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This book is dedicated to all of my students who said they would never be leaders, but now find themselves as leaders.

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### **Preface**

### Purpose

Welcome to the second edition of *Leadership* and *Management in Athletic Training: An Integrated Approach.* This edition offers some significant revisions, including brand new chapters, expanded and revised chapters, and reordered content that is easier to navigate. The goal of this book is to integrate leadership and management into the thinking of athletic trainers and students. A look at the Board of Certification (BOC) Role Delineation Study and Practice Analysis reveals the evolving role of leadership within athletic training. Therefore, the purpose of this book is to provide athletic training students and athletic trainers with the tools for successful leadership and management.

The chapters in this book are ordered to first introduce the history of athletic training, followed by understanding the role of the sports medicine team and communication. Subsequent chapters introduce professional preparation and key concepts of leadership relative to athletic training, as well as content related to human resources and organizational development. The second half of the book introduces management techniques, such as recordkeeping, financial management, revenue and reimbursement strategies, and risk management. Strategic thinking, facility design, and ethics round out the second half of the book. The book concludes with content related to international athletic training. All of these concepts are introduced through the larger framework of leadership. I am convinced that this book, along with the instructor's experience and in-class discussions, will help produce athletic

trainers who effectively integrate the art of leadership with the science of management.

# ► The Audience for this Text

This text is written with four principal audiences in mind:

- 1. Professional athletic training students preparing for the BOC exam
- Postprofessional graduate athletic trainers working on a clinical doctorate and wanting to advance their careers in the profession of athletic training
- 3. Practicing athletic trainers who wish to update or improve their leadership and management thinking
- 4. The faculty and preceptors in athletic training education programs who would like a detailed roadmap needed to teach leadership effectively in the classroom and integrate leadership content implied in the BOC's Role Delineation Study and Practice Analysis and the National Athletic Trainers' Association Educational Competencies

### ► The Different Roles of the Athletic Trainer

I am firmly committed to the idea that context is as much of an influence on a leader's ability as a leader's skill sets. Therefore, leadership and management require skills and behaviors that transcend title, hierarchal structure, organizational position, or rank. In other words, leadership is more than having a formal title. In the evolving healthcare environment, the athletic trainer has created a niche in a variety of work settings. These settings range from the traditional settings to occupational settings, industrial settings, fitness centers, hospitals, performing arts, the military, and others. This diversity of work environments implies that athletic trainers must develop and master skills and behaviors that transcend one setting or one organization. In order to transcend these roles and boundaries successfully, leadership must be seen as something to be mastered and practiced diligently. Becoming a successful leader or efficient manager means having transferable skills—that is, skills that are applicable in any work setting. Introducing contemporary leadership models and making an effort to understand how leadership can be developed and what leadership is can help make the management duties of the athletic trainer more fluid, and ultimately promote the profession of athletic training. In order for athletic trainers to be recognized in their communities as the healthcare experts that they are, they must also actively pursue and engage in the practice of leadership.

### ▶ A Personal Note to the Reader

This book is for you, the students and professionals who want to make athletic training better! My goal is to help you in this. My part

in helping you to make athletic training better is to equip you to practice leadership everywhere you are, regardless of the context in which you find yourself.

In any book, the personal philosophy of the author "seeps" through and, to some extent, the author reserves that right because it is a product of personal experience, education, and scholarship. However, every effort was made to remove or avoid overt philosophical bias.

My personal philosophy on leadership and management is that they are distinct expressions of a similar—or at least overlapping—skill set. Leadership and management are different, but not mutually exclusive. There are tangible and intangible differences between management and leadership. Therefore, I spend time developing both aspects and intentionally integrate contemporary leadership into the practice of management as it relates to athletic training.

It is obvious from the literature that there is little consensus on what leadership is or how it is defined, but this must not keep athletic trainers from integrating and developing awareness of leadership behaviors and their importance in promoting and advancing the profession. Ultimately, leadership and management are learnable. Both can be learned and developed by the individual. The goal of this book is to supply the reader with the necessary tools to successfully integrate leadership and management thinking into athletic training education.

Sincerely,

Matthew R. Kutz, PhD, AT, ATC

### **Features of this Text**

This text includes a range of pedagogical features to improve learning and retention.

