

## It's Symposium Time!

We are coming up to the 47th Annual **AzATA** Symposium! Join fellow members, the board, our generous sponsors & vendors for a weekend full of educational seminars with up to 15.5 live CEUs, networking opportunities & of course; Casino Night! Register today! Early bird prices expire on December 17th!

## RMATA Director to give Keynote Address

David Gallegos, MA, ATC is the NATA District 7 director & will be giving the keynote address on Saturday January 27, just before the honor & awards luncheon.



Hailing from New Mexico, David is passionate about our profession. He has been an adjunct instructor, a high school **AT**, & currently is the deputy CEO of Southwest Sport & Spine. David has served as the VP of NATA board of directors & was the RMATA secretary as well as D7 Director. You won't want to miss his address!

### Event Details:



January 26-28, 2024



Sheraton Mesa  
Wrigleyville West

**REGISTER NOW**



[Click HERE](#)

## Secondary Schools: HOSA @ the Symposium

For those **ATs** with active HOSA organizations, please consider bringing your students to the HOSA Sports Medicine Conference on Friday, January 26. For more information click [HERE](#) & reach out to Rebecca Goezt [HERE](#). Lunch will be provided for all participants.

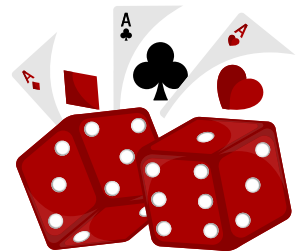


### Photographer Needed

Want to volunteer at the Symposium? If you're interest in photography, please email [communications@azata.net](mailto:communications@azata.net). No camera? No problem! We've got you covered.

Casino night is on!

Black jack, craps, & roulette OH MY! Get ready for an exciting night full of fun, prizes, live music & refreshments. Proceeds raised from Casino Night goes to the efforts made by the GAC. Registration to the Symposium gives entry & start up money to this event. Thank you to FRIO Hydration for sponsoring Casino Night!



# Quarterly Newsletter

December 2023



## BOC Reporting Year



As 2023 comes to a close, don't forget to submit your requirements to the [BOC](#). All CEU's must be submitted by 11:59pm CT on December 31, 2023.

## NATA Membership Renewal

Don't delay to renew your [NATA](#) membership! Membership renewal is due January 31, 2024. Your membership provides valuable access to professional development, the career center as well as scholarly journals & position statements. Click [HERE](#) to renew today!



The Arizona Board of Athletic Training's licensing portal is up & running. Activate your account [HERE](#) & renew your license, upload requested documentation, including dry needling registration. When preparing to apply or renew your [AT](#) license, make sure you have the IVP Level Fingerprint Clearance. Apply at the AZ Department of Public Service [HERE](#) to apply/renew your IVP fingerprint card.

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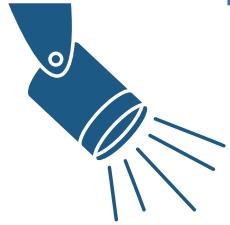
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## AT Spotlight



**Steve Baca**  
Betty Fairfax High School



I love getting to know my patients beyond their injury! I get to work with them day in & day out, which is unique to **ATs**. I have served with the **AzATA** for over 5 years on the Meeting & Events committee, which gets me in front of numerous **ATs** & community members. I have also served as a NAU preceptor for 11 years, which has left me with a network of past students that I am still in touch with today. My advice for **ATs** getting involved: It all comes down to communication. Getting in front of parents, athletes, administrators, & other stakeholders to educate about what **ATs** bring to the table. Go the extra mile to bring resources that the community may not have experienced previously & reflect to all that our patients are truly our first priority. When you are authentic, people naturally want to get involved with what you're doing. Be vocal! Don't wait for someone to ask you for assistance. **ATs** know that we bring a lot to the table, but many people don't know that we are a resource. Also, don't be afraid to talk up the chain to your boss' boss. Just be friendly & chatty, it goes a long way. The **AT** community in AZ is a uniquely awesome group of professionals. It is a privilege to work with you all!

## Let the AzATA Boost your BOC Approved Event!

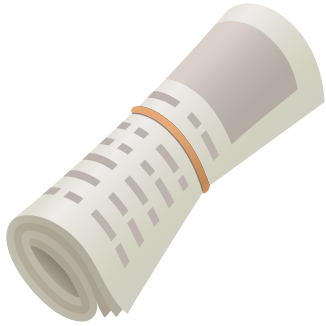
Do you have a BOC Approved Continuing Education event that you'd like to promote? Let the **AzATA** help you! Send the communications committee the information on your event, & we will post it on our social media platforms.

Email us - [communications@azata.net](mailto:communications@azata.net)



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## Submit your Story!



The **NATA** wants to hear from you! Do you have some exciting news to share about our profession? The **NATA News** is accepting story submissions for the publication. Any questions, please contact us at [communications@azata.net](mailto:communications@azata.net).



[azata.net/volunteer](https://azata.net/volunteer)

Are you ready to take the next step with the profession? Volunteering within the **AzATA** is a great way to give back, network, & drive your **AT** passion. Click the link & fill out the volunteer form!

### Our Committees:

Governmental Affairs, Honors & Awards,  
Meetings & Events, Professional Education  
Committee, Secondary Schools,  
Sponsorship, Communications  
Check out the [website](https://azata.net) for more info.





## AzATA Sponsors Make it Possible!

As we reflect over this past year, we are thankful to our Sponsors who generously give to the **AzATA**. Their support goes far & wide in Arizona! If there is an organization that exemplifies the mission of the **AzATA**, please notify the sponsorship committee by emailing [sponsorship@azata.net](mailto:sponsorship@azata.net). Thank you, Sponsors!

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The mission of the **AzATA** is to promote & advance **athletic training** as an allied health profession in collaboration with other healthcare providers & stakeholders, to care for the needs of the physically active.

Our vision is to enhance collaboration & build member engagement.

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## *A Message from the Board of Directors*

**AzATA** Members,

The **AzATA** is committed to engaging communication among our membership. Our board & committee leadership are excited for the upcoming Winter Symposium in January. With a multifaceted & dynamic approach to gathering AT professionals from around the state, we recognize the economic impact an event may have on membership. While continuing to offer low-cost events & provide a net-zero budget for the symposium, we must as an association remain fiscally responsible with membership dues & event registration fees, while projecting for future professional demands for advocacy. Countless opportunities for AT CEU and networking events are provided to members & we are thankful to the numerous volunteers who spearhead the unique event & the sponsors who collaborate to meet the needs of ATs. We look forward to the continued networking at the Winter Symposium & Casino Night to advance the profession in the state.

We look forward to further involvement for developing leadership in our association with roles being established & areas of need fulfilled. As the Board of Directors continues to work on behalf of the membership, we thank you for your engagement & service to our profession.

On Behalf of the **AzATA** Board of Directors,  
Dr. David Mesman DHA, MEd, AT, ATC  
President, Arizona Athletic Trainers' Association  
Assistant Professor, Athletic Training Professional Program

