

# Bill Ito Named 2019 CCCAA Athletic Trainer of the Year

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(Sacramento, CA) **Mt. SAC Head Athletic Trainer Bill Ito has been named California Community College Athletics Association (CCCAA) Athletic Trainer of the Year.** The annual award is presented by and voted upon by his peers in the California Community College Athletic Trainers Association.

Since his arrival in January of 2008, Ito has served the Mt. SAC Student-Athletes, tending to their medical needs. He currently serves the men's and women's Cross Country and Track & Field Programs, Men's and Women's Soccer Programs as well as the handling medical director duties for the world renown Mt. SAC Relays and Mt. SAC Cross Country Invitational. Ito is an integral part of the teams he handles medical duties for and is a big reason his teams have captured a whopping 14 CCCAA State Championships between them during his tenure.

Ito is considered by many to be one of the premier athletic trainers in the world. He has served on 10 USA Track and Field (USATF) delegations, including 5 world championship teams and the 2016 US Olympic Track and Field Team. He also serves as the Medical Director of the **National Pole Vault Summit in Reno, Nevada.** The Summit is the world's largest gathering of pole vaulters, pole vault coaches and fans with over 43,000 attendees, including many of the top pole vaulters in the world.

“Bill has a real respect and caring attitude to every single student-athlete regardless of their sport or ability,” replies Mt. SAC Director of Athletic Special Events, Doug Todd. “He is a real professional, sought after expert in his field and caring individual. This is a well deserved honor!”

Ito will receive his award and be recognized at the Honoring Our Own Luncheon, which will be held on March 28th, at the California Community College Athletic Association Annual Convention, in Concord (CA).

## **Bill Ito's National Team Medical Team Delegations**

- 2006 - IAAF World Junior Outdoor Championships: Beijing, China / Assistant Athletic Trainer
- 2008 - IAAF World Half Marathon Championships: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil / Head Athletic Trainer
- 2010 - IAAF World Junior Outdoor Championships: Moncton, Canada / Assistant Athletic Trainer
- 2011 - IAAF World Youth Outdoor Championships: Lille, France / Head Athletic Trainer
- 2012 - Pan Am Combined Events Cup: Ottawa, Canada / Head Athletic Trainer
- 2013 - IAAF World (Senior) Outdoor Championships: Moscow, Russia / Assistant Athletic Trainer
- 2014 - IAAF World Junior Outdoor Championships: Eugene, Oregon / Head Athletic Trainer
- 2015 - IAAF World (Senior) Outdoor Championships: Beijing, China / Assistant Athletic Trainer
- 2016 - IAAF World (Senior) Indoor Championships: Portland, OR / Assistant Athletic Trainer
- 2016 - IOC / Olympic Games: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil / Assistant Athletic Trainer



Congratulations to Gio Lanaro and Bill Ito, on March 13th they got recognized at the Board meeting. Gio is earned tenure and Bill is the State Athletics Trainer of the Year!! Proud of these amazing people in our athletes lives! #ProudMounties #ShoutOut #Honored #MtSACFamily