



Jack Jones – MATS Hall of Fame Inductee Class of 1990

Primary place of employment: Western Michigan University

Education:

- **University of Texas (Bachelor's, 1950)**

Jack Jones aided the Athletic Training profession through his clinical and leadership experiences. He served Western Michigan University as the Head Athletic Trainer for 21 years (1956-1977). During this time, he also facilitated the establishment of the Graduate Level Athletic Training Program at WMU. Jack transitioned into the Program Director at WMU, serving from 1976-1984. Three of his students would eventually become members of the NATA Hall of Fame. Jack provided considerable leadership as co-founder of MATS (1976) and aided the formation of the Mid-American Conference Sports Medicine Association (1979). The creation of the Mid-American Conference Sports Medicine Association sought to ensure Athletic Trainers were providing consistent level of care throughout the conference. Colleagues described Jack as “humble, forward-thinking, determined, and dedicated to the Athletic Training profession.”