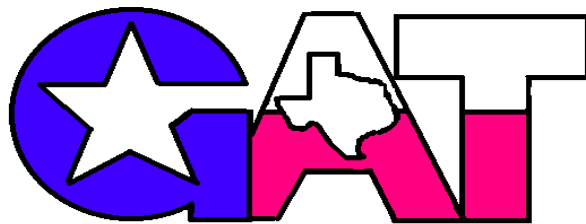


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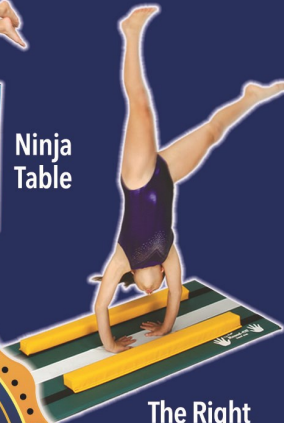
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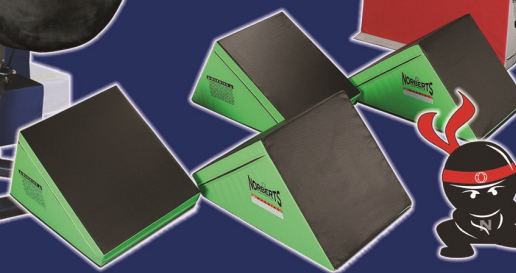
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NATIONAL HONOR AWARDS

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

Mary Atkinson	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Marline Blaze	Judged USAG NCAA Nationals
Marilyn Blilie	Judged USAG NCAA Nationals,
Melissa Buerher	Judged JO Westerns
Kandyce Cisne	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Denise Coats-Lauriat	Judged USAG NCAA Nationals, NHSGA Senior Nationals
Janet Cochran	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Bonnie Crawford	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Chelsea Davis	Judged National Elite Qualifier
Tammy DeGuzman	judged International Elite Competition
Sam Dwinnell	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Pat Ethredge	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Kevin Freeman	Judged USAG NCAA Nationals
Susan Harrison	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Dana Martinez	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Kathryn Murray	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Leslie Patterson	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Sharon Rhea	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Adrianna Ruiz	Judged International Elite Competition
Lyrisa Santiago	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Abigail Sims	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Laurie Skelton	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Carol Williams	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Debbie Williams	Judged USAG JO Nationals
Winnie Witten	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Jaimie Wright	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Xiohui Yang	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals
Yingzi Zheng	Judged 2018 NAIGC Nationals

TEXAS GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION HONOR AWARDS

MEN

Kevin Bates	Judged Liukin Invite International Open
Eric Briley	Judged Liukin Invite International Open, HNI International team cup
Pat Fallin	Judged San Antonio Invite International Open
JT Fletcher	Judged Liukin Invite International Open, HNI International Team Cup, San Antonio Invite International Open
Daniel Furney	Judged HNI International Team Cup
Dan Keating	Judged Liukin Invite International Open, Deci Junior International Team Cup, HNI International Team Cup
Greg Kester	Judged Liukin Invite International Open, HNI International Team Cup, NAIGC Nationals, NCAA Championships
Jim Mckinney	Judged Liukin Invite International Open, HNI International Team Cup, San Antonio Invite International Open, NAIGC Nationals
Rome Milan	Judged NAIGC Nationals
Kevin Muenz	Judged Liukin Invite International Open, Deci Junior International Team Cup, HNI International Team Cup, Collegiate Nationals, NCAA Championships, USA National Championships, NGJA MidWest Technical Director
Michael Pena	Judged HNI International Team Cup, San Antonio Invite International Open
James Sergeant	Judged Liukin invite International Open, Deci Junior International Team Cup

Mark Sherman	Judged Liukin Invite International Open, Deci Junior International Team Cup, HNI International Team Cup, Winter Cup, USA National Apparatus Leader - Parallel Bars, USA National Championships, NGJA MidWest Director
Sean Sims	Judged Liukin Invite International Open
Cameron Sweny	Judged Liukin Invite International Open, Deci Junior International Team Cup, JO National Apparatus Leader - Pommel Horse, JO Nationals
Mike Williams	Judged HNI International Team Cup
Terry Williams	Judged Liukin Invite International Open, San Antonio Invite International Open

