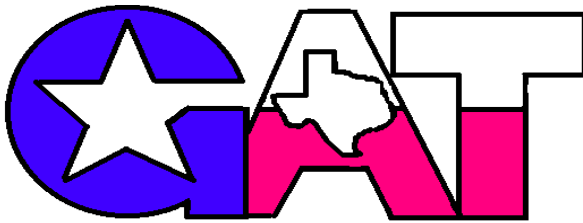


Gymnastics Association of Texas



Ceremony of Honors

Renaissance Austin Hotel
Austin, Texas
September 2, 2023

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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 AWARD

The Gold Honor Award is presented for remarkable personal achievement in international competition.

The Gymnastics Association of Texas
wishes to recognize

ALLYSON STONE

for winning a Bronze medal in 12-18
Women's Pair at the 2022 World Age
Group Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan,
and a Silver medal in 13-19 Women's Pair
in the Maia International Cup
representing Team USA.



TEXAS GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION HONOR AWARDS

WOMEN

Marilyn	Blilie	Serves as the NAWGJ Region 3 Regional Judging Director, NAWGJ Education Chair, and the USAG Regional Technical chair
Jan	Eyman	Judged at NCAA Nationals
Carole	Ide	Brevet, Meet Referee USA Collegiate Nationals



MEN

Will	Arrott	Judged at 2023 Region 3 Compulsory
Travis	Blue	Judged at 2023 HNI - International Open, Liukin Invitational, Region 3 Optional Championships, Region 3 Compulsory Championships, USAG Collegiate Nationals, Developmental Program Nationals

Eric	Briley	Judged 2023 HNI - International Open, USAG Collegiate Nationals. Serves as Region 3 Regional Operational & Education Director.
Travis	Couldbourn	Judged at 2023 Region 3 Compulsory Championships
JT	Fletcher	Judged 2023 HNI - International Open, and Region 3 Optional Championships
Zach	Gagnon	Judged at 2023 Beach Blast
Omar	Loya	Judged at 2023 Region 3 Compulsory Championships
Jim	McKinney	Judged at 2023 Liukin Invitational
Chris	Muenz	Judged 2023 HNI - International Open, Region 3 Optional Championships, Developmental Program Nationals
Kevin	Muenz	Judged 2023 HNI - International Open, Region 3 Optional Championships, US Classic. Serves as Region 3 Regional Director.
Andrew	Parker	Judged at 2023 Liukin Invitational and Region 3 Compulsory Championships
Courtney	Parker	Judged at 2023 Region 3 Compulsory Championships
DeRyan	Pressley	Judged 2023 HNI - International Open, Liukin Invitational, Region 3 Optional Championships, Developmental Program Westerns
Jose	Sandoval	Judged at 2023 Liukin Invitational

Mark	Sherman	Judged 2023 HNI - International Open, Region 3 Compulsory Championships, Winter Cup, US Championships. Serves as NGJA Education Director.
Sean	Sims	Judged at 2023 Region 3 Compulsory Championships and NCAA Championships
Amanda	Stoud	Judged at 2023 Beach Blast; 2023 Region 3 Optional Championships
Cameron	Sweny	Judged 2023 HNI - International Open, Region 3 Optional Championships, US Classic, US Championships



COLLEGIATE HONOR AWARDS

National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs (NAIGC)

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

Lisa	Bowerman	Coach of National Champion
Matt	DeGrandpre	Coach of National Champion
Kristen	Harold	Coach of National Champion
Daisy	Woodring	USAG Collegiate National Vault Champion



**Daisy Woodring,
TWU National Champion**

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

Jordan	Chiles	NCAA Uneven Bars Champion; NCAA Floor Exercise Champion - UCLA (<i>World Champion Centre</i>)
Katherine	LeVassuer	NCAA Team Champions - University of Oklahoma (<i>Mavericks</i>)
Ragan	Smith	NCAA Team Champions - University of
Tom	Haley	Coach of National Champions (<i>former club</i>)

COLLEGIATE HONOR AWARDS

National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Association (NCATA)

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY



Layla	Alexander	Synch Pyramid Champion
Bailey	Baughn	Six-Element Acro Champion; Synch Pyramid Champion; 450 Salto Toss Champion
Morgan	Brown	Six-Element Acro Champion; Synch Pyramid Champion
Gianna	Cameron	Synch Pyramid Champion; NCATA Freshman of the Year
Riley	Chimwala	Six-Element Acro Champion; Synch Pyramid Champion; NCATA All-America
Zoe	Collins	Synch Pyramid Champion
Brennah	Cotner	Synch Pyramid Champion; 450 Salto Toss Champion
Addi	Grandy	Synch Pyramid Champion
Jordan	Gruendler	Seven-Element Acro Champion; NCATA Specialist of the Year
Bayley	Humphrey	Seven-Element Acro Champion; Synch

