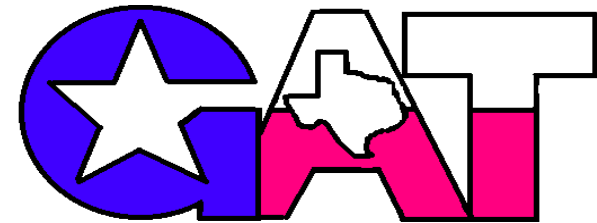


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**Ceremony of Honors**

Renaissance Austin Hotel  
Austin, Texas  
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## KEVIN MUENZ

Kevin started his journey into the world of gymnastics, at the age of 12, as manager of a high school gymnastics team in Yorktown Heights, New York. The following year, the family moved to the suburbs of Chicago, a hot bed for high school gymnastics, where he attended John Hersey high school, in Arlington Heights, Illinois. As a high school gymnast, he helped his team win the state championship and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the all around behind Bart Conner. During his senior year, he was invited to the first Olympic development camp held by the then USGF in Lincoln, Nebraska, and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the first ever National High School All Around Invitational in Chicago, Illinois.

A college scholarship led him to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, under the direction of Coach Bill Meade. As a college gymnast, Kevin was a member of the USGF National Men's Team and received the bronze medal on pommel horse at the USGF National Championships in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After graduating from SIU-C with a degree in Education, Kevin worked on his Masters in Biomechanics and Physiology of Exercise and helped Coach Meade with the gymnastics team. The experience with Meade planted the seeds for Kevin to venture into the world of coaching.

Coach Muenz moved to Garland, Texas in 1982 and is now in his 27<sup>th</sup> year of coaching at Lakeview Centennial High School. Believe it or not, Mark Sherman actually helped Kevin get his job. During this time, his teams have won 5 high school state championships; he has been honored 3 times by the Texas High School Gymnastics Coaches Association as their Coach of the Year and in 1991 he was awarded the prestigious National High School Coach of the Year award. Kevin's gymnasts have won many state, regional and national titles at the high school and club levels.

Currently, Kevin is the USA Gymnastics men's state chairman, a post he has held for 18 years. He has also been a nationally certified judge for the past 26 years and an officer in the THSGCA for over 20 years. However, he has never been a member of the GAT board much to the delight of Cheryl Jarrett.

Kevin admits that none of this could have been possible without the loving support of his first wife (and last) Debbie and their 3 children plus the dog that chews up all the wood pens he makes in his garage shop.

# **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.

## **2008 LIFE MEMBER AWARD**

**PRESENTED TO:  
KEVIN MUENZ**

# **NATIONAL HON- OR 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.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS HONOR AWARDS

### Special Olympics USA Team Beijing, China 2007

<u>Renee Manworren</u>	Coach of Special Olympics Team USA in Beijing
<u>Brittany Manworren</u>	Special Olympics Team USA Member
<u>Madeline Braley</u>	Special Olympics Team USA Member
<u>Mandy Brookshire</u>	Special Olympics Team USA Member
<u>Houstin Gardner</u>	Special Olympics Team USA Member
<u>Jessica Clopp</u>	Special Olympics Team USA Member
<u>Katie Shepherd</u>	Special Olympics Team USA Member
<u>Debbie Curry</u>	Coach of Jessica Clopp
<u>Tracey Shepherd</u>	Coach of Katie Shepherd

## HIGH SCHOOL HONOR AWARDS

### FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Jodi Kirk</u>	High School National Champion Balance Beam and All Around
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### J.J. PEARCE HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Marcella Fallon</u>	High School National Champion Bars and Vault
<u>Velmore Estillore</u>	Coach of Marcella Fallon
<u>Katrena Rodgers</u>	Coach of Marcella Fallon

### SAN ANGELO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Jasmine Brown</u>	High School National Champion Vault
<u>Christin Harper</u>	High School National Champion Balance Beam
<u>Tony Walker</u>	Coach of Jasmine Brown and Christin Harper

### SOUTH GARLAND HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Joanna Wesson</u>	High School National Champion Floor Exercise
<u>Sam Seidel</u>	Coach of Joanna Wesson

## COLLEGIATE HONOR AWARDS

### 2008 NAIGC National Championships

#### TEXAS A&M

#### 2008 NAIGC Women's Team National Champions

Candice Deeroche	2008 NAIGC Women's Bars and All Around National Champion
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#### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

