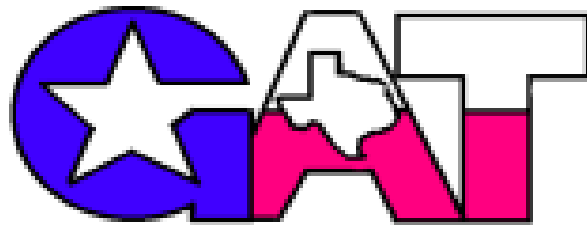


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# NATIONAL HONOR AWARDS

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.

# TEXAS GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION HONOR AWARDS

## WOMEN

<u>Marline Blaze</u>	Judge at International Meets
<u>Denise Coats-Lauriat</u>	Judge at NHSGA National High School Meet, judge at NCAA Nationals
<u>Cintimoni DeGuzman</u>	Judge at International Meets
<u>Rodica Lazar</u>	Judge at International meets, Judge at JO Westerns
<u>Adriana Ruiz</u>	Judge at International Meets
<u>Debbie Williams</u>	Judge at JO Nationals

## MEN

<u>Eric Briley</u>	Judge at 2017 HNI International Open, JO Nationals, JO National Apparatus Leader—Rings, 2016 Liukin Invite International Open, NGJA MidWest Judge of the Year
<u>Travis Coulbourn</u>	Judge at 2016 Liukin Invite International Open
<u>Pat Fallin</u>	Judge at 2017 San Antonio International Open
<u>JT Fletcher</u>	Judge at 2017 HNI International Open, San Antonio Invite International Open, 2016 Liukin Invite International Open
<u>Daniel Furney</u>	Judge at 2017 HNI International Open, San Antonio Invite International Open
<u>Mickey Johnson</u>	Judge at 2017 San Antonio International Open, 2016 Liukin Invite International Open

<u>Dan Keating</u>	Judge at 2017 FIG Brevet Course, HNI International Open, Junior International Team Cup
<u>Greg Kester</u>	Judge at 2017 FIG Brevet Course, HNI International Open, San Antonio Invite International Open, P&G National Championships, 2016 Liukin International Open
<u>Jim McKinney</u>	Judge at 2017 NCAA Championships, HNI International Open, San Antonio Invite International Open
<u>Rome Milan</u>	Judge at 2016 Liukin Invite International Meet
<u>Chris Muenz</u>	Judge at 2017 FIG Brevet Course, NAIGC National Championships
<u>Kevin Muenz</u>	Judge at 2017 FIG Brevet Course, P&G National Championships, Collegiate Nationals, HNI International Open, NGJA MidWest Director
<u>Andrew Parker</u>	Judge at 2016 Liukin Invite International Meet
<u>James Sergeant</u>	Judge at 2017 FIG Brevet Course, 2016 Liukin Invite International Open
<u>Mark Sherman</u>	Judge at 2017 FIG Brevet Course, HNI International Open, Junior International Team Cup, 2016 Liukin Invite International Open, NGJA MidWest Director, THSGCA President
<u>Sean Sims</u>	Judge at 2016 Liukin Invite International Open
<u>Cameron Sweny</u>	Judge at 2017 FIG Brevet Course, JO Nationals, 2016 Liukin Invite International Open
<u>Mike Williams</u>	Judge at 2017 Collegiate Nationals, HNI International Open
<u>Terry Williams</u>	Judge at 2017 HNI International Open, 2016 Liukin Invite International Open

# NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ACROBATICS & TUMBLING ASSOCIATION (NCATA)

## BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

*3x National Team Champions*

<u>Kaylee Adams</u>	Duo Tumbling Pass National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Allie Alaman</u>	Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Madison Aldis</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Meredith Aldis</u>	Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Alexsis Amrhein</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Mary Berdis</u>	Trio Tumbling Pass National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Carlee Bizzell</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Lauren Blackwall</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Brittany Bowles</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Toni Bronisevsky</u>	Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Camryn Bryant</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Makenah Cotner</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Kaelyn Cowan</u>	Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, 7 Element Acro National Champion, 2x All-American, National Team Champion
<u>Ashley Echelberger</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Jena Fisher</u>	Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Molly Gibbons</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Miranda Girouard</u>	Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, Team Champion



