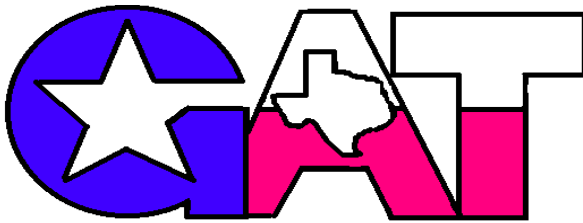


Gymnastics Association of Texas



Ceremony of Honors

Renaissance Austin Hotel
Austin, Texas
August 31, 2024

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NATIONAL HONOR AWARDS

The Honor Award is presented annually to persons who have brought honor to the State of Texas by their service as leaders of National Organizations, coaching of champions and/or winning of National titles in gymnastics.

GOLD HONOR AWARDS

The Gymnastics Association of
Texas wishes to recognize the
gymnasts and coaches of the

2024 Olympic Teams

that represented Texas at the
2024 Olympic Games in
Paris, France:

Simone Biles	Cecile Landi
Jordan Chiles	Laurent Landi
Hezley Rivera	Valeri Liukin
Asher Hong	Anna Liukin
Joscelyn Roberson	Tom Meadows



Medal Count: 3 Gold, 1 Silver, 6 Bronze



TEXAS GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION HONOR AWARDS

WOMEN

Denise	Coats-Lauriat	Judged NCAA Nationals, Level 10
Tammy	De Guzman	Judged at the 2024 Asian Gymnastics Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Donna	Robacker	Judged Level 10 Nationals on Uneven
Jhoannys	Ruiz	Judged at 2024 Winter Cup
Amanda	Stroud	Judged Winter Cup, American Classic, US Classic, and US Championships; Represented the US as a judge for 2024 Gymnix International Competition in Montreal, Canada



MEN

Travis	Blue	Judged at 2024 Houston National Invitational, 2024 Region 3 Optional Championships, 2024 Liukin Invitational, and 2024 National Championships
Eric	Briley	Judged at 2024 Houston National Invitational, 2024 All Academy, 2024 NCAA Championships, and serves as the Region 3 Regional Operational & Education Director
JT	Fletcher	Judged at 2024 Beach Blast, 2024 Houston National Invitational, 2024 Region 3 Optional Championships, and 2024 Western Championships
Daniel	Furney	Judged at 2024 Liukin Invitational
Justin	James	Judged at 2024 Region 3 Optional Championships and Region 3 Compulsory Championships
Brandon	Kays	Judged at 2024 Beach Blast and 2024 Region 3 Compulsory Championships
Omar	Loya	Judged at 2024 Beach Blast, 2024 Houston National Invitational, and 2024 Region 3 Compulsory Championships
Jim	McKinney	Judged at 2024 Liukin Invitational
Chris	Muenz	Judged at 2024 Beach Blast, 2024 All Academy, and 2024 NCAA Championships

Kevin	Muenz	Judged at 2024 Houston National Invitational, 2024 All Academy, 2024 Region 3 Optional Championships, 2024 Region 3 Compulsory Championships, 2024 Olympic Trials, and serves as the Region 3 Regional Director
Andrew	Parker	Judged at 2024 Liukin Invitational, 2024 Region 3 Optional Championships, and 2024 Western Championships
Courtney	Parker	Judged at 2024 Liukin Invitational, 2024 Region 3 Optional Championships, and 2024 Western Championships
Jorge	Sandavol	Judged at 2024 Houston National Invitational and 2024 Liukin Invitational
Mark	Sherman	Judged at 2024 Houston National Invitational, 2024 All Academy, 2024 Winter Cup, 2024 US Championships, 2024 Olympic Trials, and serves as the NGJA Education Director
Sean	Sims	Judged at 2024 Region 3 Compulsory Championships
Amanda	Stroud	Judged at 2024 Beach Blast
Cameron	Sweny	Judged at 2024 Houston National Invitational, 2024 All Academy, 2024 Region 3 Optional Championships, 2024 US Championships, and 2024 Olympic Trials
Sean	Townsend	Judged at 2024 Beach Blast

COLLEGIATE HONOR AWARDS

National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Association (NCATA)

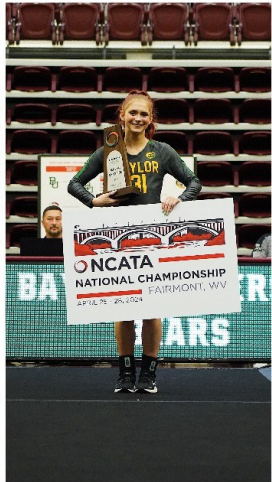
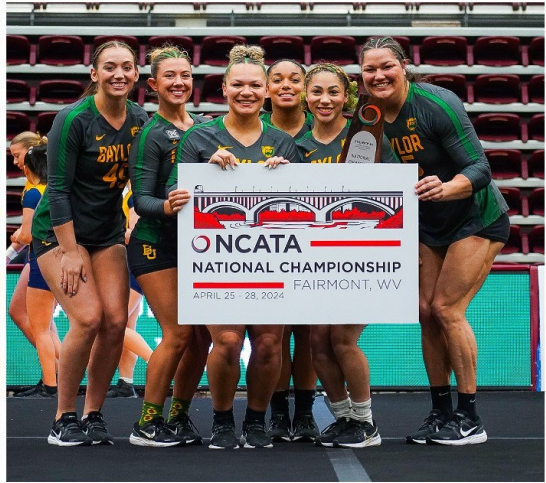
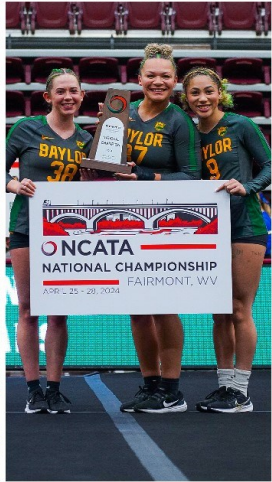
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

