



# National Academy of Recreational Therapists

## 2019-2020 NART Awards

### Goals of NART

Establish a network of recognized scholars and outstanding practitioners who have significantly contributed to the advancement of recreational therapy

Advance the public awareness and understanding of the recreational therapy profession by conducting and advancing research and scholarly activities to improve recreational therapy practice, patient/consumer outcomes and education for safe and effective recreational therapy practice

Promote adoption and consistent application of evidence-based professional standards and guidelines for the delivery of safe and effective recreational therapy practice

Support conducting research and scholarly activities to advance and improve delivery of recreational therapy services in the treatment, rehabilitation and education of individuals in need of recreational therapy

Recognize best practices and promoting research and scholarly activities to enhance educational opportunities

Academies are honorific societies composed of the most accomplished leaders of a profession. Individuals elected to inclusion in an Academy have continuing dialogue regarding the critical issues facing their field and provide expertise and counsel on how best to address these issues in order to advance their profession.

The National Academy of Recreational Therapists (NART) is a national academy that pursues activities to support and advance the recreational therapy profession by recognition, education, research, scholarly activity, advocacy, and the provision of advice to decision makers.

Membership in NART is by invitation. Candidates must be nominated by a NART Fellow and must (a) hold national certification as a CTRS® or have been formerly certified as a CTRS® before retirement; (b) hold a state license, registration, or certification in compliance with state regulations; (c) demonstrate competence through professional activities over a minimum of 10 years; (d) demonstrate a minimum of two of the following: quality as well as quantity of contributions to the literature of the profession, recognition of leadership and extensive participation in professional associations and organizations, and/or acknowledged outstanding performance as a teacher, leader, administrator, practitioner, or researcher in the field of recreational therapy; and (e) indicate a willingness to further the goals of the National Academy of Recreational Therapists and participate in its affairs.

### NART Future Scholar

With great pleasure, the NART Board of Directors, announces the 2020 NART Scholar: Tim Miller, SUNY Cortland, MS student.

Tim Miller is pursuing a Master of Science Degree in Recreation/Therapeutic Recreation from the State University of New York at Cortland with coursework finishing during Fall 2020 and an internship Spring 2021 to complete requirements. A Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Information was earned from Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York, in 1992. Tim currently is employed full-time as a Senior Software Engineer with Sierra Nevada Corporation in Folsom, California.



Tim is an adaptive sport athlete whose participation in outdoor adaptive sports dates from 1997. Tim's adaptive sport experiences include cable wakeboarding, waterskiing, indoor rock climbing, kiteboarding, alpine skiing, cycling, kayaking, ice-skating, and equine-assisted therapy with facilitation training in adaptive rock climbing. Tim's volunteer and advocacy roles commenced at Binghamton where he coordinated activities and volunteers for disability awareness events and planned and implemented Disability Awareness Week. Additionally, since 1995 Tim has engaged in volunteer

experiences with individuals experiencing health issues including 10 years with the AIDS Resources, Information and Services, San Jose. Tim has engaged with individuals with head injuries, mobility impairments, developmental disabilities, and veterans with disabilities.

Tim brings to this profession several competencies resulting from his professional technology positions, volunteer roles, and personal experiences. Congratulations!

The purpose of NART's Future Scholar Program is to provide a currently enrolled master's degree student who is interested in pursuing a doctorate in an area related to therapeutic recreation/recreational therapy with the intention of entering academia as a faculty member in therapeutic recreation/recreational therapy the opportunity to meet some of the leading scholars in the field. The selected applicant is required to attend the ATRA Annual Conference as a guest of the NART and will receive up to \$1,000 from NART to help cover conference expenses.

For more information about NART visit our website at:  
<https://www.nart.academy/>



# National Academy of Recreational Therapists Scholarly Manuscript Award

## *Therapeutic Recreation Journal— Annual in Therapeutic Recreation*

### Sponsored by Sagamore-Venture

The NART Scholarly Manuscript Award is a peer-review award that recognizes one manuscript annually from the *Therapeutic Recreation Journal—Annual in Therapeutic Recreation* (Volume 53, numbers 3 and 4 [2019] and Volume 54 numbers 1 and 2 [2020]) that exhibits outstanding literary contribution to the profession of therapeutic recreation/recreational therapy as demonstrated by the following:

- Exhibits exemplary contribution to the knowledge base and or best practices through research, theory, or evidence-based practice
- Exhibits exemplary adherence to research and writing protocols appropriate to the nature of the manuscript
- Presents innovative model, practice, and/or resolution of need or issue that advances quality of recreational therapy interventions and services
- Presents justification, rationale, evidence from research, and/or practice that advances recreational therapy outcomes providing evidence for the profession's contribution to health
- Facilitates advancement of the APIE-D process through improved accountability and efficacy
- Enhances the theoretical foundation of therapeutic recreation/recreational therapy practices
- Fosters practices that address a broad clientele spectrum contributing to interprofessional outcomes

### NART Scholarly Manuscript Award Winners

This year's award is presented to Dr. Leandra A. Bedini, Laura E. Kelly, Kate McKenzie, and Kathryn L. Mitchell, for their manuscript "Impact of a Pilot Adaptive Sports Intervention on Residents at a Skilled Nursing Facility" [Special Issue ATRA Annual] *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*, 53(4), 340-367. <https://doi.org/10.18666/TRJ-2019-V53-I4-9755>. Congratulations.



### Congratulations also to the finalists:

Shintaro Kono and Susan Burton, "The Applicability of Therapeutic Recreation to Post-Disaster Lives: The Leisure and Well-Being Model Perspective, *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*, 53(3), 193-209. <https://doi.org/10.18666/TRJ-2019-V53-I3-9664>.