<u>Ceara Gray</u>	Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, 7 Element Acro National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Jazmine Hall</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Brianna Hambruch</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Imani Harris</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Joie Hensley</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Bailey Hollier</u>	Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Kati Horstmann</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Mikea Knox</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Elise Manning</u>	Trio Tumbling Pass National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Mariah Marbut</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Gigi Mendoza</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Shayla Moore</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Kiara Nowlin</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Hannah Schumacher</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Madison Sorley</u>	Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Faith Spivey</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Allie Steele</u>	7 Element Acro National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Shelby Stewart</u>	National Team Champion
<u>Lauren Sturm</u>	Duo Tumbling Pass National Champion, Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, All-American, Team Champion
<u>Anna Webb</u>	Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Allie Williams</u>	Synchronized Pyramid National Champion, National Team Champion
<u>Felecia Mulkey</u>	Head Coach of National Champions
<u>Angela Ucci</u>	Coach of National Champions



Above: **2017 NCATA National Champions: Baylor University**  
Below: **2017 USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champions:**  
**Texas Woman's University**



**COLLEGIATE HONOR AWARDS**  
***National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)***

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY**

***2017 USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champions***

<u>Erin Alderman</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Jenna Cashmore</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Morgan Colee</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Madison Dickson</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Megan Gentry</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Kaitlyn Holley</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Schyler Jones</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Alyssa Kelly</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Brandi Lazarus</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Mallory Moredock</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Bria Northrop</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Hope Parkin</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Katie Simpson</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Hannah Swoish</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Abbie Versemann</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Hunter Vincent</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Taylor Vincent</u>	National Championship Team Member
<u>Lisa Bowerman</u>	Head Coach of National Champions
<u>Garrett Griffeth</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Courtney McCool Griffeth</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Kristen Meyers</u>	Coach of National Champions

# USAG GYMNASTICS FOR ALL HONOR AWARDS

## BIRONS GYMNASTICS

### *Power Team Gym Level 8 Open Female National Champions*

<u>Jamison Appel</u>	Level 8 Open Female National Champion
<u>Lindsey Collins</u>	Level 8 Open Female National Champion
<u>Naomi deLemos</u>	Level 8 Open Female National Champion
<u>Katelyn Driscoll</u>	Level 8 Open Female National Champion
<u>Audrey Ho</u>	Level 8 Open Female National Champion
<u>Lindsey Ho</u>	Level 8 Open Female National Champion
<u>Brianna Jaundoo</u>	Level 8 Open Female National Champion
<u>Mykaela Lawson-Ho</u>	Level 8 Open Female National Champion
<u>Rachel Rivera</u>	Level 8 Open Female National Champion
<u>Jared Tousley</u>	Level 8 Open Female National Champion
<u>April Burkholder</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Edward Landry</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Hajile Mitchell</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Mo Mitchell</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Rachel Santoro</u>	Coach of National Champions

## **SHOWCASE GYMNASTICS**

***Power Team Gym Level 3 Open Male National Champions***

***Power Team Gym Level 7 Open Female National Champions***

<u>Zac Airey</u>	Level 3 Open Male National Champion
<u>Daniel Correa</u>	Level 3 Open Male National Champion
<u>Christopher Cupples</u>	Level 3 Open Male National Champion
<u>Connor Cupples</u>	Level 3 Open Male National Champion
<u>Madden Gore</u>	Level 3 Open Male National Champion
<u>Andresa Orendain</u>	Level 3 Open Male National Champion
<u>Dane Preen</u>	Level 3 Open Male National Champion
<u>Carina Etgen</u>	Level 7 Open Female National Champion
<u>Alex France</u>	Level 7 Open Female National Champion
<u>Jenna Hall</u>	Level 7 Open Female National Champion
<u>Reshmi Patel</u>	Level 7 Open Female National Champion
<u>Lauren Reed</u>	Level 7 Open Female National Champion
<u>Kayla Sidik</u>	Level 7 Open Female National Champion
<u>Sophia Stephens</u>	Level 7 Open Female National Champion
<u>Aubrey Tupper</u>	Level 7 Open Female National Champion
<u>Hannah Blunt</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Ramon Brown</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Cheryl Cupples</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Taylor Fancher</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Evan McWhirter</u>	Coach of National Champions



