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DURHAM, N.H. -- Daniel Sedory, clinical associate professor of athletic training at the University of New Hampshire, received the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award from the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) at its annual meeting in Atlanta in June. The award comes on the heels of his recognition as New Hampshire's Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer of the Year.

"Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award recipients are the role models for the future leaders of our profession," said the citation from NATA. The organization commended Sedory for his 20 years of service to the athletic training profession.

Since arriving at UNH in 1988, Sedory has served as curriculum director for athletic training within the department of kinesiology. "Dan's efforts in our athletic training program have been truly exceptional," said Michael Gass, professor and chair of the kinesiology department at UNH. Gass credits Sedory with building the athletic training program into a nationally accredited program of excellence. "Not only has Dan been the workhorse behind these endeavors, he also fostered a collaborative environment for professionals to work together and accomplish these tasks," Gass added.

Sedory has published articles in the leading journals in his field, including the *Journal of Athletic Training*, *The Journal of Sport Rehabilitation*, *Research Quarterly in Exercise and Sport*, and *Training and Conditioning*. He serves on a variety of university and professional committees, including the NATA Education Council and, from 1998 to 2001, the New Hampshire Athletic Trainers Governing Board.

He is the head athletic trainer for UNH's successful women's gymnastics team.

"I'm honored to be recognized by my professional peers in receipt of this award," said Sedory. "Everything I do in my professional career is to serve as a role model for my students; I share this award with each and every one of my students over the years."

Sedory received his B.S. from the University of Pittsburgh and his M.S. from the University of Arizona. He lives in Dover, N.H.

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