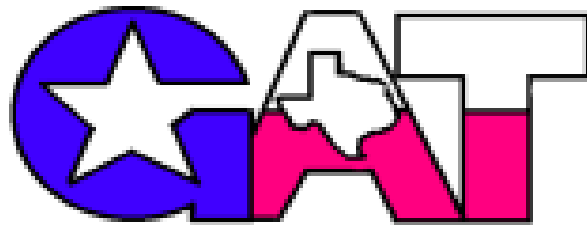


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NATIONAL HONOR AWARDS

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>Adriana Beck</u>	Judge at Houston National Invitational, judge at WOGA International Meet
<u>Tracy Brewer</u>	Judge at NCAA Nationals
<u>Diane Callison</u>	Judge at Westerns
<u>Denise Coats-Lauriat</u>	Judge at NHSGA National High School Meet, judge at NCAA Nationals
<u>Kevin Freeman</u>	Judge at NCAA Nationals
<u>Rodica Lazar</u>	Judge at Houston National Invitational, judge at WOGA International Meet
<u>Cori Rizzo</u>	Judge at JO Nationals, judge at WOGA International Meet
<u>Winnie Witten</u>	Judge at NCAA Nationals
<u>Debbie Williams</u>	Judge at JO Nationals

MEN

<u>Kevin Bates</u>	Judge at 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet
<u>Eric Briley</u>	Judge at 2016 JO National Championships, 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet, 2016 HNI International Open
<u>Dan Keating</u>	Judge at 2016 Junior International Team Cup, 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet , RD761 International Invitational

<u>Greg Kester</u>	Judge 2015 Olympic Hopes Cup, 2016 Junior International Team Cup, 2016 USA Olympic Trials, 2016 P&G Championships, 2016 NCAA Championships, 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet, 2016 RD761 International Invitational. NGJA National Technical Secretary
<u>Jim McKinney</u>	Judge at 2016 Junior International Team Cup, 2016 NCAA Championships, 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet, 2016 HNI International Open. NGJA Midwest Regional Technical Director
<u>Rome Milan</u>	Judge at 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet
<u>Kevin Muenz</u>	Judge at Caribbean Commonwealth Games, 2016 Junior International Team Cup, 2016 USA Olympic Trials, 2016 NCAA Championships, 2016 HNI International Open, RD761 International Invitational
<u>Chris Muenz</u>	Judge at 2016 USA Olympic Trials
<u>Courtney Parker</u>	Judge at 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet
<u>James Sergeant</u>	Judge at 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet
<u>Mark Sherman</u>	Judge at 2016 Junior International Team Cup, 2016 USA Olympic Trials, 2016 P&G Championships, 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet, 2016 HNI International Open, RD761 International Invitational
<u>Sean Sims</u>	Judge at 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet
<u>Cameron Sweny</u>	Judge at 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet, 2016 JO National Championships
<u>Terry Williams</u>	Judge at 2015 Liukin Invite International Meet, 2016 HNI International Open

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ACROBATICS & TUMBLING ASSOCIATION (NCATA)

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

<u>Kaylee Adams</u>	Duo Tumbling Pass National Champion, Quad Tumbling Pass National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Allie Alaman</u>	Team Champion
<u>Meredith Aldis</u>	Pyramid Heat 1 National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Toni Bronisevsky</u>	Team Champion
<u>Makenah Cotner</u>	Quad Tumbling Pass National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Kaelyn Cowan</u>	Team Champion
<u>Ashley Echelberger</u>	Team Champion
<u>Sydney Evans</u>	5 Element Acro National Champion
<u>Jena Fisher</u>	Team Champion
<u>Kalee Garvin</u>	Team Champion
<u>Molly Gibbons</u>	Pyramid Heat 1 National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Miranda Girouard</u>	Pyramid Heat 1 National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Amanda Graceffa</u>	Pyramid Heat 1 National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Ceara Gray</u>	Team Champion
<u>Bailey Hollier</u>	5 Element Acro National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Alyson Johnson</u>	Pyramid Heat 1 National Champion, Quad Tumbling Pass National Champion

