



Henry Schein Medical Athletics & Schools Rising Star Award Nomination and Application Process March 2022

About the Award

The Henry Schein Medical Athletics & Schools Rising Star Award (“Rising Star Award”) is intended to recognize emerging Athletic Trainers who are recent graduates with 1-5 years of experience in the Sports Medicine industry. Successful candidates will have not yet reached a senior or chief-level position, but their track record should reflect a strong career trajectory with the possibility of forward advancement and potential for appointment at the highest levels of the profession.

Awards will be made at the discretion of the **Henry Schein Medical Athletics & Schools Recognition Committee (“Recognition Committee”)**, which may choose to grant one award or no award in any one year.

Nomination Requirements

Nominations for the Rising Star Award should be submitted with the candidate's permission. Self-nominations will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the nominator to summarize the nominee's achievements and growth in professional stature and accomplishments in sufficient detail to document why this individual should be recognized as a "rising star" in the profession. All nominations must contain sufficient information to inform the Recognition Committee about the candidate without needing to conduct additional research. Each nomination submitted must adhere to the guidelines below.

The nomination must include:

1. Nominee background.

Include with the nomination the candidate's professional resume or link to bio to provide the Recognition Committee with a more comprehensive overview of the candidate's accomplishments and experiences. Please note this information is not a substitute for any of the required information listed in the items below.

2. Provide a description of how the candidate fulfills the criteria below:

REQUIRED:

- How did they go beyond the normal requirements of their job?

Encouraged to answer all, but MUST answers at least one of the below

- What have they done to stand out among the community?
- Was there an issue, problem, or situation that they helped successfully address?
- Are there any unique or unsung contributions this nominee may have made with athletes or within the industry?



3. Each nomination submitted must adhere to the required guidelines.

Please note: After reviewing the initial nomination submissions, the Recognition Committee may ask for and require additional information to assist in the evaluation of the candidates under consideration. Rising Star candidates selected to advance will be required to submit the below information:

- Full name
- Associated Organization
- Link to bio or resume
- Social handle(s)
- Image of themselves in action (without students or athletes identified).

4. Guidelines and Eligibility

- Candidates must be at an early-stage in their Athletic Training career working in sports programs ranging from early education to professional sports. “Early-stage” could be anywhere from 0 to 5 years in the athletic training profession, though there may be exceptions to this general rule.
- Candidates must have demonstrated exceptional and ongoing achievements and have made significant and demonstrable contributions to their institution(s) and/or to the profession.
- Candidates may not be currently employed by Henry Schein Inc., or be part of the **Recognition Committee**.
- Candidates will be judged on three primary factors:
 - Description of the individual role played by the candidate and the resulting positive outcomes in projects, publications, activities, or initiatives that in total demonstrate exceptional early and ongoing achievement.
 - Evidence that the contributions of the candidate are having a sustained and positive impact on his or her institution and/or the profession as a whole.
 - In addition, the Committee will also look for evidence that supports:
 - Uniqueness and impact of the candidate's contributions.

Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted. **Submit your nomination** by February 6th, 2022!



Recognition & Award

Award recipient will be recognized on Henry Schein Medical Athletics & Schools website, social media platforms, and in email campaigns through March 2023. Recipient will have the potential to be featured in the Henry Schein Athletics & Schools NATA 2022 tradeshow booth.* Additionally, the award recipient may be recognized on a supplier partner's (BioWave Corporation), social media pages.**

*Pending if NATA hosts a live in person event in 2022.

** Pending content can be delivered to BioWave Corporation by required deadlines.

Exclusion criteria- in compliance with the Sunshine Act outlined below is the exclusion criteria for the Rising Star entrants.

- Doctor
- Dentist
- Physician assistants
- Nurse practitioners
- Clinical nurse specialists
- Certified registered nurse anesthetists and
- Certified nurse midwives

Recognition Committee

Members of this committee are charged with maintaining quality standards for the Henry Schein Medical Athletics & Schools Rising Star Award.

Committee members bring experience from an Athletic Training perspective of broadly diverse size, type, and geographic distribution. Each committee member is an expert from the field and provides sufficient background on their wider professional world to bring a solid understanding of quality achievements. The committee is made up of sports levels ranging from high school, collegiate and professionals and bring a combination of over 30 years in the industry.

- Darlene Eckhardt (2021 Rising Star Award Winner)
Head Athletic Trainer
The Buffalo Beauts
- Andrew G. Cornicello
Director of Sports Medicine
St Francis College



- Nick Kenney
Director of Medical Administration, Head Athletic Trainer
The Kansas City Royals
- Elizabeth Zanolli
Assistant Athletic Director of Sports Medicine and Health Care Administrator
Stony Brook University
- Michael Overturf
Director of Athletic Training Services
Athletico Physical Therapy
- Daniel Bellamy
Associate Athletics Director for Sports Medicine
The University of Texas at San Antonio