#### 2008 NAIGC Men's Team National Champions

Jennifer Grabowski	2008 NAIGC Women's Vault National Champion
Light Townsend	2008 NAIGC Men's Floor, High Bar and All Around National Champion
Jonathen Walker	2008 NAIGC Men's Vault National Champion

## 2008 LIFE MEMBER AWARD

### PRESENTED TO:

### SCOTT CROUSE

Scott, owner of Lone Star Gymnastics in Ft. Worth, came to Texas from California, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He served as Head Coach of SCAT Gymnastics from 1972 to 1979 and has been active in coaching ever since, placing many gymnasts on National and International Teams. He has been and is still active in numerous professional groups including USAG Board of Directors; USAG Texas State Board, both women and men; Region III Board Member and Director of TOPS Program. Scott has received over 30 International coaching assignments and has authored JO National Compulsory Uneven Bars routines and published over 20 articles on Coaching, Mechanics and Technique of Skills. He was co-architect in designing the USA Gymnastics National Training Center and US Olympic Training Center at Colorado Springs; is founder and past president of California State Coaches Association and Texas Women's Gymnastics Coaches Association, was past Region III Director for USAG National TOPS Program; was past member of USAG Region III Board for Women, to mention a few of his accomplishments. Scott is currently a member of the USAG Texas State Board for both Women and Men. He has received over 20 International Coaching Lecture Assignments and designed and built the first in-ground pits, the first spring floor using metal springs, and the first fiberglass uneven bar rails for women in the United States. Outside the gym, Scott enjoys golf, boating, rock climbing, cooking, writing, collecting art and Olympic memorabilia, but most of all, he enjoys life.

TEXAS WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

# 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.

<u>Courtney Arno</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 USAG Collegiate National Champions, USAG Collegiate Beam Champion 2008 (All American), USAG Collegiate Bar Champion 2008 (All American)
<u>Jennifer Kingsbury</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Nicole Poling</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Amie Boles</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Kelsey Nixon</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Amy Hulbert</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Brista Michael</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Mollie Blessing</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Alexa Brennan</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Kristie Costa</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Caroline Hilpisch</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Jennifer Liberato</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Keri Miller</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Leslie Pladson</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Lauren Sizemore</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Abbi Thomas</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Amanda Walker</u>	TWU Team Member 2008 Collegiate National Champions
<u>Frank Kudlac</u>	Head Coach of TWU -2008 USAG Collegiate National Champions
<u>Tim Rivera</u>	Assistant Coach of TWU
<u>Lisa Klein</u>	Assistant Coach of TWU
<u>Gretchen Goerlitz</u>	Graduate Assistant Coach of TWU
<u>Brisa Fuentes</u>	Student Coach of TWU
<u>Kris Ring</u>	TWU Trainer
<u>Deborah Khama</u>	TWU Student Trainer

## TGJA HONOR AWARDS

### (Texas Gymnastics Judges Association)

<u>Dan Keating</u>	Judged the Pan American Interclub Championships in El Salvador
<u>Greg Kester</u>	Judge for the USA/Germany Meet
<u>Mark Sherman</u>	Judge for the Japanese International Invitational in Japan

## USAG GROUP GYMNASTICS HONOR AWARDS

### 2008 USAG TeamGymn Level D National Champions

#### Biron Gymnastics Show Team

<u>Julie Bedford</u>	Team Member 2008 TeamGymn National Champions
<u>Nikki Hanshaw</u>	Team Member 2008 TeamGymn National Champions
<u>Gabby Howard</u>	Team Member 2008 TeamGymn National Champions
<u>Alexa Janda</u>	Team Member 2008 TeamGymn National Champions
<u>Callie Johnston</u>	Team Member 2008 TeamGymn National Champions
<u>Shannon Kelley</u>	Team Member 2008 TeamGymn National Champions
<u>Colleen Laflin</u>	Team Member 2008 TeamGymn National Champions
<u>April Rider</u>	Team Member 2008 TeamGymn National Champions
<u>Meredith Robertson</u>	Team Member 2008 TeamGymn National Champions
<u>Marina Saitoh</u>	Team Member 2008 TeamGymn National Champions
<u>Elizabeth Williams</u>	Team Member 2008 TeamGymn National Champions
<u>Jodie Trncak</u>	Head Coach and Choreographer of Biron Gymnastics Show Team
<u>Cheryl Cupples</u>	Assistant Coach of Biron Gymnastics Show Team
<u>Rob Maiorana</u>	Assistant Coach of Biron Gymnastics Show Team
<u>Dawn Howard</u>	Assistant Coach of Biron Gymnastics Show Team
<u>Jill Terrell</u>	Assistant Coach of Biron Gymnastics Show Team
<u>Beau Biron</u>	Assistant Coach of Biron Gymnastics Show Team