KEVIN MAZEIKA HIGH PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Optionals: Cypress Academy

South: Iron Cross

North: Texas Dreams



Above: **Simone Biles, World Champion Centre
Women's All-Around National Champion**

Below: **Colin VanWicklen, Cypress Gymnastics
Senior National Team Member**



NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ACROBATICS & TUMBLING ASSOCIATION (NCATA)

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

4x National Team Champions

Kaylee Adams	Duo Tumbling Champion, All-American, NCATA Specialist of the Year, Team Champion
Allie Alaman	Open Toss Event Champion, Team Champion
Meredith Aldis	Team Champion
Madison Aldis	Team Champion
Andrew Althoff	Coach of National Champions
Lexie Amhrein	Team Champion
Mary Berdis	Trio Tumbling Pass Champ, Team Champion
Lauren Blackwell	Team Champion
Madison Blackwell	Team Champion
Hope Bravo	Team Champion
Toni Bronisevsky	Open Toss Event Champion, Quad Tumbling Pass Champion, Team Champion
Camryn Bryant	Team Champion
Morgan Celum	Open Toss Event Champion, Quad Tumbling Pass Champion, Team Champion
Makenah Cotner	Team Champion
Kristen Crockett	Team Champion
Ashley Echelberger	Open Toss Event Champion, Trio Tumbling Pass Champion, Team Champion
Jena Fisher	Team Champion
Alexis Fowlkes	Team Champion
Brooke Garza	Team Champion
Molly Gibbons	Team Champion

Ceara Gray	NCATA Most Outstanding Player, Acro 7 Element Champion, All-American, Team Champion
Jazmine Hall	Team Champion
Briana Harris	Open Toss Event Champion, Team Champion
Bailey Hollier	Quad Tumbling Pass Champion, Individual Aerial Pass Champion, Team Champion
Emily Hoppie	Team Champion
Kati Horstmann	Team Champion
Madison Kruse	Team Champion
Connie Kuei	Coach of National Champions
Elise Manning	Quad Tumbling Pass Champion, Team Champion
Gigi Mendoza	Team Champion
Camila Montelongo	Team Champion
Shayla Moore	Trio Tumbling Pass Champ, Team Champion
Felecia Mulkey	NCATA Coach of the Year, Coach of National Champions
Eric Rash	Coach of National Champions
Kelsey Rowell	Coach of National Champions
Hannah Schumacher	Team Champion
Aubrey Simons	Team Champion
Faith Spivey	Acro 7 element Champion, Team Champion
Allie Steele	Acro 7 element Champion, Team Champion
Lauren Sturm	Duo Tumbling Champion, All-American, Acro 7 Element Champ, Team Champion
Day Thompson	Team Champion
Angela Ucci	Coach of National Champions
Kara Warren	Team Champion
McKenzie Wilcox	Coach of National Champions



Above: **2018 NCATA National Champions: Baylor University**
 Below: **2018 USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champions:**
Texas Woman's University



COLLEGIATE HONOR AWARDS

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

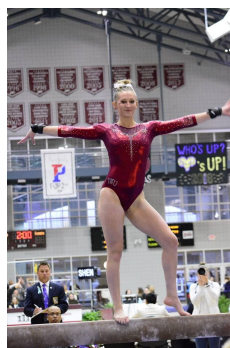
2018 USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champions

Erin Alderman	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Lisa Bowerman	Coach of National Champions
Jenna Cashmore	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Morgan Colee	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Madison Dickson	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Megan Gentry	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Kaitlyn Holley	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Stephen Hood	Coach of National Champions
Schyler Jones	USA Gymnastics Collegiate Beam, Vault, Floor, and AA Champion, Team Champion
Alyssa Kelly	USA Gymnastics Collegiate Beam Champion, Team Champion
Brandi Lazarus	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Kristen Meyers	Coach of National Champions
Mallory Moredock	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Bria Northrop	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Hope Parkin	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Bridgette Peterson	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Paige Stuyinski	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Abigail Versemann	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Hunter Vincent	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion
Taylor Vincent	USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champion



