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Franklin College Employee Honored

Indianapolis, IN (9-22-13) ---- Christopher (Chris) Shaff, Franklin College Head Athletic Trainer, has been chosen as the 2013 Athletic Trainer of the Year in the College/University division by the Indiana Athletic Trainer’s Association (IATA). He will be presented with his award on Saturday, October 26, 2013, during the Annual IATA Honors and Awards Banquet in Indianapolis.

Shaff is currently the head athletic trainer and adjunct professor and instructor at Franklin College. He provides athletic training services to all student-athletes, but primarily covers football, men’s and women’s swimming and diving, men’s and women’s golf, and baseball. Shaff received his Master of Arts and Liberal Studies with a concentration in Sports Management in 1999 from Valparaiso University and his Bachelor of Arts with a specialization in Athletic Training and a minor in Fitness from Franklin College in 1996.

“Chris is able to skillfully divide his time amongst all of these responsibilities while providing the athletes of Franklin College extraordinary care,” says Scott Lawrance, IATA president. “(also) Chris served the IATA for several years on the Education Committee, contributing to many successful meetings and helping to raise the profile of educational offerings within the association.”

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**About the IATA: The Indiana Athletic Trainers' Association is committed to the provision of quality healthcare for the physically active individual and strives to advance the athletic training profession. For more information please visit** [**www.iata-usa.org**](http://www.iata-usa.org)