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## The National Center for Drug Free Sport Announces 2017 Continuing Education Awards for Certified Athletic Trainers

Awards to honor certified athletic trainers who are working toward the prevention of drug abuse.

**KANSAS CITY, MO. (January 5, 2017)** – The National Center for Drug Free Sport (Drug Free Sport®), the industry leader in drug education and testing within professional, collegiate and amateur athletics, is pleased to announce its annual continuing education awards competition for 2017. Certified athletic trainers who work in high school and collegiate communities and are on the front lines of drug/dietary supplement education and abuse are eligible.

Established in 2013, Drug Free Sport has awarded more than \$23,000 toward the assistance of certified athletic trainer continuing education opportunities. In 2016, three recipients used the Continuing Education Awards to attend industry conferences while also earning valuable continuing educational units (CEUs) from the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), via the Board of Certification (BOC).

"I am incredibly thankful for the Drug Free Sport Continuing Education Award," said Lauren Ey, Head Athletic Trainer at The Catholic High School of Baltimore and one of three 2016 Continuing Education Award winners. "This grant has afforded me the ability to pursue continuing education opportunities that would not have been possible, and in turn, has molded me in to a more complete athletic trainer. I owe my personal development and advancement in my career to this grant."

"We are proud to recognize the outstanding contributions of athletic trainers toward ensuring fair and safe sport," said Frank Uryasz, President of Drug Free Sport. "These men and women develop our future leaders and serve an important role in the development of youth and their positive habits. We are proud to continue our support as educational advocates and investors in the future of athletics."

Certified athletic trainers who are interested in applying are encouraged to submit applications through the new and improved [Greater Kansas City Community Foundation website](#). A minimum of one \$1,000 nonrenewable award will be granted. The application deadline is Friday, March 31. Awards will be announced by the week of May 1, made payable to the employing educational institution or not-for-profit entity and the certified athletic trainer.

### ABOUT DRUG FREE SPORT:

The National Center for Drug Free Sport, Inc. (Drug Free Sport®) is a world-wide leader in the sport drug-testing industry. Drug Free Sport administers comprehensive drug-testing programs, manages national and international collections, develops drug-testing policies and provides educational services to a wide range of clients in sport, including MLB, NFL, NBA, WNBA, PGA Tour, LPGA, USGA, CrossFit Games, NCAA, the Big Ten Conference, NAIA, World of Outlaws racing and more than 300 colleges, universities, and amateur athletics organizations around the world. World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)-compliant testing for performance-enhancing substances and industry-innovating sport drug testing collection and education technologies are just a part of the comprehensive and confidential total solution Drug Free Sport provides for drug prevention needs. Drug Free Sport boasts a highly educated, experienced and diverse staff that is committed to technical innovation and maintaining the most extensive network of highly-trained certified sport drug-testing collectors in the industry. Drug Free Sport is based in Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, visit [drugfreesport.com](http://drugfreesport.com) or find us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).