Left : **Alyssa Kelly**

Right: **Schyler Jones**



USAG GYMNASTICS FOR ALL HONOR AWARDS

SHOWCASE GYMNASTICS

Power Team Gym Level 5 National Champions

Power Team Gym Level 7 National Champions

Power Team Gym Level 9 National Champions

Zac Airey	Level 5 National Champion
Danny Correa	Level 5 National Champion
Connor Cupples	Level 5 National Champion
Christopher Cupples	Level 5 National Champion
Madden Gore	Level 5 National Champion
Andresa Orendain	Level 5 National Champion
Kristen Shields	Level 5 National Champion
Nicole Anderson	Level 7 National Champion
Camila Barboza	Level 7 National Champion
Cori Blocker	Level 7 National Champion
Regina Cadena	Level 7 National Champion
Cristina Correa	Level 7 National Champion
Claire Cupples	Level 7 National Champion
Cate Cupples	Level 7 National Champion
Alex France	Level 7 National Champion
Danielle Jawad	Level 7 National Champion
Madi Lybarger	Level 7 National Champion
Victoria Rangel	Level 7 National Champion
Kayla Sidik	Level 7 National Champion
Keri Collins	Level 9 National Champion
MayaLee Dobson	Level 9 National Champion
Taylor Fancher	Level 9 National Champion
Jenna Hall	Level 9 National Champion
Reshmi Patel	Level 9 National Champion
Lauren Reed	Level 9 National Champion
Alondra Retiz	Level 9 National Champion



Above: **Power Team Gym Level 9 National Champions**
Showcase Gymnastics



Above: **Power Team Gym Level 5 National Champions,
Showcase Gymnastics**

Below: **Power Team Gym Level 7 National Champions,
Showcase Gymnastics**



USAG ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS HONOR AWARDS

ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS OF SAN ANTONIO

Emily Bakke	11-16 Women's Group International Competitor
Jennifer Banowsky	Coach of National Champions and International Competitor
Kaeylarae Brogden	12-18 Women's Group National Champion and International Competitor
Jordan Busarello	11-16 Women's Group International Competitor
Hannah Davis	11-16 Women's Pair National Champion and International Competitor
Emily Davis	Senior Elite Women's Pair National Champion, 5th place at World Championships
Alyssa Delgado	Coach of National Champions
Sarah Diamond	12-18 Women's Group International Competitor
Kyra Dowling	11-16 Women's Pair International Competitor, World Team Member
Reagan Dubbels	12-18 Women's Pair International Competitor, 4th place at World Age Group Competition
Alexandra Edwards	12-18 Women's Pair International Competitor, 4th place at World Age Group Competition
Angelina Gardner	11-16 Women's Pair International Competitor, World Team Member
Ryenn Gonzales	11-16 Women's Group International Competitor
Jordan Gruendler	13-19 Mixed Pair International Competitor, Jr National Team Member, Pan Am Silver Medalist, Youth Olympic Games Qualifier
Michael Hassey	Coach of National Champions
Kourtney Heinrich	Level 7 Women's Pair National Champion
Camila Hernandez	11-16 Women's Pair International Competitor, 6th place at World Age Group Competition
Makayla Jacobs	11-16 Women's Pair National Champion and International Competitor

