

# ATSO

## Athletic Training Students' Organization at Texas Tech University

The Athletic Training Students' Organization was founded in October 2002 by Imelda García and Roderick Williams, with 15 original members the ATSO was formerly known as the Student Athletic Trainers' Club (SATC). The organization was formed to create a greater sense of responsibility and respectability, to strive for a better student-faculty relationship and unification of the athletic training student body and representation of its ideas. To foster advancement of the role of the athletic trainer in students, as well as knowledge, professional and personal qualities, leadership, loyalty, and promote the well being of the individual through activities.

### ATSO Purpose

The Athletic Training Students' Organization purpose is to promote the profession of athletic training, through the use of education, clinical, and administrative skills. To establish, maintain, and enhance a rapport with physicians of various specialties, athletic trainers, and other members of the sport community interested in the advancement of athletic training. To develop a program of recognizable status by preparing students in all phases of athletic training through educational components and recruiting of students that are dedicated to becoming athletic trainers.

The Athletic Training Students' Organization is made up of an executive board which consist of officers and board of directors.

Are current officers and board of directors are:

**President** - Josh Woolbright

**Vice President** - Eric Fajardo

**Secretary** - Vanessa Mason

**Treasurer** - Kendi Gruben

**Reporter** - Aaron Walden

**ATSO Representative** - Roderick Williams

**Banquet Chair** - Tiffany Duran

**Board of Directors** - Vince Gould, Lindsay Porter

**Advisors** - Imelda García, Jennifer Marlar, Jon Murray

### **Annual ATSO social activities:**

Halloween Bash, Skit night, back to school cook-out, Thanksgiving Fiesta, Christmas Party, Super Bowl party, End of the year cook-out, End of the Year Banquet, and Trainers' Night Out to support the Tech sports and athletic training students.

### **Annual ATSO community service activities:**

High school outreach, Adopt an Angel, Toys for Tots, Tech Can Share Food Drive, and Special Olympics

### **Annual ATSO fundraising and community events:**

ATSO Silent Auction and Athletic Training week

## **ATSO Past**

The ATSO when originally founded in 2002 was formed to improve student-faculty relationships and to unify the athletic training student body as a whole. With 15 members and 1 advisor in the initial club the ATSO had laid the foundation for what we hope is an organization that will forever be implanted at Texas Tech University and the athletic training department. Yet newly formed and very small the organization was off to a great start.

## **ATSO Present**

Today the ATSO membership has grown to 27 members and 3 advisors who have helped progress the organization to a new level of status in the athletic training department and the Texas Tech campus. The ATSO in the past two years with its' annual Silent Auction has raised over 4,000 dollars with this year's Silent Auction bringing in over 2,500 dollars. ATSO is making great strides as we work to advance the profession of athletic training throughout the Tech campus.

## **ATSO Future**

The future of the ATSO is looking very immense, as we begin to prepare for an even better year this spring. As always we know that we couldn't accomplish anything without each other and our staff. Stay tuned as we prepare to erupt with more achievements and accomplishments next year.