Aliyah	Kaloostian	Seven-Element Acro Champion; Synch Pyramid Champion
Kamryn	Kitchens	Six-Element Acro Champion; Synch Pyramid Champion; 450 Salto Toss Champion; Open Tumbling Pass Champion; NCATA Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year; NCATA All-America; NCATA All-Academic
Ellie	LaNeve	Synch Pyramid Champion
Kristen	McCain	Synch Pyramid Champion
Emi	Nelson	Synch Pyramid Champion; 450 Salto Toss Champion
Mariah	Polk	450 Salto Toss Champion
Alayja	Reynolds	Synch Pyramid Champion
Kensey	Schilhab	Synch Pyramid Champion
Katie	Shiffer	Synch Pyramid Champion
Emily	Tobin	Six-Element Acro Champion; Synch Pyramid Champion; NCATA All-America
Adelaide	Vezzosi	Six-Element Acro Champion
Meredith	Wells	Synch Pyramid Champion



USA GYMNASTICS WOMEN'S HONOR AWARDS

*Congratulations to athletes that competed at the
2023 US Gymnastics Championships.*

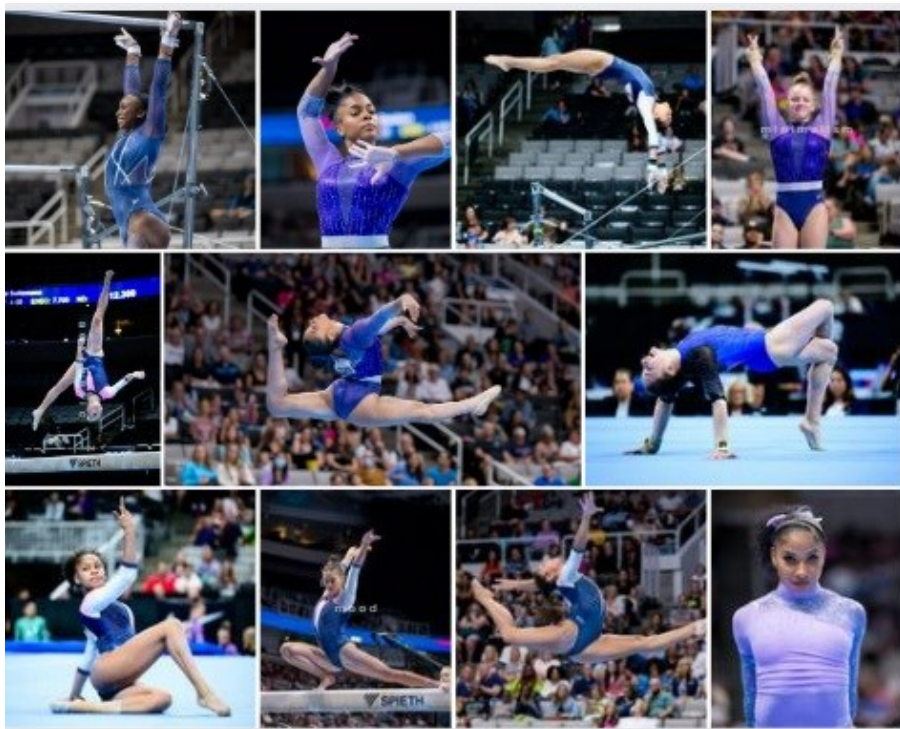
Texas gyms represented included:

Love Gymnastics

Metroplex

Texas Dreams

World Champion Centre



USA GYMNASTICS

MEN'S HONOR AWARDS

*Congratulations to athletes that competed at the
2023 US Gymnastics Championships:*

Asher Hong (Stanford/Cypress)

Xander Hong (Cypress Academy of Gymnastics)

Kiran Mandava (Cypress Academy of Gymnastics)

Tom Meadows (Cypress Academy of Gymnastics
Coach)



USAG GYMNASTICS FOR ALL HONOR AWARDS

SHOWCASE GYMNASTICS

Acro and Tumbling Level 1 National Champions



Aubrey	Baker	Acro and Tumbling Level 1 National Champion
Sira	Balakrishnan	Acro and Tumbling Level 1 National Champion
JoJo	Cupples	Acro and Tumbling Level 1 National Champion
Caroline	Evans	Acro and Tumbling Level 1 National Champion
Oliva	Fuller	Acro and Tumbling Level 1 National Champion
Amelie	Moore	Acro and Tumbling Level 1 National Champion
Chloe	Ruthvin	Acro and Tumbling Level 1 National Champion
Peyton	Schroeder	Acro and Tumbling Level 1 National Champion
Chloe	Ruthvin	Acro and Tumbling Level 1 National Champion