Elizabeth Kirchner	12-18 Women's Group International Competitor, 2017 Pan American Champion
Taylor Kozelsky	11-16 Women's Group International Competitor
Alexis Leinonen	12-18 Women's Group International Competitor
Delaney Lizama	Level 8 Women's Pair National Champion
Makena Ludeman	11-16 Women's Pair International Competitor
Caitlyn Mackrell	11-16 Women's Group International Competitor
Tim Massa	13-19 Mixed Pair International Competitor, Jr National Team Member, Pan Am Silver Medalist, Youth Olympic Games Qualifier
Isabela Medina	11-16 Women's Pair International Competitor
Quincie Moran	11-16 Women's Group International Competitor
Kheya Patel	12-18 Women's Group National Champion and International Competitor
Riley Pirtle	Level 8 Women's Pair National Champion
Amelia Plummer	Level 6 Mixed Pair National Champion
Abigail Rosilier	12-18 Women's Group National Champion, Canadian Acro Cup Bronze Medalist
Aubrey Rosilier	Senior Elite Women's Pair National Champion, 5th place at World Championships
Schyler Scults	11-16 Women's Group International Competitor
Trent Stoker	Level 6 Mixed Pair National Champion
Ximena Suarez	11-16 Women's Pair International Competitor
Gabriella Vathy	11-16 Women's Group International Competitor
Vladimir Vladev	Coach of National Champions and International Competitors
Satia Wilson	11-16 Women's Group International Competitor
Chloe Zubiate	Level 7 Women's Pair National Champion

BOERNE GYMNASTICS CENTER

Ty Alexander	Level 7 Men's Group National Champion
John Bloomfield	Level 7 Men's Group National Champion
Ian Chavez George	Level 7 Men's Group National Champion
Andy Digonis	Level 7 Men's Group National Champion
Averi Hughes	Level 10 Women's Pair National Champion
Alexander Kipp	Level 7 Mixed Pair National Champion
Rumen Lachkov	Coach of National Champions
Radostina Lachkov	Coach of National Champions
Ellie Sedlak	Level 7 Mixed Pair National Champion
Caley Teague	Level 10 Women's Pair National Champion

KILGORE ACRO FLYERS

Krystal Davis	Coach of National Champions
Landon Davis	Level 6 Men's Pair National Champion
Ada Fahrenholt	Coach of National Champions
Trenton Wolf	Level 6 Men's Pair National Champion

TEXAS ACADEMY OF ACROBATICS AND GYMNASTICS

Anna Smirnova	Judged at World Championships, World Age Group Competition, and Vegas Acro Cup
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WORLD OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

Polina Bakman	11-16 Women's Group National Champion
Emily Belaigorod	Level 7 Women's Group National Champion
Slavik Kosakovskyy	Coach of National Champions
Ellie LaNeve	Level 7 Women's Group National Champion
Sophie Meinardus	Level 7 Women's Group National Champion
Aubrey Nguyen	11-16 Women's Group National Champion
Remi Nguyen	11-16 Women's Group National Champion
Jessica Renteria	Coach of National Champions

USAG ACROBATIC JUDGES

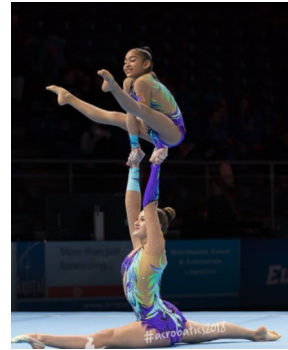
Brandi Wren	Judged International Vegas Acro Cup
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Above: **Emily Davis & Aubrey Rosilier**
Senior Elite Women's Pair National Champions

Below: **Jordan Gruendler & Timothy Massa**
Youth Olympic Games Qualifiers

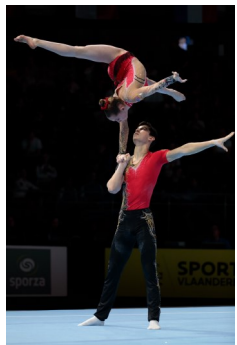




Acrobatic Gymnastics



Pair National Champions

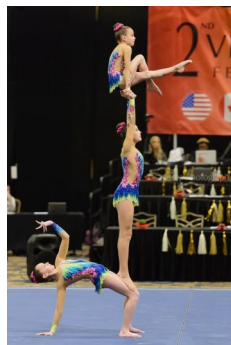




Acrobatic Gymnastics



Group National Champions



USAG TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING HONOR AWARDS

ABOVE THE BAR

Diana Flechsig	Level 6 Tumbling National Champion
Chelsea Park	Coach of National Champion