<u>Shayla Kelley</u>	Pyramid Heat 1 National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Gigi Mendoza</u>	Team Champion
<u>Shayla Moore</u>	5 Element Acro National Champion, Pyramid Heat 1 National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Kiara Nowlin</u>	Aerial Single Pass National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Kelci Ortiz</u>	5 Element Acro National Champion, Pyramid Heat 1 National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Courtney Pate</u>	Pyramid Heat 1 National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Madison Sorley</u>	Team Champion
<u>Lauren Stuem</u>	Duo Tumbling Pass National Champion, Quad Tumbling Pass National Champion, Team Champion
<u>Ayana Taylor</u>	Team Champion
<u>Taylor Watson</u>	Team Champion
<u>Felecia Mulkey</u>	Head Coach of National Champions
<u>Angela Ucci</u>	Assistant Coach of National Champions



USAG GYMNASTICS FOR ALL HONOR AWARDS

Showcase Gymnastics

<u>Brittany Bowles</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L8 National Champion
<u>Keri Collins</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L8 National Champion
<u>Katie Dickerson</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L8 National Champion
<u>Kelly Dickerson</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L8 National Champion
<u>Mary Dodds</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L8 National Champion
<u>Marissa Escalante</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L7 National Champion
<u>Carina Etgen</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L7 National Champion
<u>Taylor Fancher</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L8 National Champion
<u>Sidney Foster</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L7 National Champion
<u>Michelle Goddin</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L8 National Champion
<u>Jenna Hall</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L7 National Champion
<u>KK Hartwig</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L8 National Champion
<u>Elena Klatt</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L7 National Champion
<u>Ashley McMasters</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L7 National Champion
<u>Alexa Munguia</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L7 National Champion
<u>Lauren Reed</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L7 National Champion
<u>Mackenzie Schlieff</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L8 National Champion
<u>Cade Thompson</u>	USAG Power Team Gym L7 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>Dawn Howard</u>	Coach of National Champions



Pictured above: USAG Power Team Gym Level 8 Team

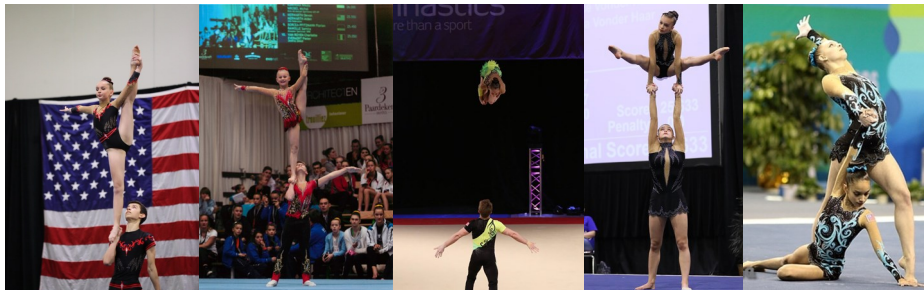
Pictured below: USAG Power Team Gym Level 7 Team



USAG ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS HONOR AWARDS

ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS OF SAN ANTONIO

<u>Amelia Atkins</u>	L8 Women's Pair 12-13 National Champion
<u>Hannah Beckman</u>	L7 Women's Pair 14-15 National Champion
<u>Emily Davis</u>	L10 Women's Pair National Champion
<u>Sarah Diamond</u>	11-16 Women's Pair National Champion, 2016 World Age Group Championships, Pan American Games , Pat Wade Classic
<u>Kyra Dowling</u>	L9 Women's Pair 14-15 National Champion
<u>Alexandra Edwards</u>	11-16 Women's Pair Pan American Games Gold Medalist, 2016 World Age Group Championships- 4th place
<u>Angelina Gardner</u>	L8 Women's Group 14-15 National Champion
<u>Jordan Gruendler</u>	11-16 Women's Group National Champion, 2016 World Age Group Championships-6th place
<u>Elizabeth Heinz</u>	11-16 Women's Pair National Champion, 2016 World Age Group Championships, Pan American Games , Pat Wade Classic
<u>Valerie Jones</u>	L8 Women's Group 14-15 National Champion
<u>Victoria Jones</u>	L8 Women's Group 14-15 National Champion