Acro and Tumbling Level 2 National Champions



Lindsey	Anderson	Acro and Tumbling Level 2 National Champion
Mary Rose	Bollman	Acro and Tumbling Level 2 National Champion
Merritt	Foley	Acro and Tumbling Level 2 National Champion
Dasha	Fomicheva	Acro and Tumbling Level 2 National Champion
Samantha	Iskandar	Acro and Tumbling Level 2 National Champion
Martina	Lopez-Pelligrini	Acro and Tumbling Level 2 National Champion
Maddie	McGeoghegan	Acro and Tumbling Level 2 National Champion
Allie	Parrish	Acro and Tumbling Level 2 National Champion
Peyton	Schroeder	Acro and Tumbling Level 2 National Champion
Zoey	Wiesenborn	Acro and Tumbling Level 2 National Champion

Gym for Life Challenge/World Gymnaestrada



Natalie	Airey	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Lindsey	Anderson	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Nicole	Anderson	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Emmaline	Arntz	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Destiny	Bennett	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Cate	Cupples	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Claire	Cupples	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Connor	Cupples	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant

Jojo	Cupples	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Tessa	Cupples	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
MayaLee	Dobson	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Oliva	Fuller	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Mya	Green	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Valeria	Guevara	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Bridget	Hoffman	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Samantha	Iskandar	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Madison	Lybarger	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Maddie	McGeoghegan	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Kaylee	Meszaros	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Andrea	Orendain	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Allie	Parrish	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Lauren	Reed	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant

Clarke	Renfro	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Chloe	Ruthvin	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Phillip	Ruthvin	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Jessica	Self	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Honoree	Spano	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Anelina	Tan	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Sadie	Townsend	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant
Emma	Tsai	Gym for Life Challenge Best of Show Winner, World Gymnaestrada Participant



Showcase Gymnastics - Team Gym Level 6

Team Gym Level 6 National Champions

Natalie	Airey	Team Gym Level 6 National Champion
Lindsey	Anderson	Team Gym Level 6 National Champion
Sheyenne	Anderson	Team Gym Level 6 National Champion
McKenna	Gore	Team Gym Level 6 National Champion
Martina	Lopez-Pelligrini	Team Gym Level 6 National Champion
FFlur	Oliver	Team Gym Level 6 National Champion
Sadie	Townsend	Team Gym Level 6 National Champion
Tay'Shariah	White	Team Gym Level 6 National Champion

Team Gym Level 9 National Champions



Emmaline	Arntz	Team Gym Level 9 National Champion
Destiny	Bennett	Team Gym Level 9 National Champion
Regina	Cadena	Team Gym Level 9 National Champion
Clarke	Renfro	Team Gym Level 9 National Champion
Juliette	Roncal	Team Gym Level 9 National Champion
Emma	Tsai	Team Gym Level 9 National Champion

Team Gym Level 10 National Champions



Cate	Cupples	Team Gym Level 10 National Champion
Claire	Cupples	Team Gym Level 10 National Champion
Adriana	Medina	Team Gym Level 10 National Champion
Samantha	Monarch	Team Gym Level 10 National Champion
Arianna	Morganfield	Team Gym Level 10 National Champion
Jessica	Self	Team Gym Level 10 National Champion
Angelina	Tan	Team Gym Level 10 National Champion
Ayla	Wojahn	Team Gym Level 10 National Champion

Coaches of Showcase Gymnastics

Nicole	Anderson	Coach of National Champions
Hannah	Blunt	Coach of National Champions; World Gymnaestrada Winners
Ramon	Brown	Coach of National Champions; World Gymnaestrada Winners

Keri	Collins	Coach of World Gymnaestrada Winners
Cheryl	Cupples	Coach of National Champions; World Gymnaestrada Winners
Claire	Cupples	Coach of National Champions
Bridget	Hoffman	Coach of National Champions
Kasside	Radcliff	Coach of National Champions; World Gymnaestrada Winners

