

KATS Hit the Hill Advocacy Day for 2019 is scheduled for Jan. 23rd, 7:30 am – 2:30 pm. We need your participation!

We are hoping to have a big turnout and show a strong presence of athletic trainers at the Capital in Topeka at this year's event. Our primary message continues to be that every athlete deserves an athletic trainer. We are going to encourage individual legislative meetings and display an exhibit focusing on the AT's role in concussion recognition and on-field emergency management in the 1st-floor rotunda of the Capital, which is reserved exclusively for KATS. The rotunda is a key passage and informal gathering place. By doing this, we will be able to talk to staff members, Capital employees, other groups lobbyists, and even visitors to the Capital that day. By being visible in the Rotunda, we should have contact with various other people who could be assets to our causes in addition to having focused meetings with our legislators. Let's fill the rotunda with AT's!

We will also be asking the KATS membership, as a whole, to email their legislators on the 22nd/23rd and invite all their legislators and staff to come and visit us in the Rotunda.

We will send more details later, but here's what we need for now:

- 1. We need you email Haley Timmons (htimmons@usd458.org) to confirm your participation in the Hit the Hill Day.**
2. We need to know who your legislators are and thus who you will be contacting to schedule appointments. Please report your legislators for both your home residence and your place of work (if different). To find your legislators go to: <https://openstates.org/> Enter your address and note their names and districts. You can find their office contact information at: <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/> We'll send information about scheduling a meeting with them later. For now, we need to know who your legislators are and what districts you work and reside in. We also need to know if you know or have contacts with other legislators from nearby areas or other parts of the state.
3. We need to know if you would like to come to Topeka on Tuesday evening. There will be some funding available for athletic trainers traveling a long distance to Topeka to offset travel/hotel expenses.
4. Lastly, we need to know how you would like your name and credentials printed on a nametag. (ie. Do you want Mike or Michael, ie. MS, LAT, ATC), your job title (Program Director, Head Athletic Trainer, etc.) and who and where you work. For example: John Burns, MS, LAT, ATC; Athletic Training Program Director, Washburn University, Topeka, KS