<u>Elizabeth Kirchner</u>	11-16 Women's Group National Champion, 2016 World Age Group Championships-6th place
<u>Taylor Kozelsky</u>	L8 Mixed Pair 14-15 National Champion; AGDT Team Member
<u>Lexi Leinonen</u>	11-16 Women's Group National Champion, 2016 World Age Group Championships-6th place
<u>Madyson Marlow</u>	2016 World Age Group Championships 13-19 Mixed Pair, Junior National Team
<u>Timothy Massa</u>	L8 Mixed Pair 14-15 National Champion; AGDT Team Member
<u>Aidan Merwarth</u>	11-16 Mixed Pair National Champion, 2016 World Age Group Championships Team, Flander's International Cup Bronze medalist, National Team Member
<u>Devon Merwarth</u>	11-16 Mixed Pair National Champion, 2016 World Age Group Championships Team, Flander's International Cup Bronze medalist, National Team Member
<u>Maren Merwarth</u>	2016 Belgium World Cup Bronze medalist, 2016 World Championships-4th place, Senior Women's Pair National Champion, Senior National Team
<u>Andrea Munoz</u>	Level 7 Mixed Pair 12-13 National Champion
<u>Rachel Oshsner</u>	Level 7 Women's Pair 14-15 National Champion
<u>Rebekah Oshsner</u>	Level 8 Women's Pair 12-13 National Champion

USAG ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS HONOR AWARDS

<u>Morgan Price</u>	11-16 Women's Pair Pan American Games Gold Medalist, 2016 World Age Group Championships-4th place
<u>Jessica Renteria</u>	2016 Belgium World Cup Bronze medalist, 2016 World Championships-4th place, Senior Women's Pair National Champion, Senior National Team
<u>Aubrey Rosilier</u>	2016 World Age Group Championships-4th place, Junior National Team 12-18 Women's Pair
<u>Ana Ximena Suarez</u>	2016 World Age Group Championships
<u>Jennifer Banowsky</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Michelle Merwarth</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Vladimir Vladev</u>	Coach of International and National Champions

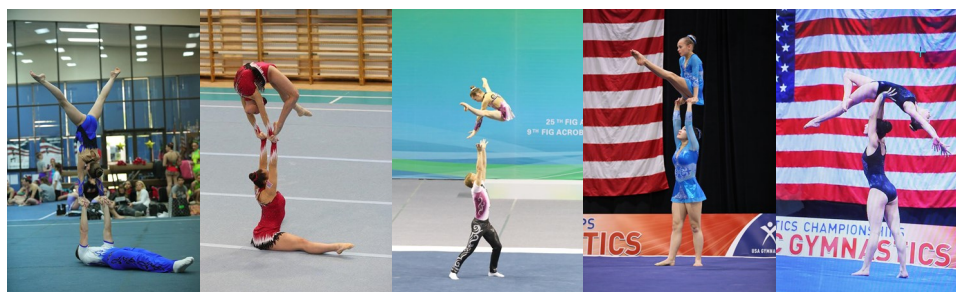


TEXAS ACADEMY OF ACROBATICS AND GYMNASTICS

<u>Trenton Carr</u>	Level 9 Mixed Pair 16+ National Champion
<u>Allyson Stone</u>	Level 9 Mixed Pair 16+ National Champion
<u>Anna Smirnova</u>	Coach of National Champions, Judge at 2016 International Chmielewski Competition

