kristan Erdmann



Kristan Erdmann has served as a member of the KATS Executive Board since 2009. For the past four years, she has served as the Region 1 Representative and Public Relations Chair. In addition to her roles in KATS, she serves as the Public Relations Chair for SEATA, and the District 9 representative to the NATA Public Relations Committee. Kristan earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Eastern Kentucky University and her terminal degree from the University of Kentucky. Kristan's work experience includes high school, clinic, and education settings. Currently, she serves as the director for Murray State University's Master of Science in Athletic Training Program. Her research interests include student engagement and leadership, and functional movement patterns in performing artists and traditional athletes. Kristan resides in Dexter, KY with her husband, Jeremy, her stepdaughter, Josie, and their dog, Lady.

Ted Evans

During my time on the executive council, I have really taken to heart Rob's goal of getting back to the grass roots to try to build community and increase participation among our membership and have tried to do just that on the secondary school level. We now have an active 140+ member Facebook group for Kentucky High School ATs that has been a great resource in connecting with ATs across the state. If elected to continue in this position, I would look forward to continuing our efforts in revitalizing member activity and working to implement new ideas for our membership.

Treasurer

Brad Bolte



I am the head athletic trainer for all of the Boone County Public and Private middle and high schools contracted through St. Elizabeth Healthcare; and I also serve as the athletic trainer at Ryle High School. I have a bachelor's degree in Athletic Training from Northern Kentucky University and a Masters in Health Administration from the University of Cincinnati. I stay active within the community and proactively look for ways to improve population health. I am an active member of LiveWell Florence which is an organization that works with government officials



I am running for KATS Region 1 Representative because I want to help our profession grow. I am proud to be an athletic trainer and I believe we need to continue to educate the general population about how important our profession truly is.

I am a 2011 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University's Athletic Training Program. After graduating from ECU, I earned an M.S.Ed in Kinesiology at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. During my two years at SIU, I worked as the athletic trainer for their baseball team. In 2013, I accepted a position to work at Owensboro Health Orthopedics (now One Health Orthopedics and Sports Medicine). The newly formed sports medicine program had two athletic trainers working full time at two area high schools. I was promoted to Athletic Training Supervisor in 2016. I currently oversee 6 athletic trainers who cover 4 area high schools and a D-2 college. I also provide athletic training services for a semi-professional basketball team in Owensboro.

I am an Owensboro native. I married an amazing and supportive woman (Erinn) in June of 2016. We are expecting our first child in May of this year.

Region 3 Representative

and the population to improve the overall health in Florence Kentucky.

When I am not working I enjoy spending time with my wife, Kristina, and 6 month old son, Nolan. I believe that I will be an asset to the Athletic Training community with my interest in finance and my Masters in Health Administration. I have a passion for running numbers, organizing data, and sifting through financial data. I pride myself on well-organized documents and financial spreadsheets and with my passion and interest in proactively keeping up with the rapidly changing health care system and laws; I believe I can be a great asset to KATS as their treasurer.

Eric Burkard



My name is Eric Burkard. I am running for Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society's treasurer position. I have been a Certified Athletic Trainer for 19 years. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education with an emphasis in Athletic Training at Millikin University in Decatur, IL. I received my Master's Degree in Exercise Physiology from College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN. I have worked in Illinois and Kentucky as an Athletic Trainer. I am currently

Andrew Carlson



My name is Andrew Carlson, the Director of Sports Medicine at Bluegrass Orthopaedics, and also the Head Athletic Trainer at Lexington Christian Academy. It has been a privilege to serve as the Region 3 Representative to KATS since 2013, and I have thoroughly enjoyed this position. I have also served as the SEATA Secondary Schools Committee Chair from Kentucky and feel this position becomes increasingly important as more high schools gain access to athletic trainers. Over the past 3 years, I have also served on the Lexington Board for the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky.

Originally from Massachusetts, I received my undergraduate degree from The Pennsylvania State University and graduate degree from The University of Kentucky. After meeting my wife I decided to stay here in "The Bluegrass" and have lived and worked here now 11 years, calling Kentucky home. We now have a 19 year old step-daughter and 6 year old daughter. While my goal was originally to work in D1 or professional baseball, working with young people at the high school level has been extremely fulfilling. My father was in education his whole life, and he told me it would be the most

employed by KORT in Bardstown. I am the Athletic Trainer for Thomas Nelson High School.

