

Clint Thompson, MS, ATC – MATS Hall of Fame Inductee Class of 1991

## Primary place of employment: Michigan State University

Education:

- Michigan State University (MA, 1969)
- University of Texas (BS, 1963)

Clint Thompson aided the Athletic Training profession through his experiences clinically and as an author. After earning his undergraduate degree, Clint started serving at Michigan State University in 1964 as an Assistant Athletic Trainer. Before heading to Colorado State University in 1970, Clint finished his master's degree at MSU in 1969. He returned to Michigan State University in 1973, to become the Head Athletic Trainer and developed MSU's Athletic Training program from 1973-1985. After Clint's second stint at Michigan State University, he became the Head Athletic Trainer at Truman State University (1985-2001). Clint's volunteer experience blossomed as a writer that transformed the Journal of Athletic Training (JAT) into the publication it is known for today. He served the JAT for 29 years: Assistant Editor (1970), Associate Editor (1971), Editor (1972-1984), Editorial Board (1985-1990), and Associate Editor (1991-1999). He authored numerous articles, especially in the JAT. For Clint's remarkable service in the Athletic Training profession, he was awarded the Mid-America Athletic Trainers Association (MAATA) Hall of Fame in 1999 and the NATA Hall of Fame in 2004. Gayle passed away in 2017, in which his life and legacy impacted countless individuals. People that knew Clint have described him as "a visionary, humble, sincere, an inspiration to countless Athletic Trainers, and dedicated to the Athletic Training profession."