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Purdue University-Calumet Retired Athletic Director Honored

Indianapolis, IN (9-22-13) ---- John Friend, consultant and chief fundraiser at Purdue University-Calumet, has been chosen as the 2013 Athletic Director of the Year for the Indiana Athletic Trainer’s Association (IATA). He will be presented with his award on Saturday, October 26, 2013, during the Annual IATA Honors and Awards Banquet in Indianapolis.

In 1980, Friend became the Athletic Director and Administrator of the Fitness and Recreation Center at Purdue University-Calumet and retired in 2011. However, he still serves in a consulting and fundraising role at the university. Previously, he served as athletic director and football coach at Munster High for 16 years after coaching stints at Southern Illinois University and Pepperdine. He received his undergraduate degree from Lipscomb University with a Bachelors of Arts in Physical Education and History, and completed his master’s degree at Southern Illinois University.

John Doherty, Munster High School head athletic trainer, says “Throughout his tenure there, through the financial ups and downs of managing a small college athletic department, he always made sure that the athletic training position was adequately staffed and that the athletic trainer had the resources to do his or her job.”

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**About the IATA: The Indiana Athletic Trainers' Association is committed to the provision of quality healthcare for the physically active individual and strives to advance the athletic training profession. For more information please visit** [**www.iata-usa.org**](http://www.iata-usa.org)