Above: **Power Team Gym Level 8 Open Female  
National Champions: Birons Gymnastics**

Below Left: **Power Team Gym Level 3 Open Male National  
Champions: Showcase Gymnastics**

Below Right: **Power Team Gym Level 7 Open Female National  
Champions: Showcase Gymnastics**







Above: **Ragan Smith , Texas Dreams**  
**Women's All-Around National Champion**

Below: **Garrett Braunton, Cypress Gymnastics**  
**Junior Men's 15-16 All-Around National Champion**



# **USAG ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS HONOR AWARDS**

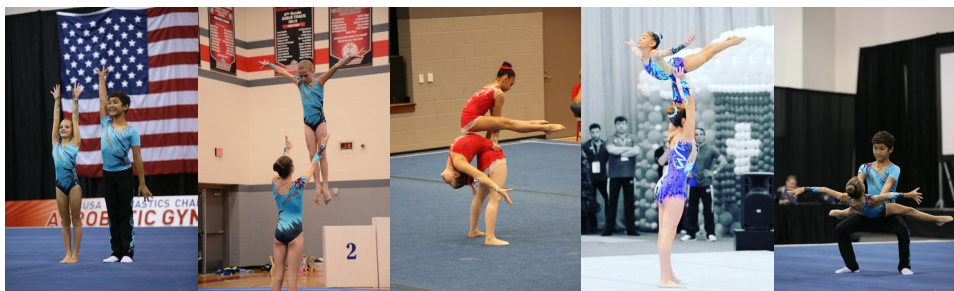
## **ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS OF SAN ANTONIO**

<u>Emily Bakke</u>	Level 8 Women's Group National Champion
<u>Samantha Broadley</u>	Level 7 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Emily Davis</u>	Senior Elite Women's Pair National Champion, International Silver Medalist (Geneva Acro Cup), 2017 World Games Finalist
<u>Hannah Davis</u>	Level 9 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Sarah Diamond</u>	International Silver Medalist (Geneva Acro Cup)
<u>Kyra Dowling</u>	11-16 Women's Pair National Champion, International Gold Medalist
<u>Reagan Dubbels</u>	12-18 Women's Pair National Champion, International Gold Medalist
<u>Alexandra Edwards</u>	12-18 Women's Pair National Champion, International Gold Medalist
<u>Angelina Gardner</u>	11-16 Women's Pair National Champion, International Gold Medalist
<u>Ryenn Gonzales</u>	International Competitor
<u>Jordan Gruendler</u>	12-18 Mixed Pair National Champion, International Medalist, National Team Member
<u>Kourtney Heinrich</u>	Level 6 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Camila Hernandez</u>	11-16 Women's Pair International Bronze Medalist (Geneva Acro Cup), National Team
<u>Makayla Jacobs</u>	Level 9 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Elizabeth Kirchner</u>	International Silver Medalist (Geneva Acro Cup)
<u>Taylor Kozelsky</u>	Level 8 Women's Group National Champion, International Silver Medalist (Geneva Acro Cup)



<u>Alexis Leinonen</u>	International Silver Medalist (Geneva Acro Cup)
<u>Makenna Ludeman</u>	11-16 Women's Pair International Bronze Medalist (Geneva Acro Cup), National Team
<u>Caitlyn Mackrell</u>	11-16 Women's Group National Champion, International medalist
<u>Timothy Massa</u>	12-18 Mixed Pair National Champion, International Medalist, National Team Member
<u>Aidan Merwarth</u>	International medalist
<u>Devon Merwarth</u>	International medalist
<u>Maren Merwarth</u>	International medalist
<u>Quincie Moran</u>	Level 8 Women's Group National Champion
<u>Evelynn Plummer</u>	Level 7 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Jessica Renteria</u>	International medalist
<u>Abigail Rosilier</u>	International medalist
<u>Aubrey Rosilier</u>	Senior Elite Women's Pair National Champion, International Silver Medalist (Geneva Acro Cup), 2017 World Games Finalist
<u>Schyler Shults</u>	11-16 Women's Group National Champion, International medalist
<u>Satia Wilson</u>	11-16 Women's Group National Champion, International Medalist
<u>Chloe Zubiate</u>	Level 6 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Jennifer Banowsky</u>	Coach of National Champions and International Medalists
<u>Michelle Merwarth</u>	Coach of International Medalists
<u>Arthur Valverde</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Vladimir Vladev</u>	Coach of National Champions and International Medalists

