



Mark Meredith

MTATA Hall of Fame

Inducted 2016



Mark was born in Forsyth, Montana but raised as a “Wolve” in the small eastern Montana town of Wolf Point. After graduating with the Class of 1973, Mark volunteered for the military in August 1973, and served for three years with the U.S. Army at Fort Ord, California, Fort Lewis, Washington, and Tokyo, Japan.

With an honorable discharge and the G.I. Bill in hand, a coach suggested “a cool way to work your way through college” - being a student athletic trainer. It was at Montana State University where Mark met his mentor and MTATA Hall of Fame athletic trainer, Charles “Chuck” Karnop. Chuck graciously took him under his wing and taught Mark the “ropes” of being an athletic trainer, and, most importantly, how to treat people. Mark became a Bobcat for life! Mark graduated from the Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington and in 1984 had to decide whether to pursue Physician Assistant School at the University of Utah or become the first full-time athletic trainer at Bozeman High School. Because athletic training was his first love, Mark chose to give it “a couple of years” to get the athletic training program up and running at the high school. Some thirty-plus years later, Mark continues to serve as the Head Athletic Trainer for BHS.

Mark has impacted the athletic training profession in numerous ways over the years. He has worked diligently within the state of Montana to enhance concussion awareness and education and has spoken on numerous occasions to legislators advocating our profession. Mark was appointed by Governor Bullock to serve as the Secondary Schools Representative on the State of Montana Board of Athletic Trainers. He has been instrumental in assisting with the athletic training licensure bill as well as concussion legislation. Mark has led our association serving as MTATA President and as a contributing member of the Executive Board. Mark has been the Medical Director for the All-Class State Volleyball Tournament since its inception and countless MHS district, divisional, and state post-season tournaments and meets. But the most important thing for Mark has always been to provide the best season-to-season, day-to-day athletic healthcare to the Hawk athletes of Bozeman High School. Mark’s infinite wisdom and experience brings a unique perspective that is valued by colleagues, coaches, administrators, parents, and athletes. His caring and compassionate attitude have impacted countless youth athletes in the Bozeman community as well as athletic trainers across the state. Mark’s integrity, character, and dedication to serving the profession, and all the athletes he treats, are

exemplary. He selflessly serves and leads the profession with humility and poise.

Mark is married to his loving wife, Heather, who learned long ago what life with an athletic trainer was like, and together, they have a beautiful daughter, Kira.