2024 NCATA National Champions



D'ahni	Branch	Inversion Pyramid National Champion
Morgan	Brown	6 Element Acro National Champion, Inversion Pyramid National Champion
Savannah	Cecil	Ariel Tumbling Pass National Champion
Riley	Chimwala	5 Element Acro National Champion, 6 Element Acro National Champion, Inversion Pyramid National Champion, 450 Salto Toss National Champion, NCATA D1 Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year, and NCATA D1 All-American Team
Zoe	Collins	6 Element Acro National Champion

Brennah	Cotner	Inversion Pyramid National Champion, 450 Salto Toss National Champion
Addi	Grandy	6 Element Acro National Champion, Inversion Pyramid National Champion
Jordan	Gruendler	5 Element Acro National Champion, 7 Element Acro National Champion, Inversion Pyramid National Champion, NCATA D1 Specialist of the Year, NCATA All-Academic Team, NCATA D1 All-American Team
Charlyze	Hemby	6 Element Acro National Champion
Bayley	Humphrey	7 Element Acro National Champion, Inversion Pyramid National Champion, 450 Salto Toss National Champion, NCATA D1 All-American Team
Ally	Joswick	6 Element Acro National Champion
Aliyah	Kaloostian	7 Element Acro National Champion, 450 Salto Toss National Champion
Ellie	LaNeve	6 Element Acro National Champion





Kensey	Schilhab	Inversion Pyramid National Champion
Alyiah	Thomas	6 Element Acro National Champion
Addi	Vessozi	6 Element Acro National Champion
Payton	Washington	5 Element Acro National Champion, 450 Salto Toss National Champion, Open Tumbling Pass National Champion, NCATA D1 Freshman of the Year, NCATA D1 All-American Team
Meredith	Wells	450 Salto Toss National Champion
Felecia	Mulkey	Head Coach of National Champions
Kelsey	Rowell	Assistant Coach of National Champions
Cassandra	Rowell	Assistant Coach of National Champions
Courtney	Oates	Assistant Coach of National Champions
Shayla	Moore	Assistant Coach of National Champions
Treasure	Fields	Director of Operations for National Champions

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

Texas gymnasts competing in college programs

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Women's Gymnastics

2024 NCAA Gymnastics National Champions

Amari Drayton NCAA National Champion - Team

Kiya Johnson NCAA National Champion - Team

K.J. Johnson NCAA National Champion - Team

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Men's Gymnastics

2024 NCAA Gymnastics National Champions

J.R. Chou NCAA National Champion - Team:
Stanford University

Asher Hong NCAA National Champion - Team:
Stanford University; NCAA Rings
Champion, NCAA Vault Champion, NCAA
Parallel Bars Champion

Colt Walker NCAA National Champion - Team:
Stanford University



AMARI DRAYTON



KIYA JOHNSON



KJ JOHNSON



USA GYMNASTICS

MEN'S HONOR AWARDS

ABOVE THE BAR

Josepu Sukal Level 8 Junior A Floor National Champion,
Pommel Horse National Champion

ACROTEX

Raphael de Oliveira Level 10 Junior C Vault National
Champion and High Bar National
Champion

Peter Kecskes Level 10 Junior D Still Rings National
Champion, Vault National Champion,
and High Bar National Champion

CHAMPIONS

Alex Tsakiris Level 9 Senior A Still Rings National
Champion

CYPRESS ACADEMY

Anthony Martinez Level 8 Junior C High Bar National
Champion

Lucas Munante Level 8 Still Rings National Champion and
Vault National Champion

POWERHOUSE

Kenyan Vi Level 9 Junior A Vault National Champion,
and High Bar National Champion

TEXAS DREAMS

Jun Iwai Level 10 Champion at Elite Team Cup

Kade Turay Level 8 Junior A All-Around National
Champion and Pommel Horse National
Champion

Alex Winelock Level 8 Junior A Parallel Bars National
Champion

Nori Iwai Coach of National Champion

WOGA GYMNASTICS

AJ Dietrich Level 9 Junior A Pommel Horse National
Champion and Still Rings National
Champion



USAG GYMNASTICS FOR ALL HONOR AWARDS

BIRON GYMNASTICS

Level 4 TeamGym National Champions

Olivia	Allen	Level 4 TeamGym National Champion
Katia	Hillier	Level 4 TeamGym National Champion
Emma Rose	Kaminsky	Level 4 TeamGym National Champion
Ryan	Le	Level 4 TeamGym National Champion
Giulia	Mandracchia	Level 4 TeamGym National Champion
Lexi	Nguyen	Level 4 TeamGym National Champion
London	Sadlowski	Level 4 TeamGym National Champion
Gabrielle	Gardner	Coach of National Champions
Edward	Landry	Coach of National Champions
Michelle	Moreleon	Coach of National Champions
Ana Paulina	Munoz Ledo	Coach of National Champions



