

AMTAS UPDATES

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The mission of AMTAS:

"The mission of the Student Affairs Advisory Board and AMTAS is to provide guidance, support, and knowledge to the American Music Therapy Association Students and regional boards, be the communication liaison between students and their faculty, act as an educational resource concerning members learning and administration of bylaws, and uphold rules, regulations, implementation of charges, ethical guidelines, and standards of practice."

Regional Reports

New England Region

The New England Region's 3rd annual We've Got the Beat: Music Therapy Awareness Concert and Open Mic Fundraiser was a huge success! Held at The Bebop, a public restaurant near the Berklee College of Music campus, the dining public, 40 music therapy students, 10 music therapy professionals, 3 expressive arts therapy students, and their guests mingled together to listen to live music and share music therapy stories. Kayla Daly, NER-AMTAS SAAB Representative, headlined the event along with Alli Fox a local music therapist and professor. A raffle to raise funds for scholarships included one \$50 regional conference scholarship and donations from music therapy professionals. Overall, the event raised \$275 to be given away as student conference scholarships at this year's March business meeting. The board has also been active on social media spreading awareness of music therapy events happening within the region, scholarship opportunities, and re-posting AMTAS facebook posts. NER-AMTAS handed out three AMTA Membership Scholarships and one regional conference scholarship of \$50 each. The board will also hand out two more regional conference scholarships at the spring business meeting of \$125 each. Scholarships handed out this term totals \$450. Finally, NER-AMTAS President and SAAB Representative have been successful in working with the region's professional organization to assemble a statement of appropriate conduct for all regional events moving forward. The code of conduct is included in this year's registration for regional conference along with directions for what to do if you have been harassed.



Mid-Atlantic Region

The Mid-Atlantic regional conference was held on March 8-10 at the Hyatt Regency in Reston VA. This year, we officially launched our MARntor mentorship program, and currently have 35 students/professionals signed up to become mentor pairs. At conference we held an internship fair for students in our region, and a networking event where students could speak with professionals about different populations they work with. This year, MARAMTS fundraised over \$1,000 through our school chapters to donate to the Music Link Foundation. This year we gave out two club award scholarships, two chapter representative awards, two sophomore scholarships, two junior scholarships and a graduate scholarship.



South Eastern Region

For the 2018-2019 calendar year the regional project for the SER-AMTAS was advocacy. The student board challenged the schools of our region to create an advocacy video showing how they advocate for music therapy. At our regional conference during the student business meetings, we watched these videos and as a student body voted on a winner. The winner of our regional project was East Carolina University. We also presented a scholarship award to Amber Miller during this conference that reimbursed her for the registration fee. Lastly, during the 2019 SER-AMTA conference, a new executive board was elected. Throughout this year, students have worked hard on advocating and promoting music therapy throughout our region.

South Western Region

We were excited to include two new scholarships for our students this year. We were able to give out a \$100 scholarship to help offset costs of national conference and a full student AMTA membership scholarship for 2019. By giving these scholarships, we were able to give students more opportunities to connect within the region at conference and through membership of AMTA. We will also be offering an underclassmen scholarship for \$500 and a graduating senior scholarship for \$500 at our regional conference at the end of March. To help connect our students across the region as well as to other professionals, we created a scavenger hunt to encourage students to get to know one another at national conference. The students that participated were able to complete all of the items on the list and network effectively. We also were able to collaborate with the Midwest region at national conference to host the 5k. We had several runners (and walkers) that came out to support! At our regional conference, we will be hosting a student social to continue to connect students from different schools. We have a keynote speaker for our student meetings coming to speak about advocacy and what we can do as students before we are professionals. For our regional passages, we have 5 students presenting. We are very excited for all we have planned! Schools in our region participated in awareness weeks on their campus and within their communities. They hosted drum circles, open mic, spaghetti and song, and many more events to advocate for music therapy. We are proud of the students in the Southwestern Region!



