

SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

Christine M. Bonci Award for Excellence in Athletic Training Scholarship

Christine as an athletic trainer and assistant athletic director at the University of Texas-Austin and worked with athletes for 28 years. Under her direction, UT developed an interdisciplinary model for health care that focused on clinical, research and educational initiatives that have preventive, health-restoring and performance-enhancing potential. The model demonstrated how medical practitioners, university academicians and researchers, exercise scientists, coaches, and administrators could be integrated within the framework of higher education to positively influence the health, safety, and well-being of student-athletes. Additionally, Christine was a clinical scholar, as she was the primary author of the NATA's position statement on disordered eating.

Purpose:

The SWATA Christine M. Bonci Award for Excellence in Athletic Training Scholarship was developed for the purpose of recognizing a member of District VI who has actively impacted athletic training practice, education, or scholarship through active Athletic Training Scholarship via a publication or a significant professional presentation.

Sponsor:

*Thank you for nominating a NATA Certified or Associate Athletic Trainer for consideration of the Christine M. Bonci Award for Excellence in Athletic Training Scholarship. As a sponsor **one must be a Member in good standing with NATA/SWATA.***

Candidate:

Congratulations! Being nominated as a candidate for the Christine M. Bonci Distinguished Athletic Trainer award is an honor in itself.

The attached nomination form has been developed to be "candidate friendly." Complete, accurate information will help the Committee assess your contributions. Please carefully read and follow all of the instructions for completing and submitting the nomination form.

Qualifications / Eligibility:

Candidates must meet the following criteria for consideration of selection:

- A minimum of ten (10) years of membership in NATA
- Member in good standing with SWATA/NATA
- Be or have been a member of District VI, working, retired, or deceased
- Demonstrated exemplary activity in more than one of the categories of clinical, research and educational aspects of clinical athletic training.

Nomination:

Please submit a letter of recommendation, including specifics related to the reasons why the candidate is worthy of this recognition. The letter must outline the benefits of clinical, research, and/or educational aspects of improvements to clinical practice within District VI. To complete the application, candidates need to submit their updated resume/vitae.

Completed applications will be evaluated for strength of demonstrated performance in the categories of clinical, research and/or educational realms for athletic training.

Turn in letter of Recommendation and resume/vitae to: swatahonors@gmail.com

Deadlines:

All materials, including the application form and two support letters of recommendation are required to be submitted electronically to the Chair of the Honors and Awards by **December 15th.**

****If this award is to be presented for the first time in 2017, an alternate deadline of May 15th is proposed for the 2017 annual meeting.***

Evaluation Process:

Applications are submitted on-line by December 15th to the Honors and Awards Chair. Candidate's will be evaluated and scored independently by an anonymous five person committee consisting of Most Distinguished Members. Upon completion of scoring all candidates, the committee member will return all scoring tools to the Honors and Awards Chair by January 1st. The Honors and Awards Chair will collect and tabulate the scores for

each candidate and present them to the SWATA President for final approval by January 20th.

Awards Presentation:

The Christine M. Bonci Distinguished awards will be provided by SWATA, and will be presented at the Honors and Awards Ceremony.

Submit Application and Sponsor letters to:
swatahonors@gmail.com