



**Richard Ray, Ed.D., AT, ATC – MATS Hall of Fame Inductee Class of 1999**

**Place of employment when selected into the Hall of Fame: Hope College**

**Education:**

- **Western Michigan University (Ed.D., 1990)**
- **Western Michigan University (M.A., 1980)**
- **University of Michigan (B.S.Ed., 1979)**

Richard served Athletic Training with honor through his clinical, academic, leadership, and volunteer experiences. He served numerous patients as an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Pioneer High School (1978-1979), Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer at Western Michigan University (1979-1980), Head Athletic Trainer at Kalamazoo College (1979-1980), Assistant Athletic Trainer at Kansas State University (1980-1982), and Head Athletic Trainer at Hope College (1982-2003). Concurrently in his time as the Head Athletic Trainer, Richard also oversaw the Athletic Training Program as the Program Director. He was also promoted to Professor of Kinesiology in 2001 and later served as Dean for Social Sciences and Provost at Hope College. Richard wrote numerous journal articles, books, and other publications. Additionally, he presented various Athletic Training related topics numerous times locally, nationally, and internationally. His volunteer repertoire is also expansive: MATS President (1985-1987), GLATA Conference Coordinator for the Annual Winter Meeting (1986 and 2000), GLATA President-Elect (1987-1990), GLATA President (1990-1992), Manuscript Reviewer for Journal of Athletic Training (1990-2011), Editorial Board for Journal of Athletic Training (1993-2008), NATA Co-Chair of the Education Task Force (1994-1997), Member of NATA's Education Council (2002-2010), Implementation Director for NATA's "Involve and Evolve" campaign (2007-2008), and Director of NATA's Research and Education Foundation (2011-2021). For Richard's exemplary service, he has earned numerous accolades such as NATA Sayers "Bud" Miller Distinguished Educator of the Year Award (2001), GLATA Dedicated Service Award (2002), NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer (2004), and NATA Hall of Fame member (2006). Colleagues have described Richard as "determined, thoughtful, meticulous, and dedicated to the Athletic Training profession."