ACROTEX

Antonio Figueroa	Level 7 Double Mini National Champion
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EAGLE GYMNASTICS

Faith Bowers	Level 10 Age 15+ Tumbling Champion
Bailey Coyle	Level 8 Age 15+ National Champion
Mia Demouy	Level 8 Age 11-12 Double Mini National Champion
Skyelar Hawk	Level 10 Age 10 and under Double Mini National Champion, Level 10 age 10 and under Tumbling National Champion
Grace Smith	Level 8 Age 13-14 Double Mini National Champion, Level 8 Age 13-14 Tumbling National Champion

EAGLE'S WINGS ATHLETICS

Hannah LaFreniere	Level 5 Tumbling National Champion, Level 6 Double Mini National Champion
Brittany Stout	Coach of National Champion

EXTREME CHEER AND TUMBLE

Danae Dawson	Level 7 Age 9-10 Tumbling National Champion
Henry Holloway	Coach of National Champion

FAITH FLIP

Logan Bisetti	Level 6 Tumbling National Champion
Matt Orbin	Coach of National Champion
Jamie Patel	Level 9 Tumbling National Champion

GYMNASTICS OF SAN ANTONIO

Danielle Gutierrez Coach of National Champion
Kalley Payne Level 6 Tumbling National Champion

INFINITE BOUNDS

Katherine Omo-Osagie Level 10 Trampoline National Champion
Reiley Taitel Level 7 Double Mini National Champion

JILL'S GYMNASTICS

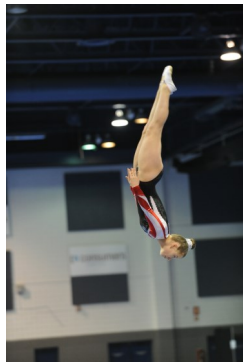
Devon Iles Coach of National Champion
Alyssa Matriano Lim Level 6 Double Mini National Champion,
Level 7 Tumbling National Champion

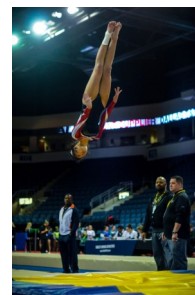
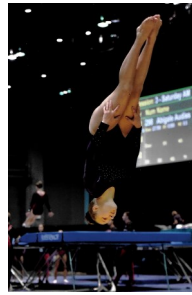
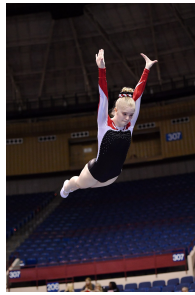
MANNING'S GYMNASTICS

Jaden McCarter Level 8 Age 11-12 Trampoline National
Champion
Chad Ganaway Coach of National Champion

MAXIMUM

Carter Hulings Level 6 Double Mini National Champion
Hadley Kelley Level 6 Tumbling National Champion
Alexandra Thomas Coach of National Champion





SHOWCASE GYMNASTICS

Claire Cupples	Level 5 Ages 13-14 Tumbling Champion
Evan McWhirter	Coach of National Champion

TEXAS TUMBLING & TRAMPOLINE

Jessica Francis	Level 10 Double Mini National Champion
Bill Gandy	Coach of Pacific Rim Champion, Pan Am Champion, and National Champions
Lisa Gandy	Coach of Pacific Rim Champion, Pan Am Champion, and National Champions

THE PALAESTRA

Mary Beth Chavarro	Coach of National Champion
Sophie Duesman	Level 8 ages 15+ Double Mini National Champion
Holly Garrington	Coach of National Champion
Becki Weathers	Coach of National Champion
Sigourney Weathers	Coach of National Champion

TUMBLE TECH

Ashton Arons	Coach of National Champion
Leah Partida	Level 5 Trampoline National Champion, Level 5 Double Mini National Champion
Jerry Strickland	Coach of National Champion

WORLD CHAMPIONS CENTRE

Jeffrey Brown	Coach of National Champion
Abigail Unger	Level 10 Double Mini National Champion

