

PAUL HIGGS, MED, ATC, LAT, CSCS

2014 VSU COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

CONGRATULATIONS PAUL HIGGS!!

Paul was selected as the 2014 College of Nursing and Health Sciences Distinguished Alumnus. We are very proud for Paul to be the first Athletic Trainer to join the ranks of the Distinguished Alumni at VSU.

Paul graduated from Valdosta State College in 1989 with a BSEd in Sports Medicine and served as an athletic training student with the VSU athletic programs. Paul has always maintained contact with the VSU Athletic Training Program: hiring VSU ATP alumni as graduate assistants, while serving as the Georgia Athletic Training Association Vice President and President he was instrumental in asking VSU ATP faculty to serve the GATA and the Georgia Board of Athletic Training. Paul has been a guest speaker to the VSU ATP students, he forwards job opportunities for us to share with the ATP students and alumni, and he regularly attends the annual VSU ATP alumni event at the National Athletic Trainers' Association Meeting and Symposia.

AS AN ATHLETIC TRAINING PROFESSIONAL

Paul has served the Georgia Athletic Trainer's Association in a variety of roles from a region representative, committee member to president. His advocacy of athletic training, while he served as GATA President and Vice president, was evident as he worked to strengthen the athletic training state licensure law and assist the profession to make strides in third party billing.

He is a dedicated athletic trainer who works long hours, has dedicated his time to serving the profession and educating students and young professionals, edited a textbook, served as a volunteer athletic trainer for many events. Anyone who meets Paul is struck by his likeable personality, calm demeanor, dry sense of humor, and friendliness. He is very deserving of recognition for his dedication to the health and wellbeing of others.



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