The **Chapter Outline** at the beginning of each chapter provides the reader with a preview of contents to be covered.

**Key Terms** are listed at the beginning of each chapter for quick reference. They appear in bold type, and their definitions are presented at the end of the chapter. A cumulative, end-of-text Glossary is also included.

#### FROM THE FIELD

My first real athletic training job (after being a G.A.) was in a small rehabilitation clinic in a small bluecollar town. Yesy few of the patients I worked with had sports-rebeted injuries and none of them were athletes. Furthermore, I was hired 'experimentally' as the clinic's first-ever enhibility to a staff 'friday night football was my only satisfying sports medicine outlet. I felt forced to innovate, I researched the local area, surveyed some local physicians, and developed a plan and presented it to my clinical director for a medically supervised fitness program for high-risk patients. After the program was implemented, it quickly grew a brand new clientels based on physician referrals, all who paid directly out of pooket. This innovation created a new revenue stream, added credibility to the clinic's reputation, provided publicity, and reflected well on me and athletic training. So much so that, in fact, when it was time for me to move on to a more traditional athletic training role (at a neighboring clinic), they offered me a significant raise to stay. The point is that it was the willingness to innovate that allowed me to use my skill and expertise as an athletic trainer in a brand new way, in a community that previously thought that it had little use for an athletic trainer.

#### **© LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY**

Collect three different sports medicine vendors' supply catalogs (or visit their websited.) Once you have at least three sources, create a mock bid sheet (with the appropriate columns, i.e., item number, item cost, quantity, total cost) of the supplies that are needed to stock an athletic trainer's medical kit. Compare the total cost of stocking as kit between each vendor, then calculate shipping and taxes for the total order. This may require contacting a sales representable from the vendor. Be sure to tell them that you are a student and this is a class project; they should be very willing to help since you are a future customer. Finally, take all three them lists and select the least expensive term from each of the vendors and create a fourth item sheet that is a composite of the least expensive items from each of the vendor. Compare your composite list 5 grand total to the least expensive list from a single vendor.

**Leadership Applications** present realistic scenarios and associated critical thinking questions for students to integrate leadership principles with the managerial and administrative practices of athletic training.



#### **KEY TERMS**

Budget freeze
Capital budget
Formula budget
For-profit organizations
Inventory
Line-item budget

Lump sum budget Not-for-profit organizatio Opportunity cost Performance budget Pooled bidding Program budget Purchase order (PO) Return on investment (RO Supply chain managemen (SCM) Vendor Zero-based budget

**From the Field** boxes present informal, real-life stories told from the athletic trainer's perspective to illustrate and reinforce the foundational content of each chapter.

**Leadership Activities** throughout the text engage students with hands-on learning assignments that will allow them to apply their newly acquired knowledge.

#### **☑** LEADERSHIP APPLICATION

An athletic trainer at a small rural college has an open-door policy and is often in and out of the athletic training clinic all day. There are coaches and athletic training students who have access to all of the athletic training facilities. Although his budget is tight and sometimes goes without what other athletic trainers might consider essential supplies, he makes it work. This athletic trainer also has group the applies are the student of the problem is the coaches, assistant coaches, and administrators. Since everything is so accessible, the problem is that things occasionally go 'missing' These items are not stolen per se, but for example, on friday afterionors, several coolers are missing that show up again on Monday morning,



### Student Resources

Additional resources are available online for the student, including the following:

- Podcasts focused on management and leadership topics of interest
- Supplemental chapter on evidence-based leadership
- Practice quizzes
- Interactive glossary
- Flashcards
- Crossword puzzles
- Web links

### **▶ Instructor Resources**

Qualified instructors can receive access to the full suite of instructor resources, including the following:

- Test bank
- Slides in PowerPoint format
- Instructor's manual

# **Acknowledgments**

This book is a result of a passion for leadership that was instilled in me as a young boy and student. That passion was fostered by several people throughout my lifetime. With the guidance and direction of many excellent teachers and a few close mentors, I came to realize that dedicated and intentional leaders can change the environment for the better. Therefore, I wish to acknowledge all of the people who contributed to my understanding of the practice of leadership. Obviously, I cannot acknowledge each and every person who has been an influence on my leadership or my thinking about leadership, but even if you are not named here, please know that I am grateful nonetheless.

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