VICTORIA GYMAGIC

Gennadiy Chernov	Coach of National Champion
Sarah Hagan	Level 7 age 11-12 Trampoline National Champion
Noah Lowry	Level 8 Trampoline age 11-12 National Champion, Level 8 age 11-12 Double Mini NC
Aleisa Popp	Level 7 age 8 & under Trampoline National Champion, Level 7 age 8 & under Double Mini National Champion
Cindy Seerden	Coach of National Champions
Brooke Warzecha	International Competitor
Isabella Garza	Junior Elite Synchro National Champion
Krista McNary	Youth Elite Trampoline age 13-14 National Champion, Junior Elite Synchro National Champion, Junior National Team, WAGC 4th place Double Mini, 4th place Double Mini at World Age Group Games, international competitor on Trampoline



Above: Krista McNary, Junior National Team Member

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.

2018 SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD

Presented to:

COURTNEY PARKER



Gymnastics has been a huge part of Courtney Parker's life. From starting in preschool classes, to being a competitive gymnast in the DFW area, to coaching at top gyms in the area. Within the last seven years she has moved to the judging and meet hosting side of the sport. She has been the Texas Men's Judge of the Year twice. She loves helping to encourage younger judges who are coming up the ranks. She is now the assistant gymnastics coach at Saginaw High School, the Team State Champions in 2018.

In July 2017 Courtney was diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer and leaned on the gymnastics world for support and guidance, where she received both. She started a Stage 3 Scholarship for Saginaw High School seniors that have been touched by cancer somehow through their education. In the first year it raised and was able to give \$2,100! Courtney is married to Andrew Parker a fixture in the gymnastics community and it was at GAT that the two first met in 2010! In 2012 they created an alumni based scholarship for Texas A&M called FLIPAGS that has given over \$20,000! The sport and the community is incredibly special to Courtney and she is honored to receive this award.

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.

**2018 TEXAS GYMNASTICS HERITAGE AWARD
PRESENTED TO:**

ROBIN PEARSON



Robin Pearson has been an avid enthusiast of gymnastics since her start as a competitive gymnast at the age of 8. She coached her first team before being able to drive, riding to meets with the athletes' parents – oh, the good ole days! She has coached for over 30 years in Illinois, Florida, Texas, and New Mexico. During those years she has collected a large bag of tools to develop staff and progress kids. She has been influencing kids and staff in recreational /competitive gymnastics, after school programs, camps, Mom's day out, preschool classes, and high school gymnastics. Her longest stint in one location was working for Capital Gymnastics in Austin, Texas managing multiple locations and programs. She attributes her evolution as a leader to Capital Gymnastics because she was given the opportunity to be innovative.

Robin has contributed to the sport of gymnastic as a member of the National Coaching Staff for USA Gymnastics. She is a contributing author of *Brain and Body* a program educating instructors about children with special needs, and most recently *Management 101* both offered through USAG University. She lectures and facilitates classes at State and National Congress on varying coaching, management, and special needs topics. Robin has been providing education and training at GAT for over 10 years from lectures, hands on spotting, and Instructor Training Program Certification (ITP) support.

Outside of gymnastics she has been a special education teacher for 10 years. Currently she evaluates children ages 0-3 with developmental delays for intervention services and provides direct services to children with special needs. Furthermore, she is entering the research phase of her dissertation to attain her Doctorate in Interdisciplinary Educational Leadership from Creighton University.

Robin is married to a really cool dude named Kevin and they have produced two wonderful children, Scarlett and Indigo.

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.

2018 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
PRESENTED TO:

ANNA SMIRNOVA



Anna Smirnova was born in Moscow, Russia. She started her gymnastics career at 6 years old. When Anna was 12 she moved to Acrobatic Gymnastics. Anna dedicated herself to this sport, practicing every day and working above and beyond the regular practices scheduled by her coaches. Her hard work paid off. In 1996 she became a member of the Russian National Team with her Women's Pair partner Gylunara Karaeva. Anna represented Russia in two World Championships -1996, 1997, and in the 1996 European Championship.