ZERO GRAVITY GYMNASTICS

Acro and Tumbling Level 3 National Champions



Acro and Tumbling Level 4 National Champions



USAG ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS HONOR AWARDS

ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS OF SAN ANTONIO

Sophia	Avella	Level 7 Women's Group 12-13 National Champion
Emma	Brackman	11-16 Women's Group National Balance Gold Medalist, National AA Silver Medalist, ICT Team, Gold Medalist at Grizzly Classic, Vegas Acro Cup competitor
Kaeylarae	Brogden	Coach of International athletes and National Champions
Alexandra	Bubel	11-16 Women's Group National Balance Gold Medalist, National AA Silver Medalist, ICT Team, Gold Medalist at Grizzly Classic, Vegas Acro Cup competitor
Bryson	Codrington	12-18 Mixed Pair Junior National Team Member, Maia International Acro Competition participant, Vegas Acro Cup participant
Hannah	Davis	13-19 Women's Group, Jr. National Team Member, 2x Gold Medalist at National Championships, MIAC Finalist, Vegas Acro Cup 2x Gold Medalist, Vegas Acro Cup Team Award Recipient
Eva	Escobar	12-18 Women's Group International Competitor
Kylen	Gregory	Level 7 Women's Pair Gold Medalist at Vegas Acro Cup
Michael	Hassey	Coach of International athletes and National Champions

Trinity	Knapp	12--18 Junior Elite, attended Grizzly Classic and Vegas Acro Cup
Quinn	Kraskovic	12--18 Junior Elite, attended Grizzly Classic and Vegas Acro Cup
Jada	Lea	12-18 Mixed Pair Junior National Team Member, Maia International Acro Competition participant,
Myla	Marcina	Level 7 Women's Pair Gold Medalist at Vegas Acro Cup
Sophia	Nguyen	12-18 Junior Elite Women's Pair, MIAC Team Member
Luke	Pitts	Level 8 Mixed Pair 15+ National Champion, Vegas Acro Cup Gold Medalist



Amelia	Plummer	11-16 Women's Group National Balance Gold Medalist, National AA Silver Medalist, ICT Team, Gold Medalist at Grizzly Classic, Vegas Acro Cup competitor
Stella	Shaffer	International Blocks Competitor at Vegas Acro Cup
Allyson	Stone	Senior National Team member, Bronze medal at Baku World Championships, Silver medal at Maia International Acro Cup
Bethany	Strawn	11-16 Women's Pair Gold medalist at Canada Grizzly Classic, International Club Team Member, Vegas Cup participant
Ayla	Vargas	13-19 Women's Group, Jr. National Team Member, 2x Gold Medalist at National Championships, MIAC Finalist, Vegas Acro Cup 2x Gold Medalist, Vegas Acro Cup Team Award Recipient
Gabrielle	Vathy	13-19 Women's Group, Jr. National Team Member, 2x Gold Medalist at National Championships, MIAC Finalist, Vegas Acro Cup 2x Gold Medalist, Vegas Acro Cup Team Award Recipient
Vladimir	Vladev	Coach of International athletes and National Champions
Maddy	Weise	Level 8 Mixed Pair 15+ National Champion, Vegas Acro Cup Gold Medalist
Chandler	Wendorf	Level 7 Women's Pair National Champion, Glen Sunby Award winner

TEXAS ACADEMY OF ACROBATICS **AND GYMNASTICS**

Natalia	Cantu	Level 6 Women's Pair 11U Gold Medalist - Vegas Acro Cup
Dima	Dolgikh	Coach of International athletes
Yuliya	Eremina	Coach of International athletes
Bethany	Mills	Coach of International athletes
Adriana	Rodriguez	Level 6 Women's Pair 11U Gold Medalist - Vegas Acro Cup
Anna	Smirnova	Coach of International athletes



Adriana Rodriguez and Natalia Cantu,
Level 6 Women's Pair from TAAG

USAG TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING HONOR AWARDS

CHAMPIONS WESTLAKE

Joseph	Borders	Elite Development Team Member, Youth Elite 13-14 Synchronized Trampoline National Champion, World Age Group Championships Team Member - Trampoline and Double Mini
Antonio	Figueroa	Open 17-21 Tumbling National Champion
Michael	Lachner	International Coaching Assignment - World Age Group Championships - Double Mini; Coach of National Champions and International Athletes

EXTREME CHEER & TUMBLE

Wyatt	Otto	Youth Elite Trampoline National Champion
Tommy	Horal	Level 9 Tumbling & Trampoline National Champion
Alex	Rodriguez	Level 6 Trampoline & DMT National Champion
Arianna	Zannotti	Level 6 Tumbling National Champion
Henry	Holloway	Coach of National Champions

FLIP FACTORY

Kelly	Baker	Coach of National Champion and International medalist
Will	Cockrill	Trampoline Junior National Team Member, Scalibus Cup Competitor
Kylie	Tibbs	Level 6 Tumbling 13-14 National



Will Cockrill,
Flip Factory

FULL FORCE

Caleigh	Ganaway	Level 9 Trampoline National Champion, Level 9 Synchro National Champion
Chad	Ganaway	Coach of National Champions - 23rd consecutive years!

