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ELEVATING YOUR CARE

One way the NATA is working to improve the practice of secondary school athletic trainers is through a new online tool launched in 2019 called [PASS](#) (Program Assessment for Safety in Sport).

PASS is an online tool available to secondary school athletic trainers that are NATA members. The tool takes the AT through 12 standards with narratives and annotations that can help elevate the care at a secondary school.

The standards provided in PASS will ensure the AT is practicing at the highest level of care. Each standard includes evidence and case law for compliance too. The standards are also a great tool to present to stakeholders within your school to encourage positive change and improvements.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Randen Morisako MA, ATC

How long have you been an athletic trainer?

Been certified since 2014 (6 Years)

Where did you come from (work history)?

BS in Athletic Training from Chapman University '14. MA in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Athletic Training from San Jose State University '16. I did my GA at UC Santa Cruz. Go Slugs! While I was at San Jose State I worked two summers with the Virgin Island National Basketball team. After I graduated I partook in the Institute for Western Surgery Internship in China.



What do you enjoy most about international athletic training?

So far the thing that I enjoy the most about international athletic training is the recognition of value. In most places that I've worked people value and recognize athletic trainers, but I feel in the international setting the coaches, parents, and athletes appreciate at least twice as much, most of the time. It may be in part that many places in the international (school) setting have never had an athletic trainer or thought about certain policies and procedures that an athletic trainer can bring to the table and add value to an organization. And the travel.

Tell us a little about your family?

90% of my family was born, raised, and is still living in Hawaii. My Grandma had 6 sisters which resulted in a family of about 70+ people. It makes Christmas eve and NYE parties a hoot. I also have a sister who is two years older than I and a nephew who will make 1 year in May.

What made you want to become an international athletic trainer?

I think my long-term goal in life is to return to Hawaii and become an athletic trainer where life is simple, the sun is always, out, the water is always warm, and where most of my family still live. Coming from such a small island where there aren't many exciting international work/travel opportunities I figured I'd make the most of my opportunities and do what I can when I can.

What is your proudest moment as an athletic trainer?

My proudest moment as an athletic trainer was probably when I had a possible c-spine injury at a Rugby tournament. I think that the injury was handled well and that the other athletic trainers and nurses were able to work together to make the process as smooth and seamless as possible. The athlete ended up recovering.

If Hollywood made a movie about your life who would you cast to play you?

Jo Koy

If you could only drink 1 beer for the rest of your life what would it be? If you could eat only 1 food dish every day for dinner, for a year, what would you eat?

Corona... If I'm living in Hawaii. It's my favorite beach beer.

I could probably eat sushi every day for a year. Maybe as long as I didn't have to pay for it.

What is 1 thing you couldn't live without?

Movies. I love watching movies.

Where is the best place you have traveled to and why?

So far, the best place I've traveled to is Kelingking Beach on Nusa Penida near Bali. Coming from Hawaii, I looked down on beaches of the world because nothing could live up to the beaches in my backyard, but Kelingking Beach may be the nicest beach I've ever been to.

What is something you learned in the last week?

This past week I learned that Joe Exotic was probably set up. I'm also reading Steve Jobs Biography so learning quite a bit about his erratic personality and his thinking process.

What athletic training chore do you absolutely hate doing?

I absolutely hate doing ultrasound treatments. I can't stand sitting there for 5-10 minutes making tiny circles.

LEADERSHIP

Last call! APATS has 2 leadership position openings starting in June 2020. Both of these positions are APATS Coordinators. Responsibilities are to carry out the mission and vision of APATS. Coordinators serve 2 year terms. The roles of current Coordinators—Erick Chen and Caleb Lott will become open. Josh Euten serves as the third Coordinator. We will vote remotely this year—more details to come. Complete this [form here](#) to express your interest. Closes on May 15! Please consider exercising your leadership skills and helping advance our society.

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