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Dear Friends & Fellow Athletic Trainers,

The Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association (CATA) has established the **CATA Penny F. Dunker-Polek Scholarship** at the request of Penny's family, friends, and colleagues to honor her memory. Penny was well-known for her enthusiasm, unflinching work ethic, and unselfish desire and willingness to help people in any way she could.

I'm asking you to consider making a donation to the **CATA Penny F. Dunker-Polek Scholarship** Fund to honor her memory by providing an endowed scholarship for an Athletic Training student in Connecticut. If you knew Penny, I don't have to explain...if you didn't have the great pleasure of knowing Penny, she represented the best of every athletic trainer in her enthusiasm for her career, her life, her athletes and the many others she helped along the way. In addition to her tremendous work ethic and enthusiastic attitude, Penny consistently went "above and beyond" in everything she did. This scholarship is intended to recognize an Athletic Training student who embodies the qualities Penny possessed. The initial scholarship was awarded at the 2010 CATA Symposium to Emily Hall, a recent graduate of the University of Connecticut who will be pursuing a Master's degree in Athletic Training in the fall at Indiana University.

The NATA Foundation has agreed to administer these scholarship funds for the CATA, which will enable us to endow the scholarship, as well as to allow **tax-deductible donations** toward the scholarship. The CATA retains control of the scholarship criteria and process for the award, which will be presented annually at the CATA Symposium.

Please download the pledge form for the **CATA Penny F. Dunker-Polek Scholarship**. You may send payment with the form or you can be billed later. Please note that you may opt to spread your contribution out over multiple months or years (e.g., a donation can be paid over 12 months, 2 years, or another time frame you designate). All donations to the NATA Foundation are tax deductible, and are eligible for matching gift programs. If you already give annually to the NATA Foundation, please designate that your donation go to the **CATA Penny F. Dunker-Polek Scholarship!**

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. Your gift will go a long way toward supporting the athletic training profession, and honoring Penny's memory.

Sincerely,

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President, Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association