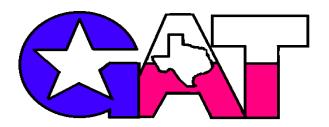
Gymnastics Association of Texas



Ceremony of Honors

Renaissance Austin Hotel Austin, Texas September 3, 2011



Thank You to all who make this wonderful event and organization possible; coaches, judges, vendors, speakers and especially the GAT Board.



Lydia Webb and
Axel Osborne
WOGA Acrobatics
National Champions
ADGTTeam Members

Order Of Ceremony

National Honor Awards	
Collegiate Honor Awards	6-7
Judges Honor Awards	7
USAG Group Gymnastics	8-9
USAG Acrobatic Gymnastics	10-11
USAG Trampoline and Tumbling	12-13
USAG Men's	14-15
USAG Women's	15-17

Hannah Rhodes and Raquel Mejia-Trujillo WOGA Acrobatics National Champions



Service to Youth Awards......18-20 **Michael Sims Memorial Foundation** Scholarship Award......21 **Texas Gymnastics Heritage Award......22-23** Distinguished Service Awards.....24-25 Life Member Awards...... 26-29



Katelyn Ohasti Junior National Champion National Team Member



Lillian Robertson and Jessica Renteria

Gold Medalists at National Championships

Members of the ADGT



Biron Gymnastics Show Team
USA National Team 2011
Group Gymnastics

2011 LIFE MEMBER AWARD PRESENTED TO:

KEVIN MAZEIKA

Kevin, though a native Houstonian, became involved in gymnastics in Rochester, New York where he and his family had spent four years while his Dad worked on his doctorate degree. While there, Mom put the kids in a YMCA gymnastics class. At age 4 Kevin climbed to the top of the rope and knew then that gymnastics was for him. Back in Texas, Kevin continued in gymnastics, coached by Bob Finch, John Charzuk, Mike Spiller and Bill Austin to name a few. He graduated from Lamar HS where he was their tumbling and minitramp mascot. Kevin earned a scholarship to Southern Illinois University, where he was a successful gymnast and where legendary Hall of Famer, Bill Meade, coached and mentored him. After hanging up the grips, Kevin went on to coaching in 1984. During his coaching career Kevin has coached at over 40 international events including; Men's Team Head Coach at 4 World Championships (including 2011) where the USA teams placed 4th in 2007 and earned 2 Silver Medals (2003, 2001). Kevin was also Head Coach of the 2004 and 2008 USA Men's Olympic Teams that won Silver Medal and Bronze Medals respectively. He has been personal coach of 2 Olympic Team members, 7 World Championships Team members, 10 World Cup Medalists, and 19 athletes who made 52 National Teams and won 33 National event and AA titles. Kevin has been named USAG "Coach of the Year" in 1998, 2001 and 2002. He received the "Order of Ikkos" medal from the USOC in 2008. Kevin's Olympic success is in the Congressional Records in Washington D.C. In 2010 Kevin was inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame. Currently, he is USA Men's National Team Coordinator and resides in Houston. He is married to Laura and they have two daughters; Morganne a HS senior and Courtney a junior at University of Texas. Elected 2011.

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

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



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.

COLLEGIATE HONOR AWARDS 2011 USAG Collegiate National Championships

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

<u>Brittany Johnson</u> USAG Collegiate All-Around Champion

Frank Kudlac Coach of TWU
Lisa Bowerman Coach of TWU

NAIGC Men's National Champions—1st place Team

Michael Bynum Daniel Kelly-President

Keefer Caid-Loos Matthew Kelly Chase Hames Eli Richardson

Neil Henderson Alexis Olsen

Robert Johnson Stefan Quartemont

<u>Eli Richardson</u> 2011 NAIGC All-Around Champion

2011 NAIGC Floor Champion

2011 NAIGC Pommel Horse Champion2011 NAIGC Parallel Bars Champion

<u>Constance Cuadra</u> 2011 NAIGC Beam Champion

<u>Amanda Grimm</u> 2011 NAIGC Floor Champion

James Sergeant Coach of Texas A&M University—Men

<u>Ernie Kirkham</u> Coach of Texas A&M University—Women

HARDIN SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

<u>Justin Powers</u> NAIGC Floor Champion

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Bryce Cashell NAIGC Floor Champion

2011 LIFE MEMBER AWARD PRESENTED TO: FRANK KUDLAC

Frank, a native of Binghamton, New York, was born into a family with a rich history and appreciation for the sport of gymnastics ... grandfather, father, mother, sister ... all excelled in gymnastics.