RISE GYMNASTICS

Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist and Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show

Leighton	Breslin	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Emma	Chedal-Anglay	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Sarah	Chedal-Anglay	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Isabella	Deeds	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Ella	Deutsch	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Sloane	Emerson	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Savannah	Franz	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show

Molly	Guillory	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Joanna	Kates	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Brenna	Laderer	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Nikki	Macia	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Savannah	McLaughlin	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Emery	McLean	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Ginny	McLean	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Grace	McLean	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Milana	Meeks	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Lacey	Mitchell	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show

Anna Kate	Rondon	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Karly	Taylor	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Kendy	Taylor	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Katerina	Yoder	Gym For Life Challenge Gold Medalist; Gym For Life Challenge Best in Show
Michelle	Goddin	Coach of Gold Medalists and National Champions
Alyssa	Marek	Coach of Gold Medalists and National Champions



RISE GYMNASTICS

Level 7 TeamGym National Champions

Sarah	Chedal-Anglay	Level 7 TeamGym National Champion
Isabella	Deeds	Level 7 TeamGym National Champion
Brenna	Laderer	Level 7 TeamGym National Champion
Nikki	Macia	Level 7 TeamGym National Champion
Ginny	McLean	Level 7 TeamGym National Champion
Anna Kate	Rondon	Level 7 TeamGym National Champion
Kendy	Taylor	Level 7 TeamGym National Champion
Katerina	Yoder	Level 7 TeamGym National Champion

SHOWCASE GYMNASTICS

Level 1 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champions

Aubrey	Baker	Level 1 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Sira	Balakrishnan	Level 1 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Ana Paulina	De Leon	Level 1 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Caroline	Evans	Level 1 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Neveah	Farrell	Level 1 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Olivia	Fuller	Level 1 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Maddie	McGeoghegan	Level 1 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Amelie	Moore	Level 1 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Juliet	O'Neil	Level 1 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Viviana	Ramos	Level 1 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion



SHOWCASE GYMNASTICS

Level 2 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champions



Aubrey	Baker	Level 2 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Alessandra	Chang	Level 2 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Caroline	Evans	Level 2 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Merritt	Foley	Level 2 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Dasha	Fomicheva	Level 2 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Olivia	Fuller	Level 2 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Ashley	Gaw	Level 2 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Maddie	McGeoghegan	Level 2 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion

Grace	Capers	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Alana	Chang	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Megan	Chester	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Merritt	Foley	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Bridget	Hoffman	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Samantha	Iskandar	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Samantha	Monarch	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Allie	Parrish	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Martina	Pelligrini	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Clarke	Renfro	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Gabi	Roncal	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Julie	Roncal	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion
Sadie	Townsend	Level 3 Acrobatics and Tumbling National Champion

SHOWCASE GYMNASTICS
Level 9 TeamGym National Champions



Lindsey	Anderson	Level 9 TeamGym National Champion
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Mary Rose	Bollman	Level 9 TeamGym National Champion
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Tessa	Cupples	Level 9 TeamGym National Champion
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Merritt	Foley	Level 9 TeamGym National Champion
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McKenna	Gore	Level 9 TeamGym National Champion
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Julie	Roncal	Level 9 TeamGym National Champion
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Emma	Tsai	Level 9 TeamGym National Champion
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SHOWCASE GYMNASTICS

Level 10 TeamGym National Champions



Destiny	Bennett	Level 10 TeamGym National Champion
Regina	Cadena	Level 10 TeamGym National Champion
Cate	Cupples	Level 10 TeamGym National Champion
Adriana	Medina	Level 10 TeamGym National Champion
Samantha	Monarch	Level 10 TeamGym National Champion
Andresa	Orendain	Level 10 TeamGym National Champion
Clarke	Renfro	Level 10 TeamGym National Champion
Jessica	Self	Level 10 TeamGym National Champion
Angelina	Tan	Level 10 TeamGym National Champion
Ayla	Wojahn	Level 10 TeamGym National Champion

Coaches of Showcase Gymnastics

Nicole	Anderson	Coach of National Champions
Hannah	Blunt	Coach of National Champions
Ramon	Brown	Coach of National Champions
Keri	Collins	Coach of National Champions
Cheryl	Cupples	Coach of National Champions
Claire	Cupples	Coach of National Champions
Bridget	Hoffman	Coach of National Champions
Kasside	Radcliff	Coach of National Champions
Jessica	Self	Coach of National Champions