POWERHOUSE TNT GYMNASTICS

Vida	Guerrero	Level 9 Trampoline Age 13-14 National Champion
Angela	Mercado	Level 8 Double Mini Trampoline Age 11-12 National Champion
Sebastian	Gallardo	Level 10 Trampoline Age 11-12 National Champion, Level 10 Double Mini Trampoline Age 11-12 National Champion
Karlee	English	2023 World Age Group Championships Team member in Birmingham, England
Nina	Pentcheva	Coach of National Champions and International Athletes
Pentcho	Pentchev	Coach of National Champions and International Athletes
Shelby	Aguerro	Coach of National Champion
Sara	Stubblefield	Level 6 Double Mini age 15-17 National Champion

SEAL GYMNASTICS

SHOWCASE GYMNASTICS

Cate	Cupples	Open Elite Synchro Trampoline National Champion; Open Elite Double Mini National Champion
Cindy	Seerden	Coach of National Champion



TEXAS TUMBLING & TRAMPOLINE

Brett	Callihan	Coach of National Champion
Lisa	Gandy	Coach of National Champion
Bill	Gandy	Coach of National Champion
Kenzie	Lumbert	Level 5 Trampoline National Champion

TUMBLE TECH

Jenna	Blackwell	Open Elite Synchro Trampoline National Champion
Peyton	Brown	SR. Elite Trampoline, 2 International Assignments - WAGS 2022 and World Cup Azerbaijan 2023
Ashler	Hetland	Male 11-12 Level 6 Double Mini National Champion
Dallas	Hofkamp	Male 15+ Level 5 Tumbling National Champion
Quinn	Luoma	Youth Elite 11-12 Syncro National Champion, EDP Team
Alex	McKay	Coach of National Champions, Coach of International athletes

Brandon	Newton	Sr. Elite Double Mini Competitor - WAGC 2022
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Leah	Partida	Youth Elite 13-14 EDP Team
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VICTORIA GYMAGIC

Rayleigh	Huette	2023 World Age Group Championships Team member in Birmingham, England
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Ashten	Linney	Coach of International Athlete
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WORLD CHAMPION CENTRE

Jeffrey	Brown	Coach of National and International Champions
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Amanda	Bianca	Coach of National and International Champions
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Miah	Bruns	2022 World Championships: Women's Tumbling - Team Silver, AA - Team Silver; 2023 USA Gym Champs: Sr. Elite Tumbling National Champion; Tumbling National Team Member; Gold medalist at Coimbra World Cup; Gold medalist at West Palm Beach World Cup; 2023 World Championship Team Member
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Fernando	Domenzain	Double Mini JumpStart National Team member
Paris	Graham	Level 8 Tumbling National Champion, JumpStart Tumbling National Team member
London	Hunt	Jr. Women's Tumbling T&T National Team member
Jordy	Maldonado	Intermediate Elite Trampoline National Champion
Alec	Pelezo	Double Mini Finalist at 2022 T&T World Age Group Competition; 2023 World Age Group Competition Team member - Age 17-21 Tumbling
Arro	Robertson	Level 5 Trampoline National Champion, Level 5 Double Mini National Champion
River	Taylor	National Champion
Tanner	Wilson	Trampoline JumpStart National Team member

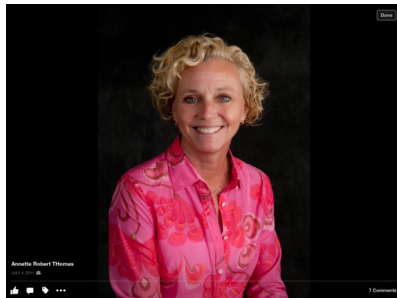


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With sincere gratitude, we say

THANK YOU

For your outstanding service and
unrelenting dedication
to the Gymnastics Association of Texas
community and GAT Board.
Blessings in your new endeavors!



Annette Thomas - over 30 years of service.



**Georgia Miller - over
20 years of service**



**Vicki Miller - over
20 years of service**

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.

2023 JAMES JEFFERS

SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

ANNETTE THOMAS



Annette Thomas, founder of Gym Kidsport in Georgetown, Texas, began her gymnastics career at age 14 when she was inspired by Olga Corbit. She was employed at Capital Gymnastics, serving as Manager of five Capital facilities until 2003. Annette was the founding Director for the original Gymnastics Association of Texas Instructor Training Program covering preschool and recreational gymnastics topics in 1997. Her efforts led to the establishment of multiple Gymnastics Association of Texas Instructor Training Programs, two of which she co-authored: Instructor Training Program Preschool and Instructor Training Program Recreational.