## USAG ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS HONOR AWARDS



### BOERNE GYMNASTICS CENTER

<u>Hannah Alonzo</u>	International competitor, National Team Member
<u>Evangelina Craven</u>	Level 6 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Alexander Kipp</u>	Level 6 Mixed Pair National Champion
<u>Jordan Liberto</u>	International competitor, National Team Member
<u>Ellie Sedlak</u>	Level 6 Mixed Pair National Champion
<u>Rebecca Sparkman</u>	Level 6 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Caley Teague</u>	11-16 WP International Gold medalist (Puerto Rico), International Bronze medalist (Spain)
<u>Makayla Vasquez</u>	11-16 WP International Gold medalist (Puerto Rico), International Bronze medalist (Spain)
<u>Radostina Lachkov</u>	Coach of International medalists and National Champions
<u>Rumen Lachkov</u>	Coach of International medalists and National Champions



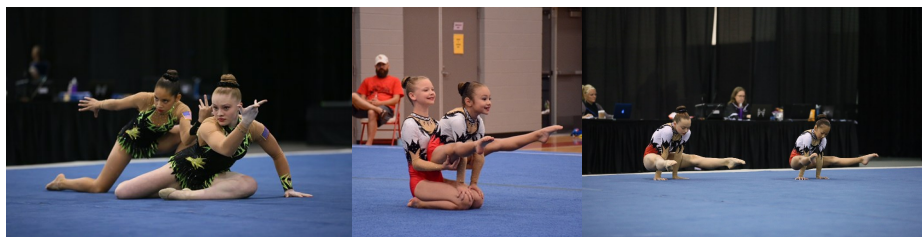
## **TEXAS ACADEMY OF ACROBATICS AND GYMNASTICS**

<u>Trenton Carr</u>	International Silver Medalist (Spain)
<u>Noelani Flavien</u>	Level 10 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Victoria Smirnova</u>	Level 10 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Allyson Stone</u>	International Silver Medalist (Spain)
<u>Maksim Chulkov</u>	Coach of National Champions and International Medalists
<u>Iryna Goncharova</u>	Coach of National Champions and International Medalists
<u>Valeriy Goncharov</u>	Coach of National Champions and International Medalists
<u>Anna Smirnova</u>	Coach of National Champions and International Medalists



## **WORLD OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS ACADEMY**

<u>Emma High</u>	Level 7 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Rylee Miller</u>	Level 7 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Slavik Kosakovskyy</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Elizabeth Osborne</u>	Coach of National Champions



# USAG TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING HONOR AWARDS

## ACROSPIRITS

Lexi Vigil

Open Elite Synchronized Trampoline  
National Champion

## CHAMPIONS WESTLAKE

Leilani Mate

Level 6 age 11-12 Tumbling National Champion

AJ Noble

L9 Double Mini 13-14 Male National Champion

Chloe Schiener

L6 age 13-14 Trampoline National Champion

Jaycee James

Coach of National Champions

Michael Lachner

Coach of National Champions

## GYMNAST FACTORY

Jayce Percival

Youth Elite Synchronized Trampoline and  
Youth Elite Double Mini National Champion

