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MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM LOBBIES CONGRESS

February 25, 2009

On a beautiful day in February, the Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Education Program (MVC ATEP) participated in the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association (MoATA) Athletic Training Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri.

This is the third consecutive year the MVC ATEP has participated in MoATA Athletic Training Day at the Capitol; with 17 MVC Athletic Training Students, Dr. Bruntzel (ATEP Director), and David Tomchuk (ATEP Clinical Coordinator) making the trek this year.

The purpose of the trip was to inform Missouri Representatives and Senators about the services Athletic Trainers provide and the level of education they have attained. The hope is to generate and increase support for legislation that is expected to be introduced later this session. The proposed legislation would make rehabilitation and treatment services performed by Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC) able to be billed in the same manner as those services can be billed by Physical Therapists. If this legislation passes, this will enable hospitals and clinics to provide other rehabilitation and treatment services to their athletes, patients, and clients; and possibly creating additional jobs for ATCs in Missouri.

“We have been planning for this event and trip for about a month,” said Josh Lammert Vice-President of the Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Student Organization and MoATA Student Leadership Council Member. “Our responsibility was to help organize pictures, displays, and handouts.”

Attendees were split into groups with the responsibility to speak to Representatives and Senators in their offices and on the floor. The Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Students were separated and worked in cooperation with ATC's from across the state to deliver the message of “Who we are, Where we work, and What we do.”

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MVC Athletic Training Students took full advantage to meet and interact with many ATC's from across Missouri including the outreach directors of Excel, ProRehab, and Peak Performance; and the MoATA president and other MoATA leadership and council members. To conclude the event, MoATA had an ice cream and cake social for the Representatives and Senators.

“The event was well planned with good turn-out and support from ATC's from across Missouri and the involvement of other Athletic Training Education Programs participating in the effort,” said Dr. Karla Bruntzel. “Everybody at the event had a good time and our Athletic Training Students utilized this opportunity to network with their future colleagues and peers from across the state.”



Josh Lammert and David Tomchuk
Meeting With Kim Belcher of ProRehab



Josh Lammert and Dr. Bruntzel Meeting With
Josh Thompson of Westminster College



Jack & Kenyon Gearing up to Serve



Jack Being a Waiter

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Others Can Serve Too



MVC ATEP Display



Katy & Jack Cutting the Cake



The Cake Before Being Cut

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This is Really Difficult Work



Laura & Julie Are Mentally Spent

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Group Photo Concluding Our Trip

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