GREATER HOUSTON ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP MEMO

SUMMARY

To : GHATS Membership

From : GHATS Executive Board

Date : November 1, 2026

Subject : GHATS Organization Changes

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Greater Houston Athletic Trainers' Society

MEMBERSHIP: $30
Price increases Dec 1

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EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE

Constitution was updated in 2025

E-Board is updating standing rules to reflect changes to the constitution.

2027 GHATS WORKSHOP

Frank D. Dobie High School
April 3, 2027
Theme: Not Our First Rodeo
Registration Opens: February 1, 2027

Poster & Media Contest Theme:

Not Our First Rodeo or
The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

Professional Presentation
Due March 3 | Finalist announced March 19

Social Media
Due March 19

NEW

The Gauntlet

Formerly known as Quiz Bowl,
The Gauntlet will now include a skills portion to align with TSATA competition layout

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Membership - Richard Gregorie
RichGrego@hotmail.com
- Continuing Education

Workshop - Bryanna Kemp
bryanna.kemp@gccisd.net
- T-Shirt Design Contest

Communications - Essence Ephran
Essence.Ephran@outlook.com
- Historian
- Photographer
- Fundraising

HONORS & AWARDS

Professional Awards
2026 Honorees will be awarded at December 13 Social at Legacy Stadium
Katy, TX | 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

2027 Nominations will open Dec 1 - Feb 1

Student Scholarships
Nominations are open yearly Oct 1 - Dec 1
Honorees will be awarded at Student Workshop

NEW

New GHATS Spring Scholarship:
Mikki Brown Scholarship

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Overview

The GHATS Executive Board and Committees have been working to make changes to reflect the needs of our membership and the growth of GHATS.

Organization

- ***Constitution & Standing Rules:*** The GHATS Executive Board updated the constitution in 2025. This year, we are focused on updating our standing rules to match. *(2025 Constitution)*
- ***Consolidating Committees:*** With an emphasis on clear duties and ease of communication, we have consolidated committees. See the chart below for more details.
    - ** Roles highlighted in **BLUE** are open and looking for volunteers. Email the committee chair for more information.
- ***Communication***
    - Newsletter – We will have one monthly newsletter, instead of a North & South.
    - Communication Channels
        - The GHATS Website has been updated with up-to-date information, and new standing rules as they are approved by the executive board
        - We have also started a Sports You (Join Group using **7C2DLQ5W**) to communicate pertinent updates without bombarding member emails.

Honors & Awards Tiffany Kizziah tkizziah@lcisd.org	**Membership** Richard Gregorie RichGrego@hotmail.com	**Workshop** Bryanna Kemp bryanna.kemp@gccisd.net	**Communications** Essence Ephran Essence.Ephran@outlook.com
ATSA Scholarships	Professional Memberships	Workshop Registration	Social Media
SAT Scholarships	College SAT Memberships	Workshop College & University Recruitment	Member Newsletters
Professional Awards Nominations	Corporate Memberships	Workshop Vendors	Historian**
Professional Awards Voting	Continuing Education**	Student Media Contest	Photography**
		Ankle Taping Contest	Member Socials
		T-Shirt Design Contest**	Fundraising**
		The Gauntlet (*formerly, Quiz Bowl)*	
		ATSA Olympics (Host School, optional)	
		Gatorade Contest	

Membership: REGISTER NOW

- ***Professional Membership:*** Calendar (October 1 – September 30)
    - Must be a member to nominate students for awards and scholarships, receive professional awards, volunteer on committees, and to register and attend the annual student workshop
    - Annual Membership $30; Price will increase to $40 on December 1
- ***Corporate Membership:*** Calendar (October 1 – September 30)
    - Corporate members will be recognized on GHATS website and social media during their active membership year

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Workshop

- ***2027 GHATS Workshop*** will be held on April 3, 2027, at Frank D. Dobie High School. Theme: **NOT OUR FIRST RODEO**
  - Registration will start on **February 1, 2027**.

The Gauntlet (Quiz Bowl)

NEW

  - To reflect the structure and rigor of TSATA state competition, the Quiz Bowl competition will now include a skills portion. This new competition will replace the Mark Salter Quiz Bowl.
  - Standing Rules
- ***AT Olympics***
  - Due to liability concerns, GHATS will no longer organize the AT Olympics. It will be up to the ***host school*** to organize and facilitate this event at the annual workshop.
  - Frank D. Dobie HS will host the 2027 AT Olympics.
- ***Taping Contest:*** Will take place before opening ceremony – 1 student and 1 staff member from each school eligible to compete
- ***T-Shirt Competition:*** Standing Rules - Submissions due February 1, 2027 to Raul Hinojosa – HInojosar@needvilleisd.com

Workshop

- ***Poster/Media Contest:*** Standing Rules
  - Themes: ***Not Our First Rodeo*** or ***The Good, The Bad and The Ugly***
  - Professional Presentations
    - Due March 3, 2027
    - Finalist will be announced March 19
  - Social Media
    - Due March 19
- ***Gatorade Contest:*** Bring all your own supplies

Honors & Awards

- Student Scholarship nominations are open yearly from October 1 – December 1.
- ***High School ATSA Awards*** **(**Award Descriptions & Criteria**)**
  - Mike Vara Exemplary Scholar Award & Scholarship
  - GHATS Spring Scholarship

NEW

    - Will include NEW Mikki Brown Scholarship to be awarded $500 annually
- ***College SAT Awards***
  - Walter Lowe College Scholarship
- ***Professional Awards***
  - GHATS will utilize our socials to present the annual honors and awards
    - 2027 Nominations Open: December 1 – February 1
      - Award Descriptions & Criteria
    - 2026 Honors & Awards Social: December 13 – Legacy Stadium, Katy, Texas – 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM