

Service to Youth

2006 - DAVID ROGERS - David has done much in the area of Sports/Acro gymnastics by hosting regional and national competitions and promoting this sport in Texas. He has been very generous to gymnasts and coaches by opening his facility to them so they may learn various skills involved in Acro gymnastics. His coaches have worked with other coaches which has enabled the development of Acro gymnastics here in Texas. GAT is pleased to present our Service to Youth Award to David Rogers.

2006 - DEBBIE DOWLING AND LEA ANN VILLALANTI - This award is presented annually to persons who have served the gymnastic community for a number of years touching many children. Since 1998 both of these ladies have volunteered countless hours to promote Group Gymnastics to the state of Texas, GAT and at state and national competitions. Mrs. Dowling has conducted meetings to other gyms in Texas on TeamGymn information and rules, Performance Gymnastics seminars and became a judge for the TeamGymn Nationals in Las Vegas. By becoming a judge, Texas was able to be represented at the national competition. Mrs. Villalanti has served as coordinator of uniforms and costumes for the Texas Teams since 1998. Both of these ladies have attended the past two World Gymnaestradas in Sweden and Portugal and have volunteered to be chairpersons of all the travel for 75+ delegates to the World Gymnaestrada in Austria in 2007. We salute these two ladies for their significant contribution to the growth of Group Gymnastics at GAT, Texas and at world events.

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Special Honor

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JULIE BEDFORD 2006 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

TANYA DOWLING 2006 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

KELLY JAMES 2006 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

VIVIAN MULLIN 2006 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

GABBY VILLALANTI 2006 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

Distinguished Service

2006 - TAMMY BIGGS - Tammy has spent 17 years on the USA National Coaching staff and spends much of her time traveling across the country helping develop future Olympians. She was awarded 1992 Choreographer of the Year. She was a member of the 1996 Olympic Team coaching staff and has produced 25 educational videos in the sport of gymnastics. She also had time to become a Brevet judge. GAT is pleased to award Tammy the Distinguished Service Award.

2006 - GIL ELSASS - Gil has been involved in all aspects of physical education and gymnastics as a teacher, coach, and/or program administrator for 30+ years. He runs Crenshaw's Athletic Club – the first true “mega-gym” in Austin. Gil has hosted state, regional, and national championships. He is the Region III Men's Chairman (since 1991), JOPC Chairman (since 2000), and the Chairman of the Age Group Competition Committee for 2005-2008. Gil helped create the new JO Program's Compulsory Routines (and its DVD) for the Men's Program. He was awarded the prestigious Frank Cumiskey Award. Gil has been a tremendous supporter of GAT in many ways with what he has done for lectures, meetings, life members, and assistance with demonstrators. Gil helped author the ITP-Boys 1 & 2 texts, and he opens up his gym each year to the staff and participants of the ITP-Boys courses so that they can utilize all of the men's equipment for hands-on spotting training. Gil received the Distinguished Service Award in 1992 and 1996 and the GAT Life Member Award in 1999. His inspirational leadership, organization skills, and structuring of an outstanding training program for men and women all work together to make Gil a fitting recipient for this GAT Distinguished Service Award .

2006 - CHERYL JARRETT - Austin. Cheryl has served on the GAT board since 1989, 5 of those years as President and currently serving as the Director of Education for Texas. She plans all GAT seminars and education programs (that are not done through USAG), selects speakers, directs the ITP2 Program, and plans new courses. She has coached and worked with the US Olympic Committee and currently serves on the USA Gymnastics Board where she is the Region 3 Junior Olympic Chairman. She was one of the choreographers of the current compulsory routines. Cheryl works along with her

husband, Jim, operating the 5 Capital Gymnastics locations in the Austin area, plus the one in Florida, and is Co-Founder of Sports Scholarship Consultants. Her favorite hobby is traveling. GAT is please to present the Distinguished Service Award to Cheryl Jarrett.

COLLEGIATE HONOR AWARDS

2006 -TEXAS WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

2006 USAG COLLEGIATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein

Team Members:

Courtney Arno TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein; All American, Balance Beam Champion, Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Bethany Rehm TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein; All American, Uneven Bars Champion, Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Amber McMeans TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein; All American, 7th Place, Uneven Bars, Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Brisa Fuentes TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein; All American, 3rd Place, Uneven Bars, Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Nakia Westbrook TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein; All American, 12th Place Vault, Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Brittany Parker TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein; All American, 11th Place Vault, Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Nicole Poling TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein; All American, 8th Place Floor Exercise, Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Brenda Campbell TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein; Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Jennifer Kingsbury TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein; Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Amie Boles TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein;
Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Kelsey Nixon TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein;
Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Amy Hulbert TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein;
Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Brista Michael TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein;
Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Tonya Pipkorn TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein;
Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Emily Seidelman TWU; coached by Frank Kudlac, Jackie Fain, Tim Rivera, Lisa Klein;
Member, 2006 USAG Collegiate National Championship Team.

Frank Kudlac TWU; coach of Courtney Arno, Bethany Rehm; coach of 2006 USAG
Collegiate National Team Champions.

Jackie Fain TWU; assistant coach of Courtney Arno, Bethany Rehm, 2006 USAG
Collegiate National Team Champions.

Tim Rivera TWU; assistant coach of Courtney Arno, Bethany Rehm, 2006 USAG
Collegiate National Team Champions.

Lisa Klein TWU; assistant coach of Courtney Arno, Bethany Rehm, 2006 USAG
Collegiate National Team Champions.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-AUSTIN

2006 Men's NAIGC National Championship Team;

NAIGC Championships, Oakland, California.

Nicholas Beard UT, Austin; NAIGC National Rings Champion, 5th Floor
Exercise, 10th Vault, NAIGC Championships,
Oakland, California.

Audi McGookey UT, Austin; NAIGC National High Bar Champion,
NAIGC Championships, Oakland, California.

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Thomas Rangel TX STATE; NAIGC National Vault Champion, NAIGC Championships,
Oakland, California.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Kerri Griffin TX TECH; NAIGC National Vault Champion, NAIGC Championships, Oakland, California

Germain Huval TX TECH; NAIGC National Floor Exercise Champion, 4th Vault, NAIGC Championships, Oakland, California