



## Valley Athletic Trainers Association

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The Valley Athletic Trainers Association, established in 2001, is a non-profit organization, 501(c)6, and represents athletic trainers in the Rio Grande Valley. VATA serves its members and community by providing scholarships, educational opportunities, and promoting the profession of athletic training.

VATA works to meet those objectives by offering the following to its professional and student members:

- Produce and host student trainer workshop (100 plus student attendees)
    - Expanding students knowledge and skills in the field of sports medicine
    - Connecting students with colleges and universities
    - Providing networking opportunities to professionals
    - Showcasing the intellect and skills of student members
      - VATA Cup Student Trainer Olympics
      - VATA Quiz Bowl Champions
      - Taping Competition (High School Student)
    - Winning Schools qualify for state competition.
  - Providing continuing education opportunities to our professional members locally and statewide.
    - Accredited by the Board of Certification and Texas Physical Therapy Association to provide CEUs.
    - Host and provide free CEU lectures for VATA members
    - Produce and Host the South Padre Athletic Training Seminar (400 plus attendees statewide)
    - Collaboration with DHR Health in Texas Emergency Athletic Management Seminar (124 attendees valleywide consisting of physicians, athletic trainers, emergency medical staff, and school nurses)
  - Produce and host scholarship fundraising events
    - Athletic Trainers Trot 5K - 125 participants
    - VATA Scholarship Golf Tournament - 105 golf participants
  - Provide scholarships to college and high school student trainers
    - 4 \$1,000 high school scholarships
    - 1 \$500 college scholarship
  - Recognize professionals and students for their work and dedication to the profession and VATA
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- Students
  - President's Honor Roll
  - All-Academic Awards
- Professionals
  - Hall of Fame
  - Bob Aparicio Jr. Dedicated Service Award
  - Outstanding Young Professionals Award
  - Honorary Membership Award
  - President's Challenge Coin
- Keep our members informed of events through various media outlets
  - Social Media - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, YouTube
  - Website: [www.vatargv.org](http://www.vatargv.org)
  - Email blasts
- Provide family friendly social events for our professional members outside of their workplace.
  - Back to School Social
  - SPI Beach Party
  - SPATS Social Mixer

We would like to incorporate you into our organization as a corporate sponsor, where you can help us continue these rich traditions that we have provided and grown for more than twenty-five years. If you are interested in joining us please contact our Marketing Officer:

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