## HIDEO “MIZO” MIZOGUCHI

For 10 years coach Hideo Mizoguchi was the USAG Technical Director for the JO National Program. Prior to this he was the junior coach for four years of eventual 1984 Olympians. “Coach Mizo” as he is known, competed in the elite Japanese program in the 1970’s until a lower back injury shortened his career. He has a Masters Degree in PE from the University of Oregon. He is currently the co-owner of Champion Gymnastics Academy in Katy, Texas. Mizo has spoken at conventions quite often and has helped author and teach the ITP-Boys 2 course at GAT.

## JERIT POGUE

Jerit is an FIG rated judge and is currently the JO Technical Director for Region 3. He has been involved in men’s gymnastics as an athlete, coach, judge and gym owner for over 20 years. Jerit and his wife Sarah currently own Alpha Omega ....He is currently the President of the Michael Sims Scholarship Committee as well as the Secretary for the Texas Men’s State Executive Board. Jerit has helped speak and author the ITP-Boys 2 course at GAT along with several general lectures.

## GIZI HILDEBRAND

Gizi Hildebrand was born and raised in Romania where she was an elite level gymnast competing for the Romanian National Team. She earned a masters degree in physical education in Bucharest, Romania. In 1979 she moved to the United States then in 1982, Gizi moved to Houston, TX and began working with Bela Karolyi. Gizi’s Gymnastics opened in Houston in 1985. For ten years Gizi ran a very competitive program at every level with many national and international competitors and champions. It was a very successful program that not only developed athletes, but mentored and developed coaches who have gone on to have remarkable success in their own right. In 1995 Gizi transitions from being a gym owner and coach to officiating, judging levels 4 through 10. She has judged at almost every level both club and college and in April of 2008 Gizi retired. She has spent over 55 years in the sport of gymnastics including but not limited to the roles of competing, coaching, owner/operator and official. “I have spent many wonderful years in the sport of gymnastics in all capacities, and have truly enjoyed the memories in the different roles that I was able to undertake. I have made many life long friends and have earned respect from both coaches and judges throughout the gymnastics community.” Gizi Hildebrand



# 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.

## 2008 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD JOHN BASEL

John Basel was born in Buffalo, New York where he started gymnastics at the local YMCA at the age of 9. John was involved in gymnastics throughout high school and college. He was a gymnast at the State University of New York at Buffalo where he majored in finance. John later became the director of that gymnastics program, coaching the Buffalo Turners. John then moved to Texas and opened Basels All-Star Gymnastics and Cheer in Spring, Texas in 1992. John is a FIG brevet rated judge and president of the local judges association. He has judged three collegiate nationals and three J.O. nationals. John has continued to support growth of gymnastics in Texas by hosting meets in all disciplines and promoting the growing sport of Trampoline and Tumbling. John has also been the financial officer for GAT serving on the board since 2001.

## SEAN SIMS

Sean is the boys gymnastics coach at L.D. Bell High School in Hurst. He has coached high school gymnastics for 14 years where he has coached individual and state champions, teams to the state championships and been voted by his peers as regional coach of the year and head coach for the National Team. He is the coach of the 2007 High School State Champions. He has been a nationally rated judge for 15 years. Sean graduated from Houston Baptist University in 1992 with degrees in psychology, kinetics, and secondary education and was a two year letterman on the gymnastics team. Sean has helped speak and author the ITP-Boys 1 course at GAT.

# USAG SPORTS ACROBATICS HONOR AWARDS

## BOERNE GYMNASTICS CENTER

<u>Claire Huerta</u>	Level 6 Women's Pair 12-14 National Champion
<u>Sarah Fagala</u>	Level 6 Women's Pair 12-14 National Champion
<u>Delaney White</u>	Level 6 Women's Group 11& under National Champion
<u>Kylie McIntosh</u>	Level 6 Women's Group 11& under National Champion
<u>Mikaela Evans</u>	Level 6 Women's Group 11& under National Champion
<u>Morgan Anderson</u>	Level 7 Women's Group 17+National Champion
<u>Ashley Seagroves</u>	Level 7 Women's Group 17+National Champion
<u>Taylor Owens</u>	Level 7 Women's Group 17+National Champion
<u>DeShay Eismenger</u>	Level 9 Women's Pair 15-16 National Champion
<u>Hayley Lemmons</u>	Level 9 Women's Pair 15-16 National Champion
<u>Valerie Bryant</u>	Level 10 Women's Pair 17+ National Champion
<u>Danielle Hovey</u>	Level 10 Women's Pair 17+ National Champion
<u>Rumen Lachkov</u>	Coach of Boerne National Champions
<u>Radostina Lachkova</u>	Coach of Boerne National Champions

## BROWN'S GYMNASTICS SAN ANTONIO

<u>Lillian Robertson</u>	Level 5 Women's Pair 11 and under National Champion
<u>Andrea Lawton</u>	Level 5 Women's Pair 11 and under National Champion
<u>Brianna Foster</u>	Level 5 Women's Pair 12-14 National Champion
<u>Emma Gaona</u>	Level 5 Women's Pair 12-14 National Champion
<u>Michelle Tardie</u>	Level 5 Mixed Pair 12-14 National Champion
<u>Luke Martinez</u>	Level 5 Mixed Pair 12-14 National Champion
<u>Emily Rohm</u>	Level 5 Women's Pair 12-14 National Champion
<u>Jessica Renteria</u>	Level 5 Women's Pair 12-14 National Champion
<u>Vladimir Vladev</u>	Coach of Brown's National Champions

## USA AERIAL ATHLETICS

<u>Allison Traina</u>	Level 9 Women's Group 12-14 National Champion
<u>Scottie Miller</u>	Level 9 Women's Group 12-14 National Champion
<u>Michelle Banowsky</u>	Level 9 Women's Group 12-14 National Champion
<u>Jennifer Banowsky</u>	Coach of USA Aerial Athletics National Champions

## WORLD OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

<u>Dylan Inserra</u>	Level 9 Men's Pair 17+ National Champion
<u>Axel Osborne</u>	Level 9 Men's Pair 17+ National Champion
<u>Brandi Lewis</u>	Coach of WOGA National Champions

# USAG TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING

## HONOR AWARDS

### BASEL'S ALL STAR GYMNASTICS

<u>Jantzen Nall</u>	Tumbling Level 7 9-10 yr old National Champion
<u>John Basel</u>	Coach of Jantzen Nall
<u>Janine Cervantes</u>	Coach of Jantzen Nall
<u>Merrell Gilbert</u>	Coach of Jantzen Nall

### GABRIELLES DYNAMIC TUMBLERS

<u>Seth Crawford</u>	Double Mini-Trampoline 15 and over Level 9 National Champion
<u>Darcy Crawford</u>	Coach of Seth Crawford

### GYM FIT

<u>Maggie St. Denis</u>	Tumbling Level 6 9-10 yr old National Champion, Double Mini-Trampoline Level 6 9-10 yr old National Champion, Trampoline Level 6 9-10 yr old National Champion
<u>Malley Augustine</u>	Double Mini-Trampoline Level 6 13-14 yr old National Champion, Trampoline Level 6 13-14 yr old National Champion
<u>Chad Fox</u>	Coach of Maggie St. Denis and Malley Augustine

### GYMNAST FACTORY

<u>Robert Vargas</u>	Trampoline Level 9 13-14 yr old National Champion
<u>Alex Land</u>	Double Mini-Trampoline Level 8 13-14 yr old National Champion
<u>Tom Brewer</u>	Coach of Robert Vargas and Alex Land
<u>Calvin Parker</u>	Coach of Robert Vargas and Alex Land

### EAGLE'S WINGS ATHLETICS

<u>Ryan Allen</u>	Double Mini-Trampoline Level 6 9-10 yr old National Champion
<u>Andrew Johnson</u>	Double Mini-Trampoline Level 6 11 yr old National Champion
<u>Bret Stout</u>	Coach of Ryan Allen and Andrew Johnson

### EXCITE GYMNASTICS

<u>Lane Brown</u>	Double Mini-Trampoline Level 6 11-12 yr old National Champion
<u>Kelly Ball</u>	Coach of Lane Brown

# SPEITH ANDERSON

Now in its 37th year, SA Sport is one of the most trusted gymnasium and sports equipment manufacturers in North America. Our product line is highly specialized and includes gymnastic apparatus and mats, preschool/developmental equipment. Our entire tradition is based on a commitment to manufacture high quality equipment that meets the standards and expectations of our served markets. Our vision continues to be a global leader in the continuous development of training and competitive athletic equipment through innovation, quality and design.

For many years SA Sports has been a large supporter of GAT as an major exhibitor in the exhibition hall. Speith has always been willing to lend equipment needed for lectures and demonstrations at GAT. They also have always donated so generously to GAT's fundraising efforts. Thank You Speith!

*Rhonda Oberbeck is graciously accepting the award for  
Speith Anderson*

## TUMBL TRAK

For almost 20 years, Tumbl Trak has been the leader in cutting edge technology used to develop tumbling, gymnastic, cheerleading and dance training equipment.

Tumbl Trak offers a variety of products designed for tumble training. All of our tumble training products allow for multiple repetition while reducing the risk of overuse injuries. The original Tumbl Trak is a must have piece of equipment for traditional gymnastic clubs.

For many years Tumbl Trak has been a huge supporter of GAT as well as an major exhibitor in the exhibition hall. Tumbl Trak has always been willing to lend equipment needed for lectures and demonstrations at GAT. They also have always donated so generously to GAT's fundraising efforts. Thank You Tumbl Trak!

# 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.

## 2008 SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD

### MARSHA'S SPORTSWEAR

Marsha's Sportswear is a specialty advertising company owned and operated by Ric and Marsha Howard. Marsha's is based out of Houston, Texas and has been in business for 21 years. Ric and Marsha started their business in 1987 designing a line of hand painted clothing for women and children which was sold through apparel markets in Dallas, Atlanta and Los Angeles. In 1993, they combined silk screening with the hand painting to cut back on production time. Ric and Marsha became involved with the gymnastics industry through their daughter Julie, who was a high level gymnast training in the Houston area for 11 years. During Julie's gymnastics career, Marsha's custom designed and printed for local gyms in the Houston area. Traveling to meets across the country they realized there was a big need for everyday apparel for the kids to wear outside of the gym. So in 1996 Ric and Marsha attended their first US National Congress in Boston offering not only custom screen printing and embroidery but "NO RISK" consignment programs. Twelve years later Marsha's has grown with the industry and has enjoyed every minute of it.

For many years Marsha's Sportswear has been a large supporter of GAT as an exhibitor. For the past several years Marsha's has supported GAT by designing the GAT t-shirt and donating to GAT fundraisers. Thank to Marsha and Ric for your support of the GAT community.

### NORTH TEXAS TUMBLING TWISTERS

Hannah Miller Double Mini-Tramp Lvl 7 12 yr old National Champion  
Tyler Terrell Double Mini-Tramp Level 10 17 & up National Champion  
Joshua Wardle Trampoline Level 6 13-14 yr old National Champion  
Tiffany Brumbaugh Coach of Hannah Miller, Tyler Terrell, Joshua Wardle

### POWERHOUSE TNT GYMNASTICS

Leilani Magdalena Tumbling Level 6 15 and over National Champion  
David Brambila Coach of Leilani Magdalena

### SEAL GYMNASTICS

Jared Howard Tumbling Level 9 13-14 yr old National Champion  
Robert Wade Coach of Jared Howard

### SOUTH TEXAS ELITE GYMNASTICS

Chant Parker Trampoline Level 9 11-12 yr old National Champion  
Chad Gannaway Coach of Chant Parker

### TENACIOUS TUMBLING AND TRAMPOLINE

Michaela Emmett Trampoline Level 7 13-14 yr old National Champion  
Emily Martinez Trampoline Level 8 12 yr old National Champion  
David Hulsey Coach of Michaela Emmett and Emily Martinez

### TEXAS TWISTERS

Kalli Bramlett Tumbling Level 7 7-8 yr old National Champion  
Hailey Martin Tumbling Level 8 7-8 yr old National Champion  
Josh Chapman Coach of Kalli Bramlett and Hailey Martin

### THE PALESTRA

Andrew Shurtleff Double Mini-Trampoline Lvl 9 11-12 National Champion  
Becki Weathers Coach of Andrew Shurtleff

### TITANS GYMNASTICS

Rex Eastepp Tumbling Level 7 13-14 yr old National Champion  
Dempsey Fenner Trampoline Level 5 13-14 yr old National Champion  
Raymond Eastepp Coach of Rex Eastepp and Dempsey Fenner

