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Members of the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society,

While the early portion of my career was focused on patient care, in the past decade I have developed a passion and practice for advocacy and servanthood towards the profession that I am honored to be a member of. I am excited to come to work each day and find opportunities to help move the profession forward in the many ways that my job allows. It is due to this passion in improving our profession that I am nominating myself for President-Elect of the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society (IATS).

I am not seeking this role without due diligence and preparation. My professional experiences have afforded me a variety of opportunities as a clinician, educator, and volunteer to develop my leadership voice and style. Most notably, I have been the Director of the Loras College and Drake University Athletic Training Programs. Using my creative and pioneering style of leadership, I took on the task of leading each athletic training program forward and working with my colleagues to improve the education our students receive. The opportunity to lead two academic programs has provided valuable experiences that have prepared me for this role. Additionally, I have had significant and wide ranging experiences as a volunteer within IATS. I have aimed to smoothly transition onto each IATS committee and find the best way I can use my experiences and knowledge to positively impact the group. As the IATS President-Elect, I will have the same approach to join and then work with the Executive Committee and IATS Committee Chairs and Members to move the profession forward in the state.

We are in an exciting but challenging time for our profession in this state. We have had recent legislative successes but continue to face many of the same challenges that have only been magnified in the past two years. The next IATS President-Elect will need to continue to push forward on exploring ways to attract and retain athletic trainers in the profession and building connections in the state to ensure success in future endeavors. Specifically, I would focus on ensuring athletic trainers can provide services to more high schools in the state, making progress on third party reimbursement, and strengthening connections with other healthcare professional organizations in the state.

The broad experience I have had within IATS and my clinical and educational work experiences have prepared me this new role that I am seeking. It is in the spirit of continuing to serve our profession that I am nominating myself for President-Elect of the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society.

Respectfully Submitted,

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