As a youngster he started his gymnastics through SOKOL. He attended West Chester University (PA) where he competed as an all-arounder and was team captain his senior year. The West Chester Rams were conference champions the first three years of Kudlac's career and finished as conference runner-up his senior year. He graduated in 1978 with a B.S degree in P.E.

He moved to Denton in 1978, entered graduate school at TWU and earned his Master's Degree in 1981. During those graduate years he started a club gymnastics team with seven women recruited from his classes and on campus. He quickly nurtured this group into a varsity squad in 1980, and has successfully built it into a nine-time USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion and two-time Midwest Independent Conference (MIC) champion. He has coached numerous USAG Individual National Champions, All-Americans, Academic All-American, and NCAA Post Graduate Scholars. He is a nine-time NCAA Division II Coach of the Year.

In addition to teaching in the department of Kinesiology at TWU Frank also owns and manages Achievers Gymnastics Center, a private gym in Denton. In 1994 he added international experience to his resume when he served as an assistant coach at the Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia. Frank was inducted into the West Chester University Athletic Hall of Fame on February 16, 2008. After coaching 33 years at Texas Woman's University, Frank retired in May of 2011. Elected 2011.

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

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



Brittany Johnson of TWU National All-Around Champion Photos by Lockard Koval



Texas A&M win
Team Title at
NAIGC Men's National
Championships



TEXAS GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION HONOR AWARDS

<u>Donna Robacker</u> Judge at Westerns

<u>Leslie Patterson</u> Judge at JO Nationals

<u>Cori Rizzo</u> Judge at JO Nationals

Judge at International Invitationals

<u>Pat Ethredge</u> Judge at NCAA Nationals

Adrianna Ruiz Judge at NCAA Nationals

Judge at International Invitationals

Rodica Lazar Judge at International Invitationals

USAG GROUP GYMNASTICS HONOR AWARDS

BIRON GYMNASTICS SHOW TEAM

Selected as USA National Team — FIG Gala Selected as "USA Performance Group" 14th World Gymnaestrada 2011, Lausanne, Switzerland

Claire Aven Callie Johnston

Kiara Brandon Shannon Kelley

Shelby Corder Alyssa Marek

Michelle Goddin Alison Massey

Cindy Kihneman Marina Saitoh

Eliza Mason Keri Collins

Anna Panasenko Hannah Griffin

Meredith Robertson Claire Hannigan

Caroline Sullivan Rebecca Jones

Kendal Tieu Alli Klasing

Brittany Bowles Rebekah Robertson

Katherine Salom Alexia Nibbs

Claire Jacobson Emily Winter

Hudson Meredith McKenna Reid

Jill Terrell – Performer/Coach Rob Maiorana – Performer/Coach

2011 DISTINGIUSHED SERVICE AWARD

CAROL ROBUCK

Carol is currently the New SJD in Texas. Since the early 80's, she has given back to gymnastics a deep devotion and strong desire to play the sport forward. A graduate from Central High School in San Angelo, Tx. she competed under the guidance of James White. She is a High School All American on the Uneven Bars back in the day when uneven bars were quiet different than today. Later she graduated from Southwest Texas State (Texas State) where she was the assistant coach to the gymnastics team under Darlene Schmidt who inspired her to start a gymnastics age group team.

Carol has served GAT as a past Secretary and past President of the Gymnastics Association of Texas.

As the District 4 assignor for the Texas USA SAC Carol has been an avid supporter of the 2,3,4 program and helped gymnastics grow in her District She has enjoyed gymnastics as a competitor, judge, coach, and gym owner helping others to achieve their gymnastics goals.