USAG ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS HONOR AWARDS

ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS OF SAN ANTONIO

Hadley	Earnest	11-16 Women's Pair Bronze medalist in Budapest, Vegas Acro Cup Silver medalist, Gold medalist at Canada Grizzly Classic
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Bethany	Strawn	11-16 Women's Pair Bronze medalist in Budapest, Vegas Acro Cup Silver medalist, Gold medalist at Canada Grizzly Classic
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Chandler	Wendorf	11-16 Women's Pair National Champion
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Hailey	Young	11-16 Women's Pair National Champion
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Ayla	Vargas	13-19 Women's Group; Silver medal at Flander's International Acro Cup in Belgium; Gold medal for Balance at Vegas International Acro Cup, silver medal for Dynamic at Vegas International Acro Cup, Gold medal for Combined at Vegas International Acro Cup
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Hannah	Davis	13-19 Women's Group; Silver medal at Flander's International Acro Cup in Belgium; Gold medal for Balance at Vegas International Acro Cup, silver medal for Dynamic at Vegas International Acro Cup, Gold medal for Combined at Vegas International Acro Cup
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Gabriella	Vathy	13-19 Women's Group; Silver medal at Flander's International Acro Cup in Belgium; Gold medal for Balance at Vegas International Acro Cup, silver medal for Dynamic at Vegas International Acro Cup, Gold medal for Combined at Vegas International Acro Cup
Caitlin	Villarreal	Blocks XCEL Gold Age 11-12 International Gold Medalist
Eva	Escobar	Gold Level Blocks International Competitor
Bryson	Codrington	Junior Elite 12-18 Mixed Pair National Champion, National Team Member
Jada	Lea	Junior Elite 12-18 Mixed Pair National Champion, National Team Member
Giana	Johnson	Junior Elite 12-18 Women's Pair, Junior National Team, World Age Group competitor
Emma	Oregel	Junior Elite 12-18 Women's Pair, Junior National Team, World Age Group competitor
Imani	Cummings	Level 10 Women's Pair National Champion
Ryan	Surratt	Level 10 Women's Pair National Champion

Myla	Marcina	Level 8 Women's Pair 13-14 National Champion, Gold medalist at Vegas Acro Cup
Kylen	Gregory	Level 8 Women's Pair 13-14 National Champion, Gold medalist at Vegas Acro Cup
Allyson	Stone	Senior National Team member; named to the Acrobatic World Cup Series
Vladimir	Vladev	Coach of National Champions and International competitors
Michael	Hassey	Coach of National Champions and International competitors
Kaeylarae	Brogden	Coach of National Champions and international medalists



TEXAS ACADEMY OF ACROBATICS AND GYMNASTICS

Natalia	Cantu	Level 7 Women's Pair 11-, National and International Competitor
Adriana	Rodriguez	Level 7 Women's Pair 11-, National and International Competitor
Yuliya	Eremina	Coach of National Champions
Anna	Smirnova	Coach of National Champions

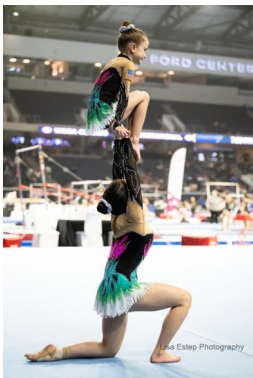
Judges of Acrobatic Gymnastics

Jennifer	Banowsky	Judged 2024 Flip 'N Fun Championships and USA Gymnastics Championships
Brandi	Wren	Judged Flip 'N Fun Championships and USA Gymnastics Championships
Anna	Smirnova	Judged 2024 World Cup in Burgas, Bulgaria, and 2024 US Gymnastics Championships



WOGA GYMNASTICS

Olivia	Chan	11-16 Mixed Pair National
Romuel	Pearson	11-16 Mixed Pair National
Polina	Bakman	12-18 Women's Group Pan American competitor, Junior National Team member
Kate	Gorman	12-18 Women's Group Pan American competitor, Junior National Team member
Lilian	Prumanov	12-18 Women's Group Pan American competitor, Junior National Team member
Isabella	Flemming	Level 7 Women's Pair 14+ National Champion
Acey	Allgood	Level 7 Women's Pair 14+ National Champion
Aubrey	Rosilier	Coach of Internation Competitors, National Champions, and National Team Members



USAG TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING HONOR AWARDS

CHAMPIONS WESTLAKE

Brayan	Spencer	Level 5 Double Mini age 9-10 Gold medalist at Stars and Stripes
Alexander	Pana	Level 7 Boys 9-10 Trampoline and Double Mini National Champion
Michael	Lachner	Coach of National Champions
Mitch	Arick	Coach of National Champion

EXTREME CHEER AND TUMBLE

Tommy	Horal	Youth Elite, Synchro Trampoline National Champion
Wyatt	Otto	Youth Elite, Trampoline and Double Mini National Champion, Youth Elite Synchro Trampoline National Champion
Kari	Smith	Level 8 Tumbling and Double Mini
Henry	Holloway	Coach of National Champions
Destiny	Suitor	Coach of National Champions

FULL FORCE

Kendall	Helms	Level 8 age 15+ Trampoline National Champion
Daizy	Rickman	Level 9 Double Mini and Synchro National Champion
Chad	Ganaway	Coach of National Champion; 24 consecutive years of national champions



EAGLE GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

Kate	Arakawa	Competed at World Age-Group competition
Hope	Bravo	Competed at World Championships
Drew	Collins	Coach of National Champions and International competitors
Cate	Devlin	Open 17-21, Tumbling National Champion
Grace	Encalade	Competed at World Age-Group competition
Ezra	Forbess	Level 5 age 11-12, Trampoline National Champion
Susan	Gill	Senior National Team member for Double Mini and Trampoline
Skyelar	Hawk	Junior Elite, Tumbling National Champion, Junior National Team member for Tumbling
Casen	Kim	Youth Elite 13-14, Trampoline National Champion, Elite Development National Team for Trampoline
Blakeli	Maiale	Level 7 age 11-12, Trampoline National Champion
Jared	Olsen	Coach of National Champions and International competitors