Van Larson

Youth Elite Synchronized Trampoline  
National Champion

Cameo Crawford

Coach of National Champions

Darcy Crawford

Coach of National Champions

Logan Ballinger

Coach of National Champions

## INFINITE BOUNDS

Sarah Alrahima

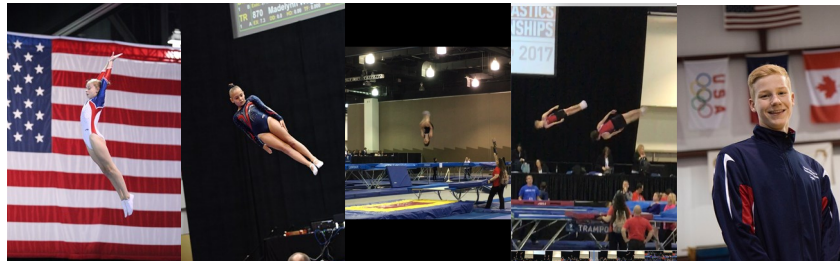
Level 5 Trampoline National Champion

Will Cockrill

Level 7 Double Mini National Champion

Keith Baker

Coach of National Champions



### **JILL'S GYMNASTICS**

Jalen Gardner L5 Male 13-14 Double Mini National Champion  
Alyssa Matriano-Lim L6 Age 13-14 Double Mini National Champion  
Devon Iles Coach of National Champions

### **MANNING ELITE GYMNASTICS**

Jaden McCarter Level 6 age 9-10 Trampoline National Champion  
Chad Ganaway Coach of National Champion

### **MAXIMUM ATHLETICS**

Samantha Brown Level 5 Tumbling National Champion  
Secret Carroll Level 7 Tumbling National Champion  
Tatyana Garcia Level 8 Double Mini National Champion  
Alex Thomas Coach of National Champions

### **THE PALAESTRA**

Benjamin Gordon L5 age 15 & over Tumbling National Champion  
Mary Beth Chavarro Coach of National Champion  
Holly Garrington Coach of National Champion  
Becki Weathers Coach of National Champion

### **TEXAS TUMBLERS GYMNASTICS**

Elise Cawelti Level 6 Tumbling National Champion  
Seth Batone Coach of National Champion  
Sal Piersanti Coach of National Champion  
Brendan Thomsen Coach of National Champion



### **TEXAS TUMBLING & TRAMPOLINE**

<u>Rylee Chapman</u>	Level 9 Double Mini National Champion, Elite Development Program Team Member, World Age Group selection camp qualifier.
<u>Logan Gilbert</u>	Junior National Team member, JE Champion at Elite Challenge, World Age Group selection camp qualifier, Elite Development Program Team
<u>Bill Gandy</u>	Coach of International medalists and National Champions
<u>Lisa Gandy</u>	Coach of International medalists and National Champions

### **VICTORIA GYMAGIC**

<u>Noah Lowry</u>	Level 6 Trampoline National Champion, Level 6 Double Mini National Champion
<u>Alesia Popp</u>	Level 7 Trampoline National Champion
<u>Michi Sharpe</u>	Open Elite Synchronized Trampoline National Champion
<u>Reese Stastny</u>	Youth Elite 13-14 Synchro Trampoline National Champion, Level 10 age 13-14 Double Mini National Champion
<u>Nico Turner</u>	L10, age 10U Trampoline National Champion
<u>Brooke Warzecha</u>	Youth Elite 13-14 Synchronized Trampoline National Champion
<u>Cindy Burkett</u>	Coach of National Champions

### **WORLD CHAMPIONS CENTRE**

<u>Adrian Tapia</u>	L5 age 11-12 Trampoline National Champion
<u>Sebastian Unger</u>	L6 age 9-10 Double Mini National Champion
<u>Jeff Egli</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Jimmy Owen</u>	Coach of National Champions

**Emily Davis &  
Aubrey Rosilier**  
*Senior Elite Women's Pair*

**National Champions  
Senior National Team  
World Cup Finalists**



**Baylor University**  
*Acrobatics &  
Tumbling Team*

**3x National  
Champions**



# 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.

## **2017 SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD**

**Presented to:**

**FRAN WEHMAN**





Fran Wehman has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Education from the University of Texas-Austin. She started her gymnastics career in 1997 when she took the Trampoline and Tumbling judges courses. After judging, trampoline, tumbling, and double mini trampoline for several years, she was asked to serve as a chief of panel and later was asked to be a leader level judge by USA Gymnastics.

Fran has taught many beginning level judges course at GAT. She has served South Texas Trampoline and Tumbling as a judging coordinator, treasurer, leader level judge and state chair. As state chair she held the South Texas Tumbling and Trampoline meetings at GAT and was a point of contact with GAT. She also taught courses in beginning a Tumbling and Trampoline program at GAT.