She has served the judges association by being a District Assignor and serving on the Texas NAWGJ board. Last year she volunteered at the local Judges Cup, Texas Challenge, and the National Judges Cup. Her goals as State Judging Director are to improve the quality of judging across the state, to involve more judges in the sport, and to improve the sport of gymnastics through education, communication, and technology.

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.

2011 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

CHERYL CUPPLES

Cheryl Cupples was a competitive gymnast in Texas for ten years. She began coaching for Magic Circle Gymnastics at age 15. Cheryl has been with Biron Gymnastics in Houston since 1993 and has coached all levels of gymnastics from preschool to competitive team. She currently serves as the business manager and gymnastics program director for Biron Gymnastics Inc. Cheryl is also the assistant coach for the internationally ranked Biron Gymnastics Show Team.

Cheryl attended her first GAT in 1992 and has served as a clinician for GAT since 2005. In 2007, she joined the GAT board as an appointed awards committee member. Two years ago, Cheryl became the assistant Educational Director for GAT and this year has had the honor to take on the full responsibility.

Cheryl has a bachelor's degree in education from Houston Baptist University. She has been married to her wonderful husband Chris for 11 years and has three beautiful children.

24

Coaches of Biron Gymnastics Showteam

Jodie TrncakHead Coach of Biron Gymnastics Show TeamCheryl CupplesCoach of Biron Gymnastics Show TeamRob MaioranaCoach of Biron Gymnastics Show TeamDawn HowardCoach of Biron Gymnastics Show TeamJill TerrellCoach of Biron Gymnastics Show TeamTiffani RidenourCoach of Biron Gymnastics Show TeamChon SmithCoach of Biron Gymnastics Show Team

Owner of Biron Gymnastics

Beau Biron



USAG ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS HONOR AWARDS

ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS OF SAN ANTONIO

Level 10 Women's Pair National Champion Lillian Robertson Level 10 Women's Pair National Champion <u>Iessica Renteria</u> Level 8 Men's Pair 12-14 National Champion Konstantine Partalas Collin Davis Level 8 Men's Pair 12-14 National Champion Brianna Foster Level 7 Women's Pair 12-14 National Champion Level 7 Women's Pair 12-14 National Champion Caiti Dodds Gretchen Lindemann Level 6 Women's Group 15-16 National Champion Alex Edwards Level 6 Women's Group 15-16 National Champion Holly Incledon Level 6 Women's Group 15-16 National Champion Alyssa Delgado Level 6 Women's Group 12-14 National Champion Level 6 Women's Group 12-14 National Champion Gabriela Foster Level 6 Women's Group 12-14 National Champion Connie Kickirillo Eugenia Rodriquez Level 6 Women's Pair 11 & Under National Champion Mariana Rodriguez Level 6 Women's Pair 11 & Under National Champion Morgan Price Level 5 Women's Group 11 & Under National Champion Level 5 Women's Group 11 & Under National Champion Isabella Wildeman Libby Earnest Level 5 Women's Group 11 & Under National Champion Vladimir Vladev Coach of AGSA National Champions Michelle Merwarth Coach of AGSA National Champions

KILGORE ACRO FLYERS

<u>Ashley Johnson</u> Level 5 Mixed Pair 15-16 National Champion

<u>Matthew Alexander</u> Level 5 Mixed Pair 15-16 National Champion

<u>Ada Fahrenholt</u> Coach of Kilgore National Champions

Cheryl Jarrett has been an iconic figure in the Texas gymnastics community for over 30 years. A Texas native, she has participated as an athlete, coach and gym owner.

Some of her contributions to our sport include:

Owner of Capital Gymnastics, with her husband Jim over 27 years Region 3 Junior Olympic Committee Chairman

USA Gymnastics National Junior Olympic Committee Compulsory co-author for 2005-2013, and is currently completing her work, co-authoring the next set of USA Gymnastics Compulsory routines for 2013-2020.