Issac	Rowley	Competed at World Championships, Senior National Team member for Trampoline
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GYMAGIC

Olivia	Walford	Level 9 Syncho National Champion
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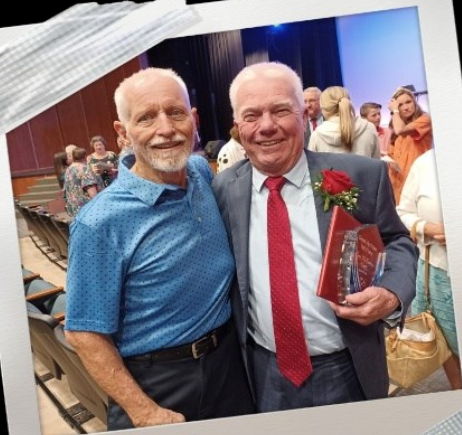
SHOWCASE GYMNASTICS

Cate	Cupples	Intermediate Elite Double Mini National Champion
Kasside	Radcliff	Coach of National Champion


TEXAS TUMBLING & TRAMPOLINE INSTITUTE

Kenzie	Lumbert	Level 6 Trampoline age 9-10 National Champion
Kaley	Blandford	Level 9 Trampoline age 11-12 National Champion, qualified for Jumpstart Team 2024-2025 in Trampoline and Double-Mini
Lisa	Gandy	Coach of National Champions
Bill	Gandy	Coach of National Champions





A RINGSIDE SEAT




Both Alabama High boys gymnastics coach Bob Sanderson (left) and Cooper boys gymnastics coach Jim McKinney will be working as the floor at the Olympic gymnastics competition to Atlanta later this month.

Both Sanderson and McKinney have earned invitations to work at the gymnastics competition

By FRANK WILSON
Staff Writer

It's official — Bob Sanderson and Jim McKinney will be among the world's greatest gymnasts in the Olympic

Olympics SCENES

other events.

They say in women's gymnastics, women it is McKinney said.

Sanderson will be leading one of the four judges' men's groups in charge of setting up, checking and scoring gymnastics equipment at the six previous games and the nation's top training center in the Olympian's gym.

"The company is really glad to have him there," McKinney said. "He worked for them in 1988 at the World Championships."

JAMES JEFFERS

SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD

The James Jeffers Service to Youth Award is presented to the person(s) who does not serve as a gymnastics coach or program director. His/Her service is for a significant period of time, touching the lives of generations of children while making an impact in his/her surrounding community.

2024 JAMES JEFFERS

SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

LORI LAZNOVSKY



Lori Laznovsky started gymnastics through the American Sokol Organization at the age of three participating in many aspects of the sport. As an adult, she served the organization in various leadership roles including Southern District Women's Physical Director, National Instructors School Staff member, National Camp Director, National Public Relations Director and National Membership Director.

Lori was appointed as a founding member of the first USA Gymnastics for All Committee. In this role, she helped create national programs including TeamGym, national festivals and the USA participation in International GfA events. Lori was a member of the first official USA delegation to the World Gymnaestrada in 1995 Berlin and has since served as the Delegation Manager and Head of Delegation for the USA participation in the World Gymnaestrada and World Gym for Life Challenge.

Lori is the current USA Gymnastics for All Technical Director and is a member of the Pan American Gymnastics Union GfA Committee. She participated in the first Experts FIG Foundations Course and serves as a resource for developing Gymnastics for All programs around the United States and the world.

Lori is constantly looking for opportunities for ALL participants to experience the joy, community and friendship that gymnastics can provide!

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a person(s) who has given outstanding recent service to the gymnastics development and gymnastics programs in Texas.

2024 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

COURTNEY PARKER



Courtney Parker began her gymnastics journey in 1991 after watching Kim Zmeskal win the World AA title.

From 1991 to 2001, Courtney trained in the Dallas area at Half In Half Out and Dallas Gymnastics Center. From 1999 to 2013, Courtney coached at Dallas Gymnastics Center, ASI, Texas Dreams, and Southlake Gymnastics Academy. During this time, she served in many capacities including recreational instructor, competitive coach, and program director.

Courtney was a T&T double mini and tumbling judge from 2009-2011 and has been a Men's Gymnastics Judge since 2011. She has been involved with middle school, high school, Texas Gymnastics Judges Association, TGC and educational development. She has judged numerous competitions including Texas State, Region 3 and Western Championships. Starting in 2013 she helped design and teach the State Judges Course. Since 2015 she has had the opportunity to present on multiple topics at the GAT Judging School.

She currently serves as the TGJA Secretary & Texas High School Gymnastics Coaches Association as the Region IV Coaches Representative. She served as the Texas Men's Coaches Communication Chair from 2011 until 2023 working with three State Chairmen as the state saw incredible growth in the sport.

Along with her husband Andrew, whom she met at GAT in 2010, she cofounded the FLIPAGS scholarship, an alumni-based scholarship for the Texas A&M gymnastics program. Courtney continues to sit on the board and works to bring more awareness to the Texas A&M program.