Fran continues to judge all three Tumbling and Trampoline events and serve as Secretary/Treasurer for South Texas Tumbling and Trampoline. She is office manager at Powerhouse Gymnastic Training Center in San Antonio. She enjoys watching the progress of athletes improving each year as gymnasts.

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## **2017 SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD**

**Presented to:**

**SUSIE HERGENRADER**



Susie Hergenrader competed for the University of Arizona Women's Gymnastics Team from 1978 to 1981 and served as Team Captain her Junior year. She moved to Plano, Texas, in 1981 and was hired as the Supervisor for the City of Plano Aerobats Gymnastics program. She grew the program from 80 kids to over 600 kids during her 31 year tenure as head of the program.

In addition to managing the City of Plano's gymnastics program, Susie was hired in 2004 to work part-time in the evenings at WOGA. She worked there from 2004 until 2011, managing their recreational gymnastics program.

In 2004, Susie went back to school while still supervising the Aerobats Gymnastics program and working for WOGA. She earned her Master's Degree in Public Affairs in 2006, and her PhD in Public Affairs in 2010, both from the University of Texas at Dallas.

In 2012, Susie was promoted to Recreation Services Superintendent for the Plano Parks and Recreation Department. In 2011 Susie had become the TAAF State Commissioner for TAAF Gymnastics, so despite her promotion and her resulting separation from coaching gymnastics, she was able stay connected to the sport she had been involved with her whole life. In 2014 she earned the TAAF Service Award for her years of dedication to improving TAAF Gymnastics.

With the establishment of an outstanding TAAF Gymnastics Council that works year-round to provide a unique and enjoyable competitive environment, the TAAF Gymnastics program in Texas is thriving, with over 2000 gymnasts from 80 Texas clubs competing this past year.

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## **2017 SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD**

**Presented to:**

**DOLORES REITER**



Dolores Reiter is a native Texan born in Muenster, Texas, and the fifth youngest of 10 children. She has four grown children, Sonja, Butch, Corey and Nikki Vrla, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Dolores was happy serving as a scout leader and den mother while serving on the Dallas Bowling Board. Dolores was an avid bowler, a Dallas City Champion and served in the 600 club. She also instructed women with special needs and junior bowlers. When all four of her children decided to get involved in gymnastics at Farmers Branch recreation center, Dolores then became a gym mom. She was pulled from the stands to judge her first meet in May 1971. With the whole family now involved in the sport, they joined Dallas Sokol, where Dolores taught and became the Director of Women's Gymnastics. The youngest child, Nikki was showing great talent and promise and it was Nikki's coach that suggested Dolores get involved at a deeper level. After attending her first GAT in San Antonio, she became a certified judge in 1974.

There was interest in starting a judges' association and Dolores was asked to be involved and that was the beginning of the North Texas Women's Gymnastics Judges Association. Dolores was the first treasurer and started recruiting others to grow the association. At that point, she took a three-year leave from her first love, bowling, to fully dedicate herself to the association. Dolores served in every office and also assigned judges. In the day, judging was different and moves were called mediums and superiors, with a superior move usually being a round off flip-flop back. In the 80's, value raising was started which of course created a need for judges training and mentoring.

Dolores judged several USGF regional meets, the first high school National meet, YMCA Nationals, NCAA II Regional meets along with Sokol meets all the way up to the National level. She also volunteered at international meets, the American Cup and the American Invitational. When Marta Karolyi defected to the USA, Dolores was her judging assistant. In the late 80's, she was invited to the Elite Course.

Dolores shared her love of the sport to all she encountered. She is particularly proud that all four of her children went on to teach and coach the sport of gymnastics with Nikki going on to prove her talent as an All American Collegiate gymnast.

Who would have thought that a three-year leave from bowling would evolve into a judging career that would span five decades? Over the years several generations of not only judges, but also gymnasts and coaches have been touched by her. Dolores plans to retire her judging jacket in June of 2018.

# 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.

**2017 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD  
PRESENTED TO:**

**ERIKA FRANKLIN**



Erika Franklin has been involved in the sport of Gymnastics since she was 6 years old. She competed as a gymnast in the Houston area.

