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Eric Hall to be Honored with Induction into the 2024 North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association (NCATA) Hall of Fame

[Cary, NC] – The NC Athletic Trainers' Association proudly announces the induction of Eric Hall, a dedicated educator, mentor, and advocate for athlete safety, into the prestigious 2024 NCATA Hall of Fame. Eric Hall's unwavering commitment to the well-being of athletes, coaches, and students has earned him this well-deserved recognition as a true leader in the field.

Throughout his career, Eric has displayed remarkable poise, confidence, and humility in the face of challenging situations. He has been a reliable source of knowledge, helping athletes, parents, coaches, and administrators understand various injuries and appropriate management to ensure the highest level of athlete safety. His dedication to athlete care, whether it's treating minor bumps and bruises or season-ending injuries, has set a high standard at Cary High School and contributed to the school's recognition as a 1st Team Safe Sports School by the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) for multiple consecutive years.

Eric has also been a 4 time recipient of the NCATA Lifesavers award for remarkable acts of service as an athletic trainer. He has provided catastrophic care for a spectator who went into cardiac arrest in 2021, a high school football player who was experiencing a stroke in 2015, a football player who was experiencing heat stroke in 2014 and a football player who went into cardiac arrest in 2009. It is rare for an athletic trainer to have to manage one in their career, he exceptionally managed 4.

Eric Hall has devoted his career to serving the students of Cary High School and preceptor to University of North Carolina athletic training students. He has worn many hats as an educator, mentor, and athletic trainer. He has played a vital role in shaping the future of sports medicine professionals, providing guidance and mentorship to sports medicine student assistants, sports medicine class students, student-athletes, coaches, and even fellow athletic trainers.

Beyond his work in athletics, Eric has been a champion for health and safety in the school community. He has served as the Diabetes Awareness, Training, and Action (DATA) Program Coordinator since 2006, advocating for CPR training for administration and promoting awareness of diabetes and worked tirelessly at the county level to push medical care for sporting event in the district, and for fair compensation and equitable responsibility expectations for athletic trainers in the school district. Eric's commitment to professional growth is reflected in his participation in speaking events at both the local and state levels. He has shared his knowledge and expertise to help other athletic trainers expand their professional horizons.

The induction ceremony to honor Eric Hall into the 2024 NCATA Hall of Fame will take place on March 9, 2024 at 12pm at the Holiday Inn Resort Lumina in Wrightsville Beach, NC.

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