

MATA HALL OF FAME

Class of 2004



JAMES B. "JIM" GALLASPY, JR.

A Jackson, Mississippi native, James B. (Jim) Gallaspy Jr., began his athletic training career as a student aide at Peoples Junior High and Provine High School. In 1966, Jim enrolled at The University of Southern Mississippi and worked as a student under the direction of NATA and MATA Hall of Fame member Larry "Doc" Harrington. After graduation from USM, Jim was hired as a teacher/athletic trainer at McArthur High School in Hollywood, Florida. In 1973 Jim attended Indiana State University to pursue his post graduate degree. Fortunately for Mississippi, Jim returned to Hattiesburg and his beloved University of Southern Mississippi in 1974. Jim has greatly contributed to the education of hundreds of Certified Athletic Trainers across the country. Jim has served as president of the MATA and Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association (SEATA), as well as on the NATA Board of Directors (1994-1997). In 1992 Jim was rewarded for his outstanding educational efforts by the NATA and received the Sayers "Bud" Miller Distinguished Athletic Trainer Educator Award. The NATA has also awarded Gallaspy with the 1994 Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award. The University of Southern Mississippi has honored Jim Gallaspy with membership into the USM Alumni Hall of Fame and in March 2000, Jim received the All American Football Foundation Outstanding Athletic Trainer Award. In June 2000, the National Athletic Trainers' Association distinguished Jim Gallaspy with its highest honor, membership into the Hall of Fame. The Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association is honored to present James B. Gallaspy Jr. with its highest honor, membership into the MATA Hall of Fame.