



**Robert "Doc" White – MATS Hall of Fame Inductee Class of 1990**

**Primary place of employment: Wayne State University**

**Education:**

- **University of Michigan (Masters, 1950)**
- **Eastern Michigan University (Bachelors, 1949)**

Robert "Doc" White served the Athletic Training profession through his experiences clinically and volunteering. He provided exceptional medical care to patients in the collegiate, professional, and international sports settings. His collegiate Athletic Training experiences included as a student at Eastern Michigan University, Graduate Athletic Training Student (1949-1950), Head Athletic Trainer at Eastern Michigan University (1950-1951), Head Athletic Trainer at Wayne State University (1951-1988). In his 37 years at Wayne State University, Bob was the host Athletic Trainer for 18 different NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships and held a role as an associate professor of the Health Education and Physical Education department. Bob's professional experience included serving the Detroit Lions (1946-1960), a consulting Athletic Trainer and Visiting Team Athletic Trainer for the Detroit Pistons (1960s and 1970s), and Head Athletic Trainer for the Detroit Loves (former Professional Tennis League, 1974). His volunteer service in international competition consisted of Athletic Trainer for USA Track and Field at the 1968 Mexico City Summer Olympics and Athletic Trainer for Team USA in the 1974 Moscow World University Games. Bob helped grow the Athletic Training Profession as a founding member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), founding member of Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association (GLATA), served as a GLATA Director and the NCAAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects in Sports. For his comprehensive service in the Athletic Training Profession, Bob was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame in 1977 during the NATA Convention in Dearborn, MI where he was the Host Athletic Trainer. Bob passed away in 2006. People that knew Bob have described him as "humble, exceptional, accommodating, and dedicated to the Athletic Training profession."