In 2017 Courtney was diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer, and it was with the support of the Texas gymnastics community that she battled and won her fight. She is currently 6 years cancer free.

Courtney lives in Saginaw, where she teaches and coaches at Saginaw High School. She has been married for 10 years to Andrew. They have a daughter, Blair Kay, who is 8 years old. Blair Kay has grown up attending GAT, her first being at 2 months old.

HEART OF A CHAMPION AWARD

The Heart of a Champion Award is presented to a person(s) who has given outstanding service to the development and growth of special needs gymnastics programs in Texas.

2024 HEART OF A CHAMPION AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

APRIL SAWYER



Being a preschool/team gymnastics coach in Houston led to April's interest in working with children with special needs. The springboard actually began at GAT.

Eighteen years ago, GAT featured two sessions about starting a gymnastics program with Special Olympics. Afterwards, she went back to the gym and found one little girl, almost 7 years old, who had Down Syndrome. She was in a mainstreamed preschool class and would be April's first and only gymnast on her New Special Olympics Gymnastics Team for that year. The closest competition was in San Antonio. After the first meet, April discovered that this was the little girl's first time winning at anything and receiving a medal for her hard work. This motivated April to work hard at making the team grow.

Every year there were more children with special needs coming to the gym, some on the Competition team, others one on one with the coaches, and some in a group class with their parents. The team needed other teams to be closer, so April trained another local gym to start a competitive program for athletes with special needs in Houston.

Besides teaching at GAT, National Congresses, and Regional Congresses, she has also started teams in other areas as well as a Unified TeamGym group that competed at Nationals and received the highest scores in their division. One 24 year old athlete said that this was his best experience. April really feels it is important not to put a ceiling on these athletes. They need to be challenged and allowed to have the same great experiences and accomplishments as other athletes in the gym.

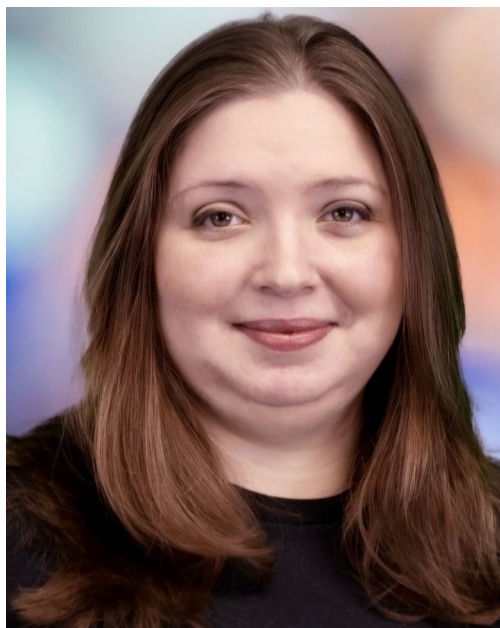
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2024 HEART OF A CHAMPION AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

KRISTEN BASEL



I have spent my entire life in the world of gymnastics. From growing up in my family's gymnastics academy to becoming a competitive athlete then transitioning to a coach, my childhood was centered around gymnastics. Even after college I returned to the family gym to work the front office, run the special events and competitions and eventually I became one of the gym managers. From 2012-2022 I served as Secretary and Banquet Committee Member for the Gymnastics Association of Texas. With my background in event planning, I truly enjoyed being able to serve the gymnastics community by planning and designing the annual banquets for coaches and athletes.

In August of 2022, I was given the opportunity to join Special Olympics Texas as a Program Director in southeast Texas. Special Olympics Texas is a sports organization that provides quality sports training and competitions to youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In this role I have had the opportunity to grow the gymnastics program within this amazing organization. Simultaneously, SOTX has grown my knowledge and understanding of over 20 different sports!

One of the most rewarding aspects of this position is getting to know the athletes and coaches who have such a passion for life and sport. This especially touches my heart when I see our athletes compete in gymnastics, a sport known for its athleticism and grace. I am incredibly grateful for all that I have learned from the athletes and their families.

I have been blessed to have the full support of Special Olympics Texas to ensure that gymnasts with IDD are given every opportunity to shine and grow. Teaming up with the coaches and volunteers pave the way for our athletes to participate in sports that they otherwise may never have had the opportunity to experience. Now, at the start of my third year with SOTX I plan to work with gyms across the state to provide more opportunities for our Special Olympics Texas athletes. This 2024-2025 season is an especially important year where athletes are competing to become qualified for the 2026 USA Games!

PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

Pride of Texas Award is presented to the person(s) who has worked for the past several years serving and supporting the GAT community.

2024 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD
PRESENTED TO:

ROBERT “BOB” SANDERSON



BOB SANDERSON was the Head Gymnastics Coach at Abilene High for 16 years (1983-99) and has amassed a coaching career that spans 24 years between Abilene and Lebanon, KY. His teams at Marion County High School (KY) qualified for the state meet 7 times and won state championships in 1982 and 1983.

During his 16 years at Abilene High, Sanderson led his 1989 team to a state championship. He also led teams that earned a 2nd place finish one time and a 3rd place finish on two different occasions. Sanderson coached 7 district champions and 4 regional champions while at Abilene High School. He has also coached nine gymnasts who qualified for the National High School Championship Meet.