She has presented at the Gymnastics Association of Texas Conventions for over 20 years. Additionally, Annette is the Co-Author for USA GYMNASTICS Hands-on Training Program (R103) for recreational gymnastics (HOTSAs). Annette has served as a National Instructor for USA Gymnastics, presenting at state, regional and national congresses covering preschool, recreational and business topics. She served as one of the National Instructors for USA Gymnastics Kinder Accreditation for Teachers (KAT,) USA Gymnastics Movement Development and Lesson Plan Development (MELPD,) and currently serves as a National Instructor for the USA Gymnastics Preschool Fundamentals, Hands-on Training and the USA Gymnastics Hands-on Training for School-Aged (HOTSAs) courses for preschool and recreational gymnastics.

She is a previous recipient of the Gymnastics Association of Texas Distinguished Service Award, and she was honored by USA Gymnastics as the 2015 National Instructor of the year. She attended the University of Texas and Texas Women's University with emphasis in Physical Therapy.

Annette began her love for Yoga in 2012 by practicing Bikram yoga for more than 8 years and then found Core Power Yoga where she was certified as a Yoga Instructor and at the Little Yoga House in Austin for her specialty in Kids Yoga. Annette sold her gymnastics business to follow her love for Yoga and opened Shine Yoga in January 2016.

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2023 JAMES JEFFERS

SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

TRACY HUNTER



Tracy Hunter has served the
Gymnastics Association of Texas
community members along with
Carolina Gym Supply for many years.

The GAT Board would like to recognize
Tracy for her years of service and her
amazing contribution to the sport of
gymnastics in Texas and across the
country.

Thank you for all you have done for the
athletes, coaches, and gym owners.

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.

2023 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

ANGIE LARIMER



Angie Larimer was an active girl throughout her childhood enjoying ballet, diving, swimming, running, and biking. She started her competitive gymnastics career at Magic Circle in Houston. She was a gymnast at Dulles High School in Sugar Land. The Fall of 1975, she was a Houston Oilers cheerleader.

Angie earned a gymnastics scholarship for UTEP during the AIAW era and the beginning of the NCAA era. Her gymnastics teaching and coaching career began in 1977, retiring after the 2023 season-over 40 years!

Angie's joy in teaching children in gymnastics began at Heart O' The Hills Girl's Camp in Hunt, during the summers of 1977-1983. Graduating from UTEP, Angie stayed in El Paso, coaching the Girl's and Boy's team at Eastwood High School from 1983-1987. The Spring of 1988, she joined her future husband, Gregg, at J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson, coaching the Girl's team. Her J.J. Pearce career was from 1988-2007. Angie and Gregg coached the Boy's team at Farmers Branch Gymnastics until 1991.

Angie transitioned to teaching Girl's classes at Farmers Branch Recreation Center, Fleming Brothers Gymnastics in Addison, and Nan's Gymnastics in Coppell after the birth of her daughter, Bethany. She was the Girl's class Program Director and coached girls for the Richardson Gymnastics Team (RGT) while her daughter competed there (through 2007). Angie coached boys again, at AWTC in Addison, then Sky High in The Colony (2007-2013).

She enjoyed helping in all areas, as shown by being a valuable substitute coach or teacher. Teaching/Coaching girls at Top Flight in Southlake and Infinite Bounds in Plano (2014-2018) Coaching and teaching resumed at Texas Dynamix Carrollton and Texas Dynamix Plano (2018-2023) Texas Dynamix Farmers Branch has a class program only, so sometimes she would be teaching at all three Texas Dynamix locations during a week.

Angie, her husband, and daughter have all been gymnastics coaches. Bethany continues coaching gymnastics. Angie is a positive influence with gymnasts, families, coaches, and staff, as she enjoys seeing and bringing the best out in everyone.

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.

2023 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

BRITTANY STOUT



Starting in 2007, I joined the growing sport of Trampoline and Tumbling as an athlete. I competed until the 2010 Nationals in Long Beach, CA. At that time I began my coaching career by coaching recreational classes and summer camps at Eagle's Wings Athletics.

In 2012 I took my first judge's courses which I did not know would turn into the foundational part of my Gymnastics career. In 2015, I moved to the Eagle's Wings Prosper location and took over the position as Head Trampoline and Tumbling Coach where I have gotten the opportunity to coach athletes who go on to continue in College with Acrobatics and Tumbling, National Champions at the Developmental and National Champions at the Elite level.

My judging career exploded when I first passed my Category 1 exam in 2016 and then accepted a position on the USA Gymnastics Jr. Judges Council in 2021. In 2022 I had the amazing honor of testing for the FIG Brevet Exam which I passed and have earned a FIG Brevet in Tumbling. I have been fortunate enough to be a speaker at GAT since 2019 and hope to continue "coaching the coaches".

