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### MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS WELCOME GUEST PRESENTERS

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In an effort to further expand the education of the Athletic Training Students and provide them with other career options within the expanding Athletic Training employment realm; two guest presenters were invited to speak to the sophomore Athletic Training Students during their practicum class this week.

Donny Keele CPO/BOC of Certified Brace & Limb traveled from Sedalia to present on orthotics. Mr. Keele discussed the differences between orthotic types and which conditions warrant a specific type of orthotics. He also discussed how to evaluate individuals for orthotics, how to fit and measure an individual for orthotics, and the manufacturing process. "Now I know why my feet hurt and why everybody tells me I need orthotics," said Andre Taylor who was utilized as a model during the hands-on part of the discussion.

Bethany Campbell from BIOMET made the trek from Kansas City to demonstrate how prophylactic and rehabilitative braces are selected and fitted. She specifically demonstrated how custom ACL braces are measured by casting an Athletic Training Student. "It was interesting to see how an ACL brace is measured," explained Kaylee Peery who was the model during the casting session. "It was a weird feeling, but it was a good visual and practical demonstration. Now I have a mold of my leg for everyone to admire for years!"

Both presenters not only shared knowledge of their products, they also discussed their career paths, how they obtained their current employment, their typical day, and the pros and cons of their employment. "I did not know these types of employment opportunities existed for Athletic Trainers until Donny and Bethany discussed them," stated Leslie Grothoff. "It is nice to know these employment opportunities exist for me after graduation."

We thank Donny Keele and Bethany Campbell for using their valuable time to educate our Athletic Training Students and discuss employment possibilities once they graduate.

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