### TEXAS TUMBLING AND TRAMP INSTITUTE

Sarah Gandy Double Mini-Trampoline Jr Elite 15+ National Champion  
Kendall Mc Donald Double Mini-Trampoline Level 9 15+ National Champion  
Lisa Gandy Trampoline Level 9 15 + National Champion  
Coach of Sarah Gandy and Kendall McDonald

## TOP FLIGHT GYMNASTICS

<u>Matthew Demaris</u>	Tumbling Level 7 15 and over National Champion
<u>Amanda Manila</u>	Tumbling Level 5 9-10 yr old National Champion
<u>Holly Garrington</u>	Coach of Matthew Demaris and Amanda Manila
<u>Desiree Ramos</u>	Coach of Matthew Demaris and Amanda Manila
<u>Amber McMeans</u>	Coach of Matthew Demaris and Amanda Manila

## TREVINOS GYMNASTICS

<u>Marshall Moore</u>	Tumbling Level 8 9-10 yr old National Champion, Double Mini-Trampoline Level 8 9-10 yr old National Champion, Trampoline Level 8 9-10 yr old National Champion
<u>Ian Baucom</u>	Tumbling Level 6 13-14 yr old National Champion
<u>Miranda Maldonado</u>	Double Mini-Trampoline Level 8 9-10 yr old National Champion
<u>Cameron Smith</u>	Trampoline Level 6 11-12 yr old National Champion
<u>Richard Trevino</u>	Coach of Marshall Moore, Ian Baucom,

## TWIST AND SHOUT

<u>Savannah Vinsant</u>	Trampoline Jr. Elite National Champion
<u>Corbin Foster</u>	Tumbling Level 8 7-8 yr old National Champion, Trampoline Level 7 7-8 yr old National Champion, Double Min-Trampoline Level 8 National Champion
<u>Savannah Mclemore</u>	Double Mini-Trampoline Level 6 12 yr old National Champion
<u>Neil Vinsant</u>	Coach of Savannah Vinsant, Corbin Foster, Savannah Mclemore

## VICTORIA GYMAGIC

<u>Zskaira Williams</u>	Tumbling Level 6 7-8 yr old National Champion
<u>Angela Foster</u>	Trampoline Level 10 13-14 yr old National Champion
<u>Cindy Thompson</u>	Coach of Zskaira Williams and Angela Foster

# 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.

## 2008 TEXAS GYMNASTICS HERITAGE AWARD LYNN MOSKOVITZ

Lynn Moskovitz earned a BS in Kinesiology from Indiana University with an emphasis in elementary physical education. Lynn was a former cheerleader at Indiana University and has coached preschool to competitive gymnastics for the last 25 years. Her work experience also includes program management, development and staff education. She has held additional positions in the gymnastics community as sales representative for a Spieth Anderson equipment manufacturer, and sales manager for Elite Sportswear GK. Lynn has written and published the "Just For Kids" Bar Curriculum. She is also a USAG instructor for the HOT course and involved in promoting Group Gymnastics. Lynn is a speaker for the Gymnastics Educational Workshop (GEW) lecture series. Lynn was a gym club owner but now has an even busier job of a mom of a 3 ½ year old. Lynn has presented at various State, Regional and National Congresses, Level 10 Gymnastics Judge - 16 years.

# GOLD HONOR AWARD

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

## 2008 GOLD HONOR AWARD

### USA OLYMPIC TEAM MEMBERS

from Texas

**\*Raj Bhavsar**

**\*Jonathan Horton**

**Coach Kevin Mazeika**

**Nastia Liukin**

**Coach Valeri Liukin**

**Women's Team Coordinator-Marta Karolyi**

**Congratulations Olympians GAT is so proud of you !**

**\*GAT would like to recognize Tom Meadows and Bill Foster for contributing to the raising of these great Olympians from Texas!**

## USAG MEN'S HONOR AWARDS

### CYPRESS ACADEMY

<u>Colin Van Winklen</u>	JO National Floor Exercise Level 9 National Champion
<u>Dylan Akers</u>	Junior National Team Member
<u>Tom Meadows</u>	Coach of Colin Van Winklen and Dylan Akers
<u>Colby Van Cleave</u>	Coach of Colin Van Winklen and Dylan Akers
<b>*<u>Jonathan Horton</u></b>	2008 Men's Olympic Team Bronze Medal Champion, 2008 Men's Olympic High Bar Silver Medalist