She began coaching and judging while in college at Texas State University where she earned a degree in Exercise and Sports Science. She coached competitive gymnastics for 10 years and currently enjoys coaching Preschool classes.

Erika is a Nationally-rated judge and has been judging for 25 years. She has served as the Houston area (District 5/6) Assigner for the past 7 years as well as serving on the Texas National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges (NAWGJ) board for the past 7 years.

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**2017 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**  
**PRESENTED TO:**

**FELECIA MULKEY**





Baylor acrobatics & tumbling head coach Felecia Mulkey has completely changed the program since arriving in Waco in June of 2014. Entering her fourth season in 2018, she has the Bears coming in as three time National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Association (NCATA) champions with a 30-1 three-year record and has tutored eight NCATA All-Americans in her first three years.

During the 2017 season, Mulkey led Baylor to a near perfect season (9-1) en route to claiming the 2017 NCATA national championship. Along the way, Kiara Nowlin, Lauren Sturm and Kaelyn Cowan earned NCATA All-American honors, with Kiara Nowlin earning the NCATA Most Outstanding Athlete award for the second time in 3 years.

After guiding the Oregon Ducks to four consecutive NCATA national championships in five years, Mulkey, in her first season as Baylor's head coach, guided the Bears to the program's first NCATA national championship, defeating the defending champion Oregon Ducks three times en route to the crown. During that inaugural season the Bears posted a program-best 11-0 record.

In her eight seasons as an acrobatics and tumbling head coach, Mulkey has an overall record of 63-3 while winning seven national titles, 48 event titles, coached 18 student-athletes to All-America honors with three earning athlete of the year awards and two freshman of the year.

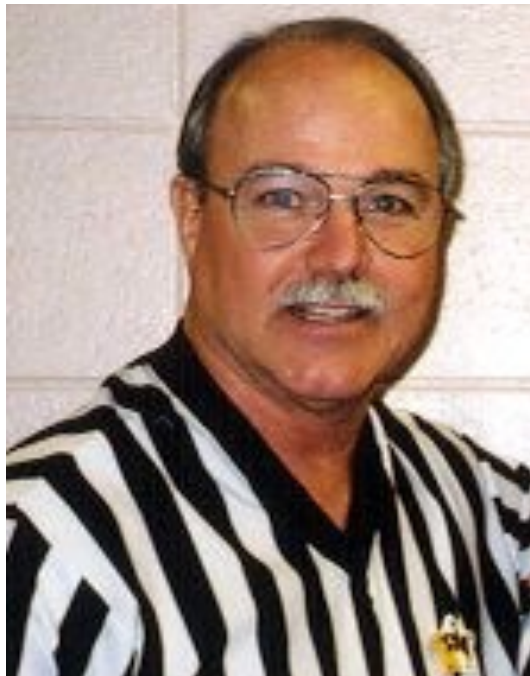
Off the mat, Mulkey works tirelessly in growing the sport of acrobatics and tumbling. She serves as the Director of Expansion for the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association, where she is responsible for the expansion of colleges and universities who sponsor acrobatics and tumbling as a varsity sport. Last month the NCATA added East Texas Baptist University as its newest member – which brings the total number of schools sponsoring the sport to 20! This is up from 14 members just a year ago. She continues to play a key role in the progression of acrobatics & tumbling's effort to gain NCAA sport status. Prior to the 2010-11 season, Mulkey was a catalyst in developing the meet and scoring format that is used in the sport today.

Mulkey is driven by her passion to create and expand true competitive collegiate opportunities for young women training in the different skill sets of gymnastics and competitive cheer.

# **LIFE MEMBER AWARD**

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## **MIKE SPILLER**



**MIKE SPILLER:** “As a boy, I was always tumbling around Austin with an occasional trip to Crenshaw’s gym to jump tramp. I moved to Houston as a young teen and became a member of Bartosch Bounders Gymnastics Team in Bellaire, Texas. A couple of my teammates at the time were Beau Biron, Charlie Teas and, of course, Gerald Bartosch. We did Clown Diving and local parades. Later, I moved to Austin continued to tumble and trampoline during my high school years with Gerald Bartosch.