Coach for several international events including the Pacific Alliance Championships, World Championships, 1991 Pan American Games and World University Games

She worked at the 1996 Olympic games and was a member of the U.S. delegation to the 1999 World Gymnaestrada.

She was the co-founder and CEO of Gymnastics Educational Workshop for preschool and recreational coaches

She has been a National lecturer for USA Gymnastics, Academy of Coaching Excellence, Gymnastics Association of Texas, and Gymnastics Educational Workshops

She was also a Physical Education teacher at Robert E. Lee High School in San Antonio, Texas

She earned her Bachelor of Science in Education, Health and Dance from Texas State University in 1978

Prior to leaving Texas, as many of you know, she was the Educational Director for Gymnastics Association of Texas. Under her guidance, GAT developed an outstanding reputation throughout the country as one of the leading educational conferences in the United States. Her vision led to the creation of the Instructor Training Programs we now have for anyone who wishes to train in coaching Preschool gymnastics, Recreational gymnastics, Compulsory Women's team, Boy's classes, Men's Team, or Office Management.

No other state has the depth of coaching education that we have right here in Texas. It is largely because of Cheryl's tireless work, incredible passion for our sport, and dedication to coaching education that we are so blessed.

Cheryl now serves our sport as of January 31, 2011 as the USA Gymnastics Vice President of Member Services. Her responsibilities include the overall direction and management of the Member Services Division, which includes membership administration, sanctions, education and member club activities.

TEXAS GYMNASTICS HERITAGE AWARD

The Texas Gymnastics Heritage Award is presented to a person who has contributed to the development of gymnastics in Texas prior to leaving the State of Texas.

2011 TEXAS GYMNASTICS HERITAGE AWARD PRESENTED TO:

CHERYL JARRETT



BOERNE GYMNASTICS CENTER

Avery Lemmons Level 9 Mixed Pair 17+ National Champion

Rickey Montezuma Level 9 Mixed Pair 17+ National Champion

<u>Thalia Berry</u> Level 6 Women's Pair 12-14 National Champion

Samantha Sherwood Level 6 Women's Pair 12-14 National Champion

<u>Sage Lehmann</u> Level 5 Women's Group 15-16 National Champion

<u>Hannah Haley</u> Level 5 Women's Group 15-16 National Champion

<u>Cara Haley</u> Level 5 Women's Group 15-16 National Champion

Corley Petrie Level 5 Women's Group 12-14 National Champion

Belicia Brewer Level 5 Women's Group 12-14 National Champion

<u>Hannah Alonzo</u> Level 5 Women's Group 12-14 National Champion

<u>Calista Perkins</u> Level 5 Mixed Pair 11 & Under National Champion

Gabe Fox Level 5 Mixed Pair 11 & Under National Champion

Rumen Lachkov Coach of Boerne National Champions

Radostina Lachkova Coach of Boerne National Champions

WORLD OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

<u>Lydia Webb</u> Level 9 Mixed Pair 16 & Under National Champion

<u>Axel Osborne</u> Level 9 Mixed Pair 16 & Under National Champion

<u>Hannah Rhodes</u> Level 5 Women's Pair 11 & Under National Champion

Raquel Mejia-Trujillo Level 5 Women's Pair 11 & Under National Champion

<u>Brandi Lewis</u> Coach of WOGA National Champions

<u>Elizabeth Osborne</u> Coach of WOGA National Champions

USAGTRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING HONOR AWARDS

BASEL'S ALL-STAR GYMNASTICS

Andrew ArmstrongLevel 5 Age 11-12 Trampoline National ChampionGarret HughesLevel 5 Age 11-12 Tumbling National ChampionBenjamin SmithLevel 7 Age 13-14 Double Mini National ChampionIsaac SalazarLevel 6 Age 11-12 Trampoline National Champion

Tabitha TallerineCoach of National ChampionMerrell GilbertCoach of National ChampionJanine CervantesCoach of National ChampionJohn BaselCoach of National Champion

