



Doug “Doc” Woods, MS, AT, ATC – MATS Hall of Fame Inductee Class of 2008

Place of employment when selected into the Hall of Fame: Grand Valley State University

Education:

- **Grand Valley State University (MS, 1984)**
- **University of Toledo (BS, 1971)**

Doug Woods proudly served the Athletic Training profession through his clinical experience, teaching, and volunteerism. He provided exceptional care to the patients he served in intercollegiate athletics at the University of Toledo and Grand Valley State University. At Toledo, he was a Student Athletic Trainer and elevated to the role of Assistant Athletic Trainer. He proudly served as the Head Athletic Trainer at GVSU from 1976-1998, while also becoming the Athletic Training Program Director at GVSU. Under Doug’s guidance, he was able to get permission from the President and Athletic Director to have female Athletic Trainers provide care to the GVSU football team (a first within the state of Michigan). From 1991-1998, he also juggled the position of Head Softball coach. Even though he stepped down from the Head Athletic Trainer position in 1998 and Program Director in 1999, Doug continued to teach within the Athletic Training Program until 2016. Doug volunteered considerably for the Athletic Training profession: Host Athletic Trainer for Cramer Student Athletic Trainers workshops (1979-1989), Host Athletic Trainer for Olympic Wrestling Trials (1982), spoke at various athletic injury workshops at several West Michigan area High Schools, and instrumental in initiating weekly sports medicine clinics for high school student-athletes. Doug’s impact for the GVSU community included Athletic Training Students at GVSU creating the Doug and Linda Woods Excellence in Athletic Training Scholarship (started in 1997) and an honoree that celebrated women in sports and physical activity at GVSU (2016). Colleagues have described Doug as “a visionary, modest, diligent, a role model, and dedicated to the Athletic Training profession.”