I want to be treasurer, because I want to give back to the profession that has given to me. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve the members on the executive council of Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society.

Chad Witzel



My name is Chad Witzel, and I am honored to accept the nomination of treasure for the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society. I have many incredible opportunities in my short career as a Certified Athletic Trainer, but feel this position would be a rewarding experience to my future.

My interest in athletic training began, as a high school athlete in Winchester, Kentucky, where I was fortunate enough to cross paths with two very talented athletic trainers. The first thing I noticed was the level of impact each made, not only on my life, but on the lives of each student-athlete. Witnessing this made an impression, which lead me to pursue a degree in athletic training from Eastern Kentucky University.

Following my graduation from EKU in 2013, I was accepted into the Athletic Training Fellowship program at the

rewarding job I have, and he was right.

It was instilled in me early on while working in our profession that being involved and being part of progressing and improving our profession is quite important. The Region Rep position has allowed me to work with some amazing athletic trainers across the state - working with our regional meetings, our state meeting, being involved with some of the legislative efforts, all while continuing to be a voice from the central Kentucky area and the secondary school athletic trainers.

I would consider it an honor and a privilege to continue to serve as the KATS Region 3 Representative. Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah (Beatty) Peoples



For those of you that do not know me, I graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 2013 with a Bachelor's of Science in Athletic Training. In 2016, I graduated with my Masters in Physical Education with concentration in Sports Administration also from EKU. While receiving my Master's degree, my husband and I added a beautiful baby girl to our family. Some previous experiences include DIII and NAIA collegiate level with little

Hughston Foundation, in Columbus, Georgia. This allowed me to work with a multitude of orthopedic specialist within a research environment that is second to none. While working with the Hughston Foundation, I also was exposed to a number of different athletic training settings, which have formed me into the clinician I am today. This opportunity allowed me to pursue a graduate degree in physical education and health from the University of North Georgia, in Dahlonega, Georgia. The Hughston Foundation also provided me with the opportunity to coauthor my first publication, a textbook over functional taping and bracing for athletic trainers. Needless to say, my experiences with the Hughston Foundation have been a major benefit to my professional development.

Currently, I have the pleasure of work with an incredible staff at Hardin Memorial Hospital, in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. As a staff member, I am challenged to exceed expectations, and provide high-quality, comprehensive care to the community we serve, which in my case often means the community of Meade County. HMH Sports Medicine has opened up many doors, which has allowed me to pursue other endeavors that I am passionate about. Recently, I have had the opportunity to teach sports medicine in the Hardin County Public School system. This opportunity has allows me to promote the profession of athletic training, while also making an impact of students lives.

It is humbling to have been nominated to represent the athletic trainers of Kentucky as a member of the KATS executive board. As

high school. I enjoy being physically active and looking abroad for different opportunities in athletic training.

Staying up to date and advocating are priorities of mine for our profession. As a Region 3 Representative, my main desire is to expand information to outlying counties about athletic training and be an open line of communication for all Kentucky athletic trainers. I appreciate your support and ask for your vote!

Rob Ullery



I have been at UK Sports Medicine for 21 years. 13 of that I was the head athletic trainer at Tates Creek High School. I have spent the last year as the Director of outreach and athletic training services. Prior to that I was the outreach coordinator. I take care of 4 schools on a part time basis. I have spent the last 6 years on the executive council of KATS one as Secretary, one year as president elect and the last 4 years as president. I cherish the opportunity to continue on as still part of the executive council serving as region rep. I feel my value as someone that has been involved for this long will be a valued asset to the council and the new president. In 2016 I was awarded the NATA Service Award. I was also awarded the Dan Libera award for service to the NATABOC in 2003. I have 2

treasure, I plan to work with the executive committee in any manner to achieve the goals put forth by our members. KATS treasure will be a challenge that I feel confident that I can achieve if given the opportunity. Thank you for your confidence in nominating me, and I look forward to serving you as your treasure.

children, one of which will be a senior at Western Kentucky University and a son who will be a freshman at Eastern Kentucky University. In my spare time, I like to golf and attend professional sporting events and spend time with my family.