He is a 2-time National High School Gymnastics Association Coach of the Year award winner and won the Texas High School Gymnastics Coach of the Year award in 1989. Sanderson is a 7-time District Coach of the Year and 4-time Regional Coach of the Year.

During the 1990s, Bob served at the Treasurer of the Gymnastics Association of Texas. He started the GAT database of members and exhibitors, and published and distributed the GAT Membership directory. Bob was inducted into the Texas High School Gymnastics Coaches Hall of Honor in 2023.

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**2024 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD
PRESENTED TO:**

JIM MCKINNEY



Jim McKinney was the Head Gymnastics Coach at Abilene Cooper High School for 25 years. His Cougars gymnastics teams won three state championships while McKinney was at the helm of the program.

Jim was named the Texas High School Gymnastics Coach of the Year five times and was twice named the National Gymnastics Coach the Year. McKinney has also judged 120 national championship gymnastics meets, including the U.S. Olympic Trials, USA Nationals and the NCAA Championships. He has been inducted into the Texas High School Gymnastics Hall of Fame, the Gymnastics Association of Texas Hall of Fame and the National Judges Association Hall of Fame.

Jim McKinney has over 40 years experience as a competitor, coach, and judge. He is a Life member of GAT (Gymnastics Association of Texas), and a past president of the Texas High School Coaches Association.

ROME MILAN HERITAGE AWARD

The Rome Milan Heritage Award is presented to the person(s) who contribute to the development of gymnastics in Texas throughout his/her lifetime, but the impact reaches far beyond the state.

2024 ROME MILAN HERITAGE AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

DARLENE SCHMIDT



Darlene came to Texas in 1968 specifically to develop a women's collegiate gymnastics team at Southwest Texas State (currently Texas State University) - which she did! The team's greatest achievement was bringing home the 3rd place Team Trophy from the NCAA Division 2 National Gymnastics Championship in 1984. Today, in 2024, this is still the only Women's NCAA Team Trophy on the Texas State Campus. Am I proud? You bet!

I heard about GAT when attending a Physical Education Convention in El Paso while teaching in Carlsbad, New Mexico. I may have been at that GAT meeting as well. Needless to say, GAT, and gymnastics has been in my blood ever since. I served as President one year and became a Life Member way back. I attended the GAT Board often to look out for Life Members. I continued working with other GAT coaches at various clinics throughout the state. And my blood is still full of GAT and gymnastics.

When I feel to be my greatest professional achievement in gymnastics was to help arrange for a visit of the 2000 USA Women's Gymnastics Team on their way to the Sydney games. Bela knew all of the Texas gymnastics folks were in Austin at the GAT Convention, so he tried for a venue to celebrate the Team's "Road to Sydney" show in Austin—all venues were booked because of GAT! So I was asked to check out a gym at Texas State. Walla! All of GAT and the whole town of San Marcos filled the gym! What a wonderful show it was!

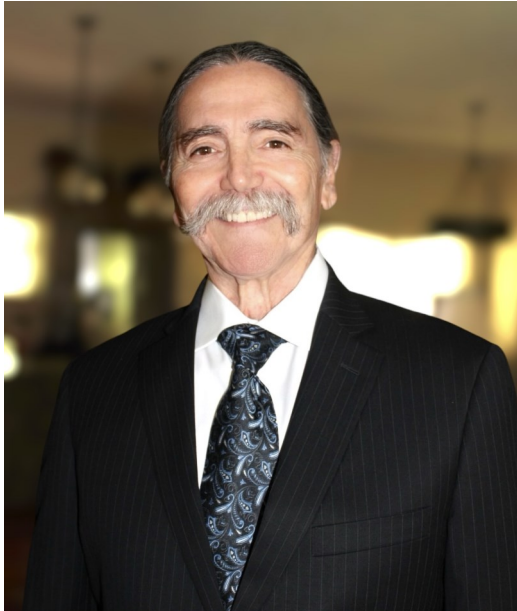
As the years passed, I noticed that the Life Members, as a wondering group, needed a leader. So I pushed myself into that position, attending Board meetings, sending instructions for voting in new members, making sure they knew when and where the convention would be held, etc.

I am honored to accept the Rome Milan Heritage Award. He is missed at GAT. He reminded us of the past and always brought us memories of the Olympics.

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

The Life Member Award is presented to GAT member(s) who have given a long period of outstanding service and accomplishment to the sport of gymnastics.

RICH TREVINO



Rich Trevino:

Rich was a Varsity Baseball player, marching band member then started gymnastics in high school when his home room teacher at Robert E. Lee High School in San Antonio, Texas invited him to try a practice session in 1972. He enjoyed the strength challenges, the sense of flying and camaraderie with members of the team. His teammates took him to practice at the YMCA with Ruben Villalobos and really took a liking to the sport. Soon after he attended a local gymnastics school Gueguen's Gymnastics where he started coaching in exchange for training. Fellow participant, Jack Hyman, and Past GAT President, began a new club called San Antonio Gymnastics School (SAGS) and Rich transferred to his club. By his Senior year in High School, Rich quit the band, quit baseball to pursue gymnastics full time.

