

# The GATE

## Master of Athletic Training



Class of 2024

### WELCOME FROM DR. HUDSON

Thank you for taking a few moments to read about the “happenings” within the Baylor MAT program. Our MAT program has been in existence for 5 full years, and we were one of the first to transition to the graduate level in Texas. Our Mission is to offer a nationally competitive clinical and didactic education aimed at the development of scholars and leaders who will advance the profession of athletic training. The MAT develops a contemporary clinician with the ability to practice with other medical professionals in a variety of healthcare settings. Our core values are **Courage, Compassion, Creativity, Growth Mindset, Vulnerability, Connection, and Integrity**. This issue will introduce you to current students and alumni of our program.  
Happy Reading,  
Dr. Hudson



Dr. Heather Hudson  
MAT Program Director



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### WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MAT ALUM - JERON KNOX

To new MAT Students: make sure you fully immerse yourself in the classroom and each clinical placement. What you put in is what you will get out. I am reminded of Colossians 3:23-24 when I reflect on my time in the program. The program will be challenging at times but everything in this life that is worth having has some challenges. I am blessed that I went through this program as it has set me up for success.





## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: DAPHNE PERON

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In high school, I discovered my love and passion for helping others improve their physical abilities and overcome challenges. My initial undergraduate degree is in Criminology and Justice Studies. During the pandemic, I had time to evaluate what I wanted out of life. The idea of becoming an athletic trainer was always in the back of my mind which led me to pursue a second undergraduate degree in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Movement Science. This experience jumpstarted my journey into the Master of Athletic Training Program at Baylor University.

In the future, I am to work in a military or law enforcement setting where I can apply my knowledge in criminology and athletic training to make a positive impact and help others reach their full potential.

### ON THE FIELD: CHRISTINA LANDRUM


Christina Landrum enters her first season as a full-time Assistant Athletic Trainer, serving both the Women's Tennis and Cheer programs at University of Maryland. Previously, Christina completed two internships as an Athletic Trainer for the Ohio State Men's and Women's Track and Field & Cross Country Teams (2021-2022) and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with Football, Tennis, and Track & Field (2022-2023).

Before becoming a Baylor Bear, Christina received her Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology at Hampton University.



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