

The Joan Couch Athletic Training Scholarship Award

Background: Joan Couch is a 1979 graduate from the University of Delaware who went on to earn her master's degree from the United States Sports Academy in 1981. She then returned to UD as an athletic trainer and served UD athletics proudly for 34 years. In addition, Joan served as an assistant professor in support of UD's acclaimed undergraduate Athletic Training Education Program. Joan was a "true professional" and an inspiration for many generations of athletic training students at UD.

Purpose: To recognize one outstanding female athletic training student who has achieved academic success in the classroom, but most importantly has upheld the ideals of professionalism, care, and compassion in the clinical environment.

Criteria:

- 1) Cumulative GPA of at least a 3.00/4.00 at the time of the application
- 2) Has achieved at least a minimum 3.0/5.0 rating on the UD ATEP AT student clinical evaluation form during each clinical rotation
- 3) Recognized by their clinical preceptors as upholding the ideals of professionalism, care, and compassion in the student-athletes and/or patients they treat.

Selection Committee: ATEP Faculty/Staff

Award: The recipient will receive a \$250.00 cash award, recognition certificate, and will have their name engraved on the perpetual wall plaque that hangs in the UD athletic training office area in the Department of KAAP facility located in the Fred Rust Ice Arena. The student will also be formally recognized during the annual KAAP awards reception programming or during commencement week ceremonies.