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.

2023 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD
PRESENTED TO:

BRIAN SMITH



Brian M. Smith is a devoted Christian, married to his amazing wife Leah, and a loving father to two kids, Oliver and Finley. He strongly believes that showing his faith in Christ should shape how he treats others every day. He carries this belief into everything he does, infusing his actions with enthusiasm and dedication.

Brian has been involved in gymnastics for almost 30 years and currently serves as the head coach and Chief Operations Officer at Lone Star Gymnastics in Fort Worth, TX. He has held his head coach position for the last 17 years, during this time he has grown the men's team program from only five level 3 athletes to more than 30 athletes at various levels, including level 3 to level 10 junior Elite divisions.

Brian served on the Gymnastics Association of Texas Board of Directors for over 10 years. During this time, he was dedicated to growing and expanding the men's program by adding a men's judging course, revising, and expanding the Men's Instructor Training Programs 1 & 2, inviting some of the top experts in the sport to lecture, and turning the hands-on clinic into a state-wide event open to all athletes in Texas.

Brian has recently concluded his tenure of over 10 years on the State Executive Committee. Before joining the committee, he acted as a liaison for the Gymnastics Association of Texas (GAT). For his contributions to Texas men's gymnastics and his efforts with GAT, he was honored with a Special Recognition Honor award.

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.

2023 ROME MILAN HERITAGE AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

MARILYN BLILIE



As the NAWGJ Region 3 Regional Judging Director for the past 9 years and the NAWGJ Education Chair for 4 years, I strive for fairness, unity, educational opportunities and progress within our gymnastics community. I contribute to shaping educational programs that help gymnasts, judges, and coaches alike. I have been the USAG Regional Technical chair for the past 2 years and am honored to work with the amazing Region 3 judges, coaches and athletes, helping with the technical aspects of the rules and regulations.

With 48+ years of experience in gymnastics judging and 27 years as a National Judge, I've been honored to judge State, Regional, and National competitions. I have been a clinician for state, regional national congresses and welcome the opportunity to utilize the talents of judges and coaches in our region to work on programs and policies that will make us even better and stronger.

I've been married 48 years, have 4 wonderful children and 2 beautiful grandchildren. I was a Nuclear Medical Technologist for 10 years, volunteered in the schools for 20 years, taught Biology for 2 years and continued my passion of judging gymnastics through it all.

In an era marked by unprecedented challenges, I recognize the power of unity, innovation, and education. My focus is helping our region remain at the forefront while fostering collaboration and inclusivity. I pledge to continue elevating gymnastics and striving for excellence through communication, collaboration and education.

Her colleagues said: Marilyn Blilie has been in the gymnastics world for over 45 years, moving to Texas in 1993. Her skills as a national judge are exemplary and she has represented Texas and Region 3 at Regional, Western and National meets as well as officiating NCAA Regional and National Championships. She has been a judges leader as Region 3 NAWGJ Director and most recently was elected Region 3 USAG Technical Chair. She serves on the NAWGJ National Education Committee where she exercises her tremendous passion for education for both judges and coaches alike. Her colleagues know her as thorough, diligent and competent. Her friends know her as thoughtful, caring, unselfish and full of life and love. Her smile will light up a room and her love and passion for gymnastics is as bright as the sun. Marilyn Blilie has indeed distinguished herself among gymnastics professionals and we are proud to honor her with this award.

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PRESENTED TO:

TOM MEADOWS



🏆 A 3-time Junior National Champion, Tom's journey led him to compete for the University of Oklahoma, becoming an integral part of the 1991 NCAA Champion team. As an accomplished athlete, he earned All-American status on Floor Exercise, secured Big 8 Champ titles, and was a Nissen Award Finalist.

👑 Transitioning to coaching, Tom's impact has been extraordinary. As the Head Coach of Cypress Academy of Gymnastics, his dedication has led to outstanding achievements – from National Team Members to Olympians.

🏅 Recognized with multiple awards, Tom's dedication and impact have not gone unnoticed. From being named Texas Coach of the Year to earning the Region 3 Honor Award and the prestigious USAG Junior Coach of the Year award multiple times, Tom's contributions to gymnastics are truly remarkable.