Rich was working at 3 clubs then would train at night. Throughout high school Rich would teach at many camps and clinics including Texas Summer Gymnastics camp from 1974 to 1981. He transferred to the University of Arizona gymnastics team in 1977 however, injuries took their toll. He transferred to University of Texas El Paso to coach with Life Member, Pat Hamilton who also owned Texas Summer Gymnastics Camp along with Life Members and mentors Pat and Nikki Yeager, Marcus Yancey, Mr. GAT, Brian Schenk and Rudy Magdeleno. The experience at Texas Summer Gymnastics Camp allowed him to work with many talented coaches and learned the history and to respect and honor the coaches who came before him when the sport was very young. One thing stuck with him from his time spent with Pat Yeager, the 1960 Olympic Games Coach. He said that he wanted to pass on to Rich and of course others, that we were to "pass the torch to the next generation of coaches and athletes". This request is what Rich has tried to do throughout his career.

While coaching at UTEP Rich also coached with Pat Hamilton at his private club gym, Super Novas training Level 10's, Elites and World Class competitive tumblers. After the Olympic boycott of 1980, Pat left El Paso and Rich became Head Coach of the University and began a Continuing Education team of local athletes and an age group team from Juarez, Mexico. Rich while coaching, recruiting, traveling and doing camps and clinics all over the country including Muriel Grossfeld's camp 1979 plus his age group teams, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from UTEP graduating in 1981. When Bela and Marta Karolyi defected in 1981, Pat Alexander connected with Bela and decided to organize a traveling summer camp in 1982 including Rich as Master Staff. On the 5th week of the traveling camp, it made its way to Memphis, Tennessee. There he met and fell in love with his wife of now 40 years, Marilyn. She moved to El Paso and became the choreographer for UTEP and coached the age group teams as well. Due to Title 9 issues at the University, UTEP decided to drop gymnastics and Rich and Marilyn moved to Dallas to work with Kenny Vinyard in March of 1983 at Gymnastics of Texas I(One) and the satellite gym in Lancaster, Texas called Gymnastics of Texas 2. The club was small and Kenny offered to sell them the satellite gym in June of 1984. When Mary Lou Retton won the 1984 Olympics, their waiting list grew to a year and a half.

The gym expanded quickly from 6000sqft to 9000sqft and then 12,000sqft. and they coached many Champion athletes at State, Regionals, Nationals and Elite athletes through the 80' and 90's. In 1997 they moved into their 20,000sqft facility where they ran many successful competitions including an 18 year run with the Carol Hillenburg Invitational, where the club incorporated a new level of entertainment for meets with costumed characters, skits and extremely decorated and themed competitions. Trevino's program was first to begin the Sports Acro program in Texas growing the sport from year 2000. They entertained many International visitors at their gym including World Champions, a Welsh Team, Mexican clubs and exchanged ideas and techniques over the decades. They were fortunate to take many International trips with their athletes several times to train, lecture and share. Trips included a 3 week driving travel trip from Frankfurt, Germany to Vienna, Austria,

Romania, Budapest and back training with various clubs with the invitation coming from the Hungarian National Team. Another was a 10 day trip to Moscow, Russia where they stayed at Dynamo Club and toured the historic gyms of the time. Also trips to England and Wales, Portugal and Spain. Rich also served on several State Boards for USAG Texas, American Gymnastics Association, Texas Amateur Athletic Federation, and he also was awarded for years of service and being “an Ideal Role Model for Youth” in June of 2006 by the Texas State Board.

Throughout all of these years, they have seen so many athletes that have gone through the program to become doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, nurses and many who have continued to “pass the torch” to become coaches and gym owners across the country. They have passed to their kids who continue in his footsteps. They challenge all to “Please continue to pass the torch!”

This is Rich’s 52nd year of coaching gymnastics and 40th year of marriage to Marilyn and running Trevino’s Gymnastics School in Lancaster, Texas. They have 2 kids Richard, 39 years old who runs the Trampoline and Tumbling program at the gym for over 20 years producing Elites, many National Champions and traveling Internationally as well. Their daughter, Katelyn, is a highly accomplished SEC scholarship Athlete of the Year at University of Missouri, 2 Master’s degrees and has her own mental health business for gymnasts, her own clothing line and is a published author while running the artistic program of the gym.

His greatest joy is that their business has been able to keep his family working together daily where we get to see their kids grow up, develop into wonderful, successful coaches take family vacation and business trips. They’ve toured Europe, Asia and more with the family business, Trevino’s Gymnastics School. One of his proudest moments was in 2009 when his wife and he were able to coach their son and daughter to Nationals. The Championships of the USA as a Senior Elite Trampoline for Richard and to Junior Olympic Level 10 Nationals for Katelyn. Several years later, he had the blessing, joy and pleasure to be on the floor coaching their Trampoline and Tumbling team and Artistic team alongside of his kids at the same meet.

This award is a great honor and he’s proud to share it with all of you and wished he could have shared this moment with those who have already passed away. **Elected in 2024.**

TEXAS LEGENDS

A posthumous memorial for GAT members who dedicated years of service to the sport of gymnastics.

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Ernie Kirkham
Gene Watson
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James Jeffers
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June Blackman
Gerald Bartosh
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CJ Jackson
Kurt Thomas
Marc Yancey
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“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” - John Bunyan



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champions from across all the
disciplines of gymnastics.



TEXAS PROUD!



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possible: coaches, judges, vendors,
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