



September 27, 2016

Dear MAATA Members,

The NATA Foundation would like to invite your student program to participate in its 2016-2017 National Athletic Training Student Challenge (NATSC)! We hope this year's NATSC will be our biggest yet – and we need your help to make that happen. In 2016 fourteen schools participated in the NATSC program and raised over \$10,000 for the NATA Foundation.

The current NATA Foundation was incorporated in 1991 and established with grants from the NATA and Johnson & Johnson. During these past 25 years, the NATA Foundation has awarded **more than 260 research grants totaling more than \$4 million dollars and awarded almost \$3 million to 1,490 students through our scholarship program.** Additionally almost 5,000 presentations (oral and poster) have been provided through the Free Communications program.

This year, the NATA Foundation is excited to announce the NATSC has been extended 5 months in length, allowing for programs to take advantage of their Fall Semester and Holiday season to make this year even more successful. Additionally, all programs that fundraise over \$500 will have the option to receive a check for 10% of their total funds submitted to continue fostering growth for their local programming.

By supporting your program's participation in this year's NATSC, you will ensure we can continue our mission of supporting and advancing the athletic training profession through research and education. Participation in the NATSC will educate students about how the NATA Foundation supports them and help them develop as leaders in the profession.

When you are ready to join us, please visit www.classy.org and sign your program up as a team! You can also reach out to NATA's Athletic Trainer in Residence, Katie Scott, for more information or further assistance with joining.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Scott at katies@nata.org or 972-532-8821.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Shelley Tims'.

Shelley Tims
Director, NATA Foundation