Great Lakes Region

GLR-AMTAS hosted a music therapy sweatshirt/pullover fundraiser this fall/winter. With the support of both students and professionals, we were able to raise \$1,200! We just held our annual GLR Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Passages was held on the Thursday of conference from 10am to 5pm. Throughout the day, we had a presentation by the music therapists at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, four student presenters, and 5 professionals who participated in intervention swaps. The intervention swaps provided students with "read to go" interventions in various populations. We were fortunate to have AMTA Executive Director Lee Grossman speak to us at Passages. During the conference, we awarded 3 student scholarships to Krista Cole, Amelia Scanland, and Elizabeth Briney. We were also able to raise money at our booth in the exhibit hall by selling merchandise and raffle tickets. In addition, we awarded our annual Gift of Music Grant to Coda Music Therapy, LLC. based out of Lansing, Michigan. And, per tradition, we "crashed" the professional business meeting with a music therapy rendition of "Call Me Maybe." You can a video on our Facebook page!

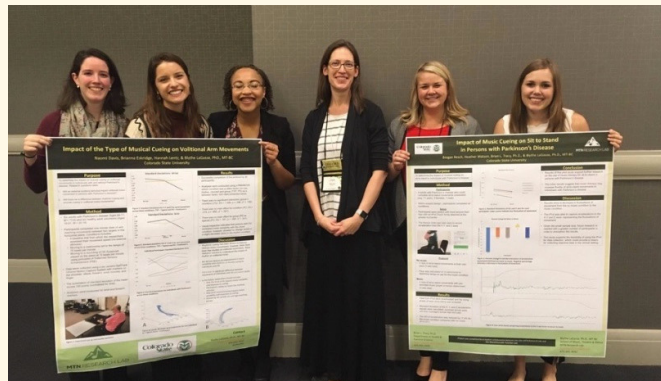


Western Region

The primary project for WRAMTAS this year has been our Connections Student Conference, which will be held at the WRAMTA Regional Conference in Portland, Oregon on Thursday, March 28th 2019. The student conference will include networking opportunities through scheduled activities and improvisational music games to encourage the students to engage with and learn from one another, as well as raffle prizes given throughout the conference session. The student conference will also include a student presentation, an internship panel consisting of a few internship directors and interns from the region, and a keynote speaker discussing internship preparation and transition into the professional world. In addition to the student conference, WRAMTAS has been providing monthly virtual masterclasses via the www.wramtas.org website, where professionals volunteer to give 30-60 minute online presentations on their topic of expertise in order to expand the knowledge of the students in our region and beyond.

Midwestern Region

From conferences in Texas to Missouri and schools from North Dakota to Colorado, the MWRAMTAS is excited to share the story of our recent past and near future! We must begin, however, with sad news. The music therapy program at the University of North Dakota has been suspended and will dissolve after the graduation of the class of 2019. UND has made substantial contributions to the Midwest region and we wish the best for the students and alumni. MWRAMTAS would like to recognize our parliamentarian and UND student Devon Abler for her service to the organization despite the challenges at the school level. In November, MWRAMTAS partnered with the students of the Southwest region to host the Cadenza 5K fundraiser run. This event took place in Dallas, TX and coincided with the AMTA national conference. Runners and volunteers from around the nation gathered to get some exercise, show their fitness, and support student scholarships in the Midwest and Southwest regions. We loved seeing the smiling faces and support of the music therapy community! Since November, the executive board of MWRAMTAS executive board has been planning events and fundraisers for the Midwest Regional Conference. This conference will take place Kansas City, MO April 5th and 6th, 2019. We will kick off the event with Passages, a by-student-for-student conference session. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear presentations by four exceptional peers, learn about the use of percussion in music therapy, ask questions about the internship process, and network with one another. As a fundraiser, we will be selling "Music Therapy Notes" notebooks, which feature a map of the Midwest region and AMTA member schools, as well as music therapy stickers!



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