

2017 NATA Governmental Affairs Committee Award Nominations

All nominations must be submitted online by **5:00 pm on March 31, 2017**. The call for nominations and award criteria are listed below.

Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Awards

Daniel L. Campbell was an active and influential member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association for 34 years. Dan served in several capacities in his service to the NATA and the profession, but is most known for his work in governmental affairs and reimbursement. He was instrumental in creating the Reimbursement Advisory Group, the precursor to the Committee on Revenue, and co-authored a book titled "Reimbursement for Athletic Trainers" about the history of the reimbursement effort. NATA named Dan a Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer in 1996.

Class I

- Activity must be current (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017)
- Nominate a state association with an outstanding effort toward legislation. (The legislation may create new law or update existing law.)
- The nomination must include a history of events, give examples of obstacles overcome or innovative techniques, and state the results of the effort. (Passage of legislation is not necessary for nomination.)
- List all individuals involved.

Class II

- Activity must be current (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017)
- Nominate a state association who has undertaken activities aimed at keeping athletic training "on the radar screen" of legislators.
- The nomination must be in writing; pictures of events are encouraged.
- Describe activities (how it was organized, who participated, number attending, etc.)
- Describe the relevance of these activities to your overall legislative goals.
- Give examples (if applicable) of how events benefited legislative effort.
- List all individuals involved.

William T. Griffin Award for Outstanding Leadership in Legislative Advocacy

Proud Athletic Trainer, family man, and friend, Bill Griffin demonstrated passion in every aspect of his life. Beginning as a student, Bill was a dedicated member of the NATA for over twenty-one years. Bill served enthusiastically as a member of the NATA Governmental Affairs Committee, Chair of the District III Governmental Affairs committee, NATA representative to the AMA Advisory Panel, and President of the

NCATA until the time of his death. In 2011, he played an instrumental role in shepherding the Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act into law in North Carolina.

Energetic, creative, resourceful, and politically savvy, Bill never missed an opportunity to protect student-athletes, support fellow athletic trainers, or promote his beloved profession. To honor and remember Bill, the Governmental Affairs Committee created this award in his name to recognize dedicated members of the athletic training profession who follow his example of leadership and service.

Nominees for this award will be members of the NATA and have demonstrated leadership over their careers in ways that reflect Bill's spirit and example, including:

- Motivating others, especially AT leaders, to increase political involvement.
- Leading by example, showing that one person can make a difference, e.g. through mentoring or fundraising or outreach to other organizations.
- Demonstrating strategic thinking in organizing a legislative or grassroots campaign.
- Initiating coalitions to maximize advocacy efforts.
- Individually and personally raising the visibility and influence of the profession.