GYMNAST FACTORY

<u>Aaron Warga</u> Level 9 Age 15+ Trampoline National Champion

Tom BrewerCoach of National ChampionDarcy CrawfordCoach of National Champion

HOUSTON GYMNASTICS CENTER

<u>Michiko Sharpe</u> Level 8 Age 14 Trampoline National Champion

<u>Jimmy Owen</u> Coach of National Champion

POWERHOUSE TNT GYMNASTICS

<u>Paige Howard</u> Level 9 Double Mini National Champion

<u>David Brambila</u> Coach of Powerhouse TNT Gymnastics

MICHAEL SIMS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Michael Sims Memorial Foundation Scholarship is given every year to athletes who have competed in the Junior Olympic Program of Men's Gymnastics in the State of Texas. The scholarship is awarded based on gymnastics excellence, academic excellence, and outstanding personal character.

2011 MICHAEL SIMS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECEPIENTS ARE:

Andrew Parker

Eli Richardson

Reid Swanger

Justin Muenz

Michael Reid

2011 SERVICETO YOUTH AWARD: LANI YOSTEN

Lani Yosten, of Fort Worth, has been serving the judging community for 14 years as the assigning official for North Texas. It is the largest assigning area in Texas and the job included numerous USAG meets, TAAF meets, invitationals and high school competitions for which she not only had to find officials for but needed to coordinate all the meets into a schedule that was organized and balanced. It was an EX-CEL overload nightmare at times but she always managed to make it all work. Lani went above and beyond to assist the judges on an individual basis to improve their skills and give them many opportunities to judge levels that challenged their skills and rewarded their service. She was always there to help with a last minute sub, a judge who had a special need and she often had to cover extra meets for which she could not find a judge or a replacement. The coaches respected her for her professionalism and knew they could rely on her even when they did not get their paperwork in on time or had a last minute change or drama. She is a gem, and her work has laid a great foundation for her successor. We thank her for her years of service and dedication to the judges, the coaches and the athletes.



Leve

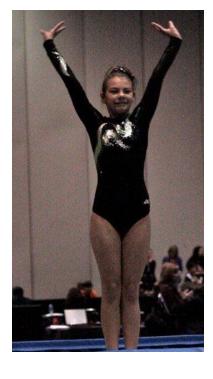
<u>Lauren Parker</u> <u>Kennedy Dudley</u> <u>Chad Ganaway</u>

Chant Parker

SOUTH TEXAS ELITE

Level 10 Boys Age 13-14 Syncro National Champion Level 10 Girls Age 11-12 Syncro National Champion Level 8 Age 10 & Under Trampoline National Champion Coach of National Champions







Pictured aboveclockwise: Chant Parker, Kennedy Dudley, and Lauren Parker of South Texas Elite

USAG MEN'S HONOR AWARDS

CHAMPIONS GYMNASTICS

<u>Davis Grooms</u> National Future Stars Champion 11 year old Division

<u>Hideo Mizoguchi</u> Coach of Champions Gymnastics <u>Clay Baimbridge</u> Coach of Champions Gymnastics

CYPRESS ACADEMY

<u>Dylan Akers</u> 2011 Pan American Championships—Team Champions

2011 Puerto Rico Cup—2nd Place Team

<u>Jonathan Horton</u> Member of 2010 World Championship Team

2010 World Championships—3rd All-Around

2011 AT&T American Cup All-Around Champion

2011 Glasgow World Cup-7th All-Around

2011 Japan Cup—2nd Place Team

2011 Visa Championships—2nd All-Around

2011 USAG Men's National Team Member

<u>Hunter Justus</u> 2011 Visa Championships 14-15 year old

Vault Champion

<u>Chris Brooks</u> Member of the 2010 World Championships Team

2011 Visa Championships—4th All-Around

2011 USAG Men's National Team Member

<u>Tanner Justus</u> Level 9 Regional Team National Champions

Region 3 Team Member

<u>Matthew Wenske</u> Level 9 Regional Team National Champions

Region 3 Team Member

<u>Tanner West</u> Region 9 Regional Team National Champions

Region 3 Team Member

<u>Tom Meadows</u> Coach of Cypress Academy

2011 SERVICETO YOUTH AWARD: VAUGHAN SMITH of ROSS ATHLETICS

Vaughn Smith has been a technician for Ross athletic for 10 years. His knowledge of the equipment is second to none, but what sets Vaughn apart from the rest of my guys is the interest he takes in all athletes. He always makes sure he congratulates them on a good job, calls them by name and is a constant encourager. Equipment is his number one job, but he contributes so much more. He is well deserving of this award.



SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD

The Service to Youth Award is presented to the person(s) who does not serve as a gymnastics coach or program director. Their service is for a significant period of years, touching the lives of many children.

2011 SERVICETO YOUTH AWARD: INFINITI SPORTSWEAR-Deborah Walton

Infiniti Sportswear has been active in GAT since 2002. They have donated raffle items for each GAT gathering to assist in the education of coaches and judges in the sport of gymnastics. Infiniti has promoted GAT to it's customers to assist in the expansion of the organization and looks forward to continuing to supporting GAT in the future.



WORLD OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

Fabian Deluna 2011 USAG JO Nationals Level 9 Vault Champion

Level 9 Regional Team National Champions

Region 3 Team Member

<u>Tristan Burke</u> Level 9 Regional Team National Champion

Region 3 Team Member

Yaroslav Pochinka Level 9 Regional Team National Champion

Region 3 Team Member

<u>Cole Casanova</u> Level 9 Regional Team National Champion

Region 3 Team Member

<u>Sergei Pakanich</u> Coach of WOGA National Champions

USAG WOMEN'S HONOR AWARDS

BANNON'S GYMNASTIX INC.

<u>Simone Biles</u> Junior Competitor at Visa Championships

Aimee Boorman Coach of National Competitor
Luis Brasesco Coach of National Competitor

CAPITAL GYMNASTICS

<u>Casey Magee</u> Senior Competitor at Visa Championships <u>Mackenzie Brannon</u> Junior Competitor at Visa Championships

<u>Barry Hyder</u> Coach of National Competitors

CHAMPIONS GYMNASTICS

Samantha Partyka Junior Competitor at Visa Championships

<u>Kellie Mizoguchi</u> Coach of National Competitor <u>Rob Barke</u> Coach of National Competitor

DENTON GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

<u>Abigail Milliet</u> Junior Competitor at Visa Championships

Rodica Lazar Coach of National Competitor
Aurel Lazar Coach of National Competitor

STARS GYMNASTICS TRAINING CENTER-HOUSTON

<u>Ericha Fassbender</u> Junior Competitor at Visa Championships <u>Ariana Gurerra</u> Junior Competitor at Visa Championships

<u>Pam Baker</u> Coach of National Competitors <u>Ashley Baker</u> Coach of National Competitors

TEXAS DREAMS GYMNASTICS

Kennedy BakerJunior Competitor at Visa ChampionshipsBailie KeyJunior Competitor at Visa ChampionshipsKiana WinstonJunior Competitor at Visa ChampionshipsPeyton ErnstJunior Competitor at Visa ChampionshipsVeronica HultsJunior Competitor at Visa ChampionshipsMary MaxwellJunior Competitor at Visa ChampionshipsMacy ToronjoJunior Competitor at Visa Championships

Kim Zmeskal Burdette Coach of National Competitors

WORLD OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

<u>Katelyn Ohasti</u> Junior National Champion

Rebecca BrossSenior Competitor at Visa ChampionshipsGrace McLaughlinSenior Competitor at Visa ChampionshipsSophia LeeSenior Competitor at Visa ChampionshipsJessica HoweSenior Competitor at Visa Championships

<u>Valeri Liukin</u> Coach of National Competitors

ZENITH ELITE GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

<u>Mackenzie Wofford</u> Senior Competitor at Visa Championships

<u>Tatiana Schegolkova</u> Coach of National Competitor



U.S. Junior National Team includes 4 Texas Athletes:
Kennedy Baker, Texas Dreams Gymnastics
Bailie Key, Texas Dreams Gymnastics
Katelyn Ohasti, WOGA
Kiana Winston, Texas Dreams Gymnastics