



Tom Ford, MS, AT, ATC – MATS Hall of Fame Inductee Class of 2018

Place of employment when selected into the Hall of Fame: Oakland University

Education:

- **University of Arizona (MS, 1982)**
- **Ball State University (BS, 1981)**

Tom Ford has served the Athletic Training profession through his clinical experiences, leadership, and volunteering. He provided care for patients in the collegiate, secondary school, professional sports. Before his time as the Head Athletic Trainer at Oakland University in 1988, Tom served as an Assistant Athletic Trainer with the Dallas Cowboys and a Head Athletic Trainer for a high school in Houston, Texas. Tom showed considerable leadership during his almost 30-year tenure as the Head Athletic Trainer at Oakland University (1988-2017), serving countless student-athletes with a smile. He volunteered at the Olympic Training Center and USOC with the USA men's ice hockey team. Additionally, he also served the Athletic Training Profession through volunteering as a Regional Representative for MATS. Unfortunately, Tom had to retire due to ALS in 2017. In 2023, Tom's passing was felt by family, numerous Athletic Trainers, former student-athletes from Oakland University, and Oakland University staff. Colleagues remember Tom as "benevolent, thoughtful, and dedicated to the Athletic Training profession."