*\*Jonathan Horton is currently coached by Mark Williams at the University of Oklahoma. He was formerly coached by Tom Meadows, Colby Van Cleave and Bill Foster at Cypress Academy.*

### HGA/GYMMASTERS

<u>Raj Bhavsar</u>	Senior National Team Member, Pacific Rim Championship Gold Medal Team member, 2008 Olympic Team Bronze Medal Champion
<u>Sean Golden</u>	Senior National Team Member, 2007 World Championship Team Member
<u>Sean Townsend</u>	Senior National Team Member
<u>Grant Purdue</u>	JO National Floor Exercise Level 9 National Champion
<u>Kevin Mazeika</u>	World Championship Team Head Coach, Olympic Head Coach of 2008 Men's Bronze Medal Champions

### WORLD OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

Philip Oronato	All Japan Junior National Champion Floor and Rings
Devin Burnett	Junior National Team Member
Joshua Wilson	Junior National Team Member
Emmanuel Monroy	JO National Vault Level 9 National Champion
Sergei Pakanich	Coach of Philip Oronato, Devin Burnett, Joshua Wilson and Emmanuel Monroy

## USAG WOMEN'S HONOR AWARDS

### STARS GYMNASTICS

Erika Fassbender	US Challenge All Around Champion
Dan Baker	Coach of Erika Fassbender and Host of US Challenge
Ashly Baker	Coach of Erika Fassbender and Host of US Challenge

### TEXAS DREAMS GYMNASTICS

Liz Green	Level 10 All Around National Champion
Marnie Brys	Coach of Liz Green
Gina Logan	Coach of Liz Green

### TOP FLIGHT GYMNASTICS

Sachi Sugiyama	Level 9 Western Nationals Vault Champion Level 9 Western Nationals All Around Champion
LeAnn Sweeney	Coach of Sachi Sugiyama
Preston Sweeney	Coach of Sachi Sugiyama
Scott Taylor	Coach of Sachi Sugiyama
Danny Yarros	Coach of Sachi Sugiyama

### WOODLANDS GYMNASTICS

Lizzy LeDuc	Level 9 Western Nationals Balance Beam Champion
Debbie Kaitschuck	Coach of Lizzy LeDuc
Deana Parish	Coach of Lizzy LeDuc
JP Lavachery	Coach of Lizzy LeDuc

### WORLD OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

Christa Tanella	US Classics All Around Champion
Nastia Liukin	Senior National Team Member, 2008 Women's Olympic Team Silver Medal Champion, 2008 Women's Olympic Balance Beam Gold Medal Champion, Uneven Bar Silver Medalist, Floor Exercise Silver medalist

#### 2008 Women's Olympic Individual All Around Champion

Evgeny Marchenko	Coach of Christa Tanella
Valeri Liukin	Coach of Christa Tanella and Nastia Liukin

# PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

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

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### SOKOL KHB—

Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky, a physical, educational and cultural organization, was organized in 1908 in Ennis, Texas by Czech immigrants as a means to carry on the heritage they brought from their homeland. Ennis Sokol is celebrating its Centennial year in 2008. As the oldest Sokol unit in Texas, it has played a vital role in the Czech and gymnastics history of Texas. It is commonly recognized as the first gymnastics "club" and the oldest continuous gymnastics program in Texas.

This 100 year milestone in Sokol history is the result of dedication, perseverance and resiliency that had its beginning in 1908 when as more and more Czech families settled in Ennis, a group of men met to for Sokol there. The founding fathers chose Czech national hero, Karel Havlicek Borovsky, as namesake. These leaders made plans to secure apparatus and to utilize the technical knowledge they had brought with them to this country. The immigrants were a proud group, striving to become good Americans while preserving their heritage. They applied the more general definition of gymnastics as "any physical movement". Mass group exercises, tumbling and balancing were also important to the Sokol Program. The basic Sokol idea was and still is today is to train youth and adults so that they may become physically, mentally and morally fit. Programs address the needs of small tots through senior citizens (80+). Literally thousands of children, teens and adults have passed through the Ennis Sokol programs.

GAT 2008 the Sokol Organization will be teaching group closing ceremonies choreography to be presented at the Sport International and Cultural Festival which will take place in Ft. Worth in 2009. This sports festival will include mass Sokol demonstrations in conjunction with USAG TeamGymn Nationals, National Gymfest , Aesthetic Competition and Festival Rhythmic.

*Larry Laznosky graciously accepting the award for Sokol KHB*