My military duty from 68 to 72 / USMC – Marines took me on one tour in Vietnam. I was the only US serviceman to build a trampoline in a combat zone – Marble Mountain, Vietnam 1970. Soon after getting out of the service, I took a full-time job at the Laguna Beach Boys Club as the Program Director for Fitness and Sport, and started a tumbling and gymnastics program there. I got married, and went on to coach gymnastics at the Vista Parks and Recreation Department and the Vista Boys Club.

I returned to Houston and in 1976 Gerald and I opened Gym-an-I Gymnastics in North Houston. Some of the coaches there were Ann Paschal Rangle, Rick Newman, Jim and Cheryl Jarrett, Jim Culhane, and Jeff Martin.

I later went to Switzerland and began to coach the Jr. National team there in the Luzern area with Lilo and Stephan Oberli. Many of the girls I trained made the 1985 World Championship Team in Montreal. After Switzerland, I took a head-coaching position at Santa Fe Gymnastics in New Mexico with Glenn and Betty Herring. I stayed there for a while and then took a job as head-coach on the Big Island of Hawaii with the Waimea Gymnastics Club. It was here on the Big Island that my “Games of the World” business took root.

After I left the Big Island, I came back to Texas where I continued doing workshops and trainings with schools, YMCAs, Boy and Girls Clubs, Experiential Learning groups, Day Care programs and the like. My Games of the World business eventually lead into Summer Camp Counselor Trainings. I have been presenting these trainings for over 20 years now and they seem to be very well received.

My current project is what I call my Stackrobats or Gym Stackers. I still do a lot of training, but find time to make these little, wooden stacking gymnasts for all to play with. I like to think that at one time I made good gymnasts while coaching and now I’m still making fun gymnasts at the age of 67.

It has been my joy to be a part of the Texas gymnastics family for the last 57 years. I have made so many life-long friends in this sport. My life has been enhanced due to gymnastics and if I had it all to do again – yes I would change a few things, but for the most part, I would do it all over again.” **Elected 2017**

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**HIDEO “MIZO” MIZOGUCHI**



**HIDEO MIZOGUCHI:** “Coach Mizo”, as he is known throughout the gymnastics community, competed in the Japanese Elite Program in the early ‘70s before coming to the United States in 1974. He attended graduate school at the University of Oregon while assisting the Oregon Men’s Gymnastics Team. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Chukyo University in Japan and a master’s degree in Physical Education from the University of Oregon.

In 1977, Coach Mizo started a Junior Boys Program at the National Academy of Artistic Gymnastics in Eugene, Oregon. In 1979, he joined the Junior Olympic National Team program as a member of the Junior National Coaching Staff. Of the original members of the Jr. National Coaching Staff, Mizo is one of the few still actively involved in coaching the Junior Olympic Boys Program. While in Oregon, he served as Regional 2 Chairman from 1979 – 1983.

In 1984, Coach Mizo was selected from among the members of the junior coaching staff to step into the position of USA Gymnastics Junior National Technical Director, replacing his mentor, Mr. Watanbe who had returned to Japan. He served as the USA Gymnastics Junior Technical Director under the leadership of Mr. Robert Cowan, the men’s program director, until 1994. During this 10-year period, he also served as the Chairman of the Junior National Coaching Staff, the Chairman of the Age Group Competition Committee, the assistant of Educational Project for the FIG, under Mr. Bill Roetzhien, and served as a Delegation Leader to several countries for international competitions.

While working at the USAG Home Office in Indianapolis, Indiana as the Junior Men’s Technical Director, he married Kellie Kavanagh in 1988. They have a son, Tyler, now 27 years old.

The family moved to Houston in 1994 where Hideo directed the newly built Brown’s Gymnastics. In 1996, he and Kellie opened their own gymnastics facility – Champion Gymnastics Academy in Houston. They moved the business to Katy in 2005 and have been running a very successful gym for the last 20 years. In 2014, they built a 30,000-sq. ft. training facility in Richmond, Texas with a new business name – Fun & Fitness Gymnastics.

Mizo is a regular speaker and lecturer at many of the regional and national events including GAT, Future Stars and Regional and National Clinics throughout the country. Today he continues to impact young gymnasts’ lives with the experience and wealth of knowledge that he has in gymnastics. **Elected 2017.**



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