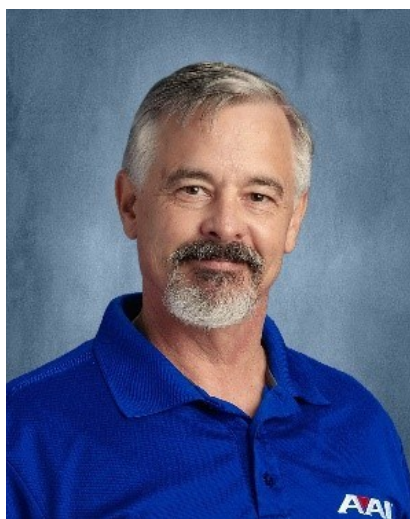
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PRESENTED TO:

KEVIN MUENZ



Kevin started competitive gymnastics at the age of 12 in Yorktown Heights, New York. He continued his competitive journey at Hersey High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois and finished it at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with Coach Bill Meade.

While working on his master's degree in Biomechanics, Kevin began helping Coach Meade with the gymnastics team and instantly fell in love with teaching and a teaching offer at Lakeview Centennial High School in Garland brought Kevin to Texas and that where he has been for the past 30+ years.

Additionally, Kevin was the Texas State Chairman, Texas High School Vice President, and is currently the NGJA Mid-West Regional Technical Director.

He has 3 grown children and has been married for over 40 years to wife Debbie. Kevin is an avid woodworker and DIY home renovator in his spare time.

His contributes to the development of gymnastics in Texas are immeasurable and he is definitely worthy of this award.

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

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JAN EYMAN



JAN EYMAN: Whitney, TX.

Jan was born in Connecticut and educated in New Hampshire where she was a collegiate gymnast, a collegiate coach and gym owner. There she earned a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Physical Education and Curriculum Development. She became a Safety Instructor and a Nationally rated judge before beginning “a great life in Texas in 1990”. Jan thanks Pat Ethredge for welcoming her and immediately including her in the Texas world of gymnastics. Jan has worn many hats here in Texas as Judges Education Coordinator, USAG State Chair, Texas and Region 3 Judging and Coaching lecturer as well as serving on the TAAF advisory council before becoming the TAAF state commissioner in 2018 to present. Jan was the recipient of the GAT Distinguished Service Award in 2000 and 2015. She currently serves as the NAWGJ National Judges Education Director. She is on the board of directors for the Kurt Thomas Foundation. She is the wife of a brilliant and talented gymnastics professional and coach (Wally), the mother of three, grandmother to five, and helps with her small gym in Whitney and her husband’s Sign Company and newly formed Gymnastics Equipment company. Texas welcomed Jan and her family from their first day here and she is grateful for the opportunity she has had to work as an official and provide educational resources for the coaching and judging community.

GAT is an organization of professional fellowship and education for everyone at every level and aspect of gymnastics. The educational opportunities they have provided over the years have immense value. Jan is grateful beyond measure to be a part of GAT and included in their journey. **Elected in 2023.**

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LESLIE PATTERSON



LESLIE PATTERSON: Seguin:

Leslie has been a GAT member for over 35 years and has attended most GAT conventions since joining. She was the Texas State Judging Director for NAWGJ for eight years and Regional Judging Director for Region 3 NAWGJ for 4 years. She has lectured on various women's judging topics at local clinics, numerous GAT conventions, Texas USAG and Region 3 USAG Congresses. While serving as the Regional Judging Director, she developed a pilot program that soon became a national standard for NAWGJ- replacing paper ballot elections with online elections. In addition, she wrote a "How To" manual for putting together online elections. Leslie has served on the TX USAG and Region 3 USAG Boards as the Judges' Representative and has judged State and Regional Championships, JO Westerns and Nationals as well as NAIGC National Championships. **Elected in 2023.**

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*“You have not lived today until you have done
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John Bunyan*



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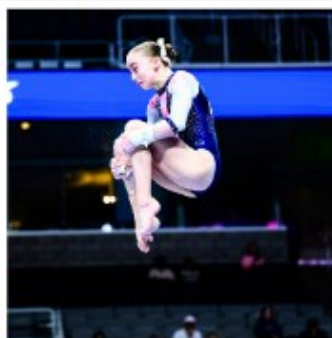
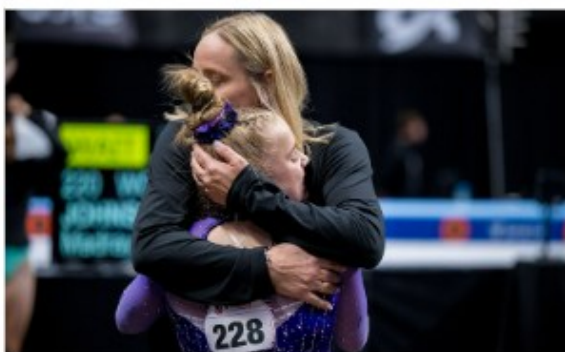
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