



## Janelle Handlos

### MTATA Hall of Fame

Inducted 2016



Janelle has been practicing in Montana for 16 years. She has served in numerous capacities at UM Western. After completing a graduate assistant position at MSU-Bozeman in 2001, she returned to UM Western as an assistant athletic trainer under MTATA Hall of Famer Dave Kendall. Janelle assumed the role of Western's Head athletic trainer in 2007. For a period of time Janelle took on the role as the interim-athletic director (2012). She is now a full time faculty

member and chair of the department at UM Western.

Janelle has mentored countless athletic training students by supervising internships as well as serving as clinical preceptor for community member in Dillon, MT. She has volunteered her time as a couch safety officer, and first aid and CPR instructor. Janelle has been active in serving at the district and state level. She has been on the MTATA executive council for almost 10 years now serving as secretary/treasurer. She also serves on the district 10 scholarship committee. Janelle has always played an active role in advancing the profession through licensure as well as the concussion legislation. She has been invited to speak at various meetings regarding her research on leadership style in athletic trainers.

Janelle has positively impacted countless athletes- This is evident by her recognition as the Frontier Conference Athletic Trainer of the Year award in 2015. Janelle leads with integrity and gives of herself continuously. It is without a doubt that Janelle has been an incredible role model for athletic trainers, athletic training students, and student-athletes in Montana.

While Janelle's list of accomplishments are quite impressive, what cannot be captured on paper is the essence of her as a role model for all female athletic trainers. She is a mom, a friend, a colleague, a confidante, a teacher, a mentor, a vision, humility, and strength serves as exemplary footsteps for others to follow.