Her accomplishments include:

1996 World Championships: Gold, Silver & Bronze

1996 European Championships: 2 Gold, Silver & Bronze

1997 World Championships: 2 Gold

During her athletic career, Anna completed her Master's Degree in Physical Education & Sports from the Russian State University of Physical Education, Sport, Youth and Tourism in Moscow in 1997.

From 1995 to 1999 Anna also worked at the Russian State University of Physical Education, Sport, Youth and Tourism in Moscow as a teacher of Artistic Gymnastics.

In 1999 she was invited to work in United States as an artistic gymnastics coach at Texas Sports Ranch. From 2000 to 2008, she was a Head coach of Artistic and Acrobatic gymnastics programs at Texas Sports Ranch. In 2001, Anna started an Acrobatic Gymnastics program. She had National Champions and National Team Members.

In 2008, Anna opened her own gym under the name Texas Academy of Acrobatics & Gymnastics in Baytown, Texas. During all these years, Anna has had successful Artistic Gymnastics and Acrobatic Gymnastics programs at her gym. In 2017, she took her athletes (Mixed Pair -Alison Stone and Trenton Carr) to International Competition in Granada, Spain, where they were silver medalists.

In addition to over 30 years of teaching and coaching experience, Anna has been judging Acrobatics Gymnastics for 25 years. She is FIG brevet-rated judge. In April 2018, Anna was a judge for Team USA at World Championship and World Age Group Competitions.

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.

**2018 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
PRESENTED TO:**

BILLIE WILLIS



I started my Tumbling and Trampoline judging career in 1990 as the Mom of two little gymnasts, Jenae and Sabra. After judging tumbling and double mini trampoline for several years, I took my first FIG judging course in 1996 and earned my FIG brevet in Tumbling. I was fortunate enough to travel with my girls who were competing as a synchro trampoline pair, to the World Age Group Competition in Sun City, South Africa as a judge in 1999. I became a Leader Level judge in 2001 and began teaching Tumbling and Double-mini judging courses. In 2004, I was elected as the Technical Representative for STTA in West Texas and in 2006, I became the Technical Chair for Region 3, both positions that I still hold today. In 2015, I was elected to the position as the Tumbling Representative on the National Technical Committee of USA Gymnastics. I am also a member of the Senior Judges Council of USA Gymnastics.

In 2009, I earned my Category 2 FIG brevet in Tumbling and was selected to judge at the World Games in Kaohsiung, Taiwan and later that year, I traveled with the World Age Group team to St. Petersburg, Russia. I have judged at World Championships and/or WAGS every year since 2009 and will be returning to St. Petersburg, Russia in November to judge World Championships and WAGS. I have been very fortunate to complete the top of my bucket list by judging World Class International competitions with both my girls, Sabra in Odense, Denmark in 2015 and Jenae in Daytona Beach at 2014 and in Sofia, Bulgaria in 2017 as well as traveling as a judge with both as a competitors in South Africa in 1999 which were three of the proudest moments of my life.

PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

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

**2018 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD
PRESENTED TO:**

ROME MILAN



Rome Milan-Fort Worth, Texas; American Sokol Southern District Director of Men since 1985 - Rome was born as a fourth-generation lifetime Sokol member. Together Rome's Father and Uncle began the High School program in Texas, the Gymnastics Association of Texas and the Texas Gymnastics Judging Association. As a young Sokol gymnast, he competed in Sokol competitions, AAU area meets and was a demonstrator for many coaching clinics, workshops and Instructor schools. As a gymnastics competitor at Trinity High School, Rome qualified for finals in 3 event his Junior and Senior years. Rome went on to University of Texas at Austin like his Father and Uncle where he was Gymnastics Team captain. Rome was first certified as a State Gymnastics Judge in 1976. Rome received National Judging certification in 1977 and International Brevet certification in 1985. He worked as USGF Staff member as assistant to Events Program Director in 1981-83. Graduated from UT with a BS in Education in 1982 and began coaching Weatherford High School Gymnastics in Weatherford, Texas, then at Boswell HS from 1989 -2000. Texas has the largest High School gymnastics program in the USA. Rome's HS Teams qualified for State Championships 14 of 18 years with 3 Third place finishes, two second place and one Texas State Championship. He was a Gymnastics Training Site Director at the 1984 LA Olympic Games, USGF Videographer at 1988 Olympic Games for Team USA and Staff at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. Rome volunteered for several International competitions including the 1979 World Gymnastics Championships, held in Fort Worth, Texas and worked as a coordinator and Floor Manager at several other International Gymnastics Competitions including 1987 Pan Am Games, 1990 Good Will Games and the 1991 World Championships. Rome served as President twice and sat on the Gymnastics Association of Texas board from 1992 – 2004. Rome is honored as a Life Member of both the Texas High School Gymnastics Coaches Association and the Gymnastics Association of Texas. Currently Rome serves on the USA Gymnastics Advisory Council and had served on the 21 member Board of Directors with USA Gymnastics until 2018. Rome retired from coaching in 2000 to attend the Sydney Olympic Games in Australia. After a 10 year stint as a professional Impressionist artist, Rome was requested to return to coaching to help resurrect a faltering Public School District gymnastics program. Rome coached at the Birdville I.S.D. High School gymnastics teams as well as the Birdville ISD Middle School teams for the last 8 and a half years until his diagnosis of ALS. Rome is a collector of Olympic, Gymnastics and Sokol memorabilia. Today Rome's collection includes authentic Sokol & Olympic pins, posters, medals, flags, Olympic torches, uniforms and even vintage gymnastics apparatus. Rome first began presenting Sokol & Olympic displays in 1997. His displays have been viewed by thousands across the country. The displays are a highlight at the National Gymnastics Coaches Congress and has been a fixture at the National Championships for the last 10 years. Rome is determined to salvage, save and share the spirit of gymnastics, Sokol and Olympic History to all around him. Rome is on the Texas High School Hall of Fame Committee, the Sokol Awards Committee and the Sokol Museum and Library Committee.

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.

JOHN BASEL



JOHN BASEL wasn't born in Texas but he got here as fast as he could. Born in Buffalo, New York John started gymnastics at the age of nine at the local YMCA in 1966, the same year that GAT started educating coaches in Texas. In high school John was the pommel horse champion and upon graduation he began his coaching and judging careers. While competing in college at the State University of New York, John coached at the Buffalo Turners and was President of the local men's Gymnastics Judges Association.

Since earning his MBA and moving to Houston in 1981, he has served in many capacities. Initially he coached boys' classes and teams for Culhane's, Niemand's and Cypress Academy while working in the banking industry. Later, in October of 1992, he opened his own gym now in its 26th year.

In 2000 John added Trampoline and Tumbling to his gym and began a coaching and judging career in that discipline. Cheerleading was also a big part of his gym and John became involved with coaching and judging in these disciplines as well – plus served as President of the All-Star Cheerleading Association of Texas for two years. He served as a men's judge from 1984 through 2013 including 20 years as an FIG brevet and was twice named Men's Texas Gymnastics Judge of the Year. He judged J.O. Nationals three times, Collegiate Nationals three times, High School Nationals once, several NCAA meets, and a Junior Pan American Meet. His athletes included many National qualifiers in gymnastics and Trampoline and Tumbling. Two of his athletes were men's Junior National Team members and one, Brian Yee, went on to become the alternate to the 1995 World Championships team. In Trampoline and Tumbling he has had 17 Junior National Champions.

John no longer coaches or judges but enjoys giving back to the community that has been so good to him. John has been the GAT Financial Advisor since 2000 as well as a frequent lecturer. He coordinated the collection and distribution of funds raised by GAT to assist Texas gyms in recovering Hurricane Harvey. He is currently active on various boards and associations in his area, is a former adjunct professor at Lone Star College, a former news reporter and talk show host at KPFT radio in Houston, and a former precinct chair.

John's two children, Kristen and Justin were both competitive gymnasts. Justin now lives in the Chicago area and Kristen is now working full time at the gym. John and his wife, Dawn, live in Spring just north of Houston.

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