USA AERIAL ATHLETICS

<u>Loghan Gonzales</u>	Level 8 Women's Pair 16+ National Champion
<u>Ryenn Gonzales</u>	Level 9 Women's Pair 12-13 National Champion
<u>Emily Richard</u>	Level 8 Women's Pair 16+ National Champion
<u>Anabelle Wells</u>	Level 9 Women's Pair 12-13 National Champion
<u>George Gonzales</u>	Coach of National Champions



WORLD OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

<u>Riley Chimwala</u>	Jr Elite 13-19 Women's Pair National Champion, 2016 International Chmielewski Competition Gold medalist
<u>Sladen Osborne</u>	2016 World Age Group Championship 12-18 Mixed Pair-10th place, 2016 Flander's Cup-4th place, Junior National Team
<u>Sarah Williamson</u>	Jr Elite 13-19 Women's Pair National Champion, 2016 International Chmielewski Competition Gold medalist
<u>Lydia Webb</u>	2016 World Age Group Championship 12-18 Mixed Pair-10th place, 2016 Flander's Cup-4th place, Junior National Team
<u>Elizabeth Osborne</u>	Coach of National Champions
<u>Brandi Wren</u>	Coach of International National Champions

USAG TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING HONOR AWARDS

GYMAGIC

<u>Isabela Garza</u>	Youth Elite Women's Synchro National Champion
<u>Michiko Sharpe</u>	Open Elite Women's Double Mini National Champion, Open Elite Women's Synchro National Champion
<u>Reese Stastny</u>	Level 9 Double Mini 11-12 National Champion
<u>Kimberly Tipton</u>	Youth Elite Women's Synchro National Champion
<u>Isabel Turner</u>	Level 9 Women's Double Mini 13-14 National Champion
<u>Trinity Van Natta</u>	Open Elite Women's Synchro National Champion
<u>Cindy Burkett</u>	Coach of National Champions

GYMNAST FACTORY

<u>Augie Giannoni</u>	L10 Men's Synchro 15-16 National Champion
<u>Jayce Percival</u>	L10 Men's Synchro 15-16 National Champion
<u>Darcy Crawford</u>	Coach of National Champions

MANNING ELITE GYMNASTICS

<u>Emily Clifton</u>	Level 5 Age 11 Double Mini National Champion
<u>Gabrielle Gray</u>	L6 Age 11-12 Trampoline National Champion
<u>Megan Elena Miori</u>	L5 Age 12 Double Mini National Champion, L5 Age 12 Trampoline National Champion
<u>Skylar Nelson</u>	L6 Age 15+ Trampoline National Champion
<u>Daidree Zarate</u>	L5 Age 11-12 Trampoline National Champion
<u>Chad Ganaway</u>	Coach of National Champions

OMNI ATHLETICS

<u>John Robinson</u>	L8 Men's Double Mini 15+ National Champion
<u>Calvin Parker</u>	Coach of National Champion

JILL'S GYMNASTICS

Alyssa Matriano-Lim Level 6 Age 12 Tumbling National Champion
Victoria Morris Level 6 Age 15+ Tumbling National Champion
Devon Iles Coach of National Champions

TEXAS TUMBLING & TRAMPOLINE

Rylee Chapman Coimbra Gymfest in Portugal Trampoline Age 12 and under-1st place team

Jessica Francis Coimbra Gymfest in Portugal-Level 10 age 11-12 Trampoline Silver medalist, Trampoline Team Champion. Qualified to EDP Team.

Riana Garcia 2016 Stars and Stripes Championships Level 7 Double Mini Champion

Logan Gilbert 2015 World Age Group Competition Synchronized Trampoline age 13-14 Silver Medalist, 2016 Elite Challenge Youth Elite Trampoline Champion, 2016 Coimbra Gymfest in Portugal-Men's Trampoline Age 13-14 Bronze Medalist, 2016 US Championships Youth Elite Males Synchronized Trampoline Champion. Named to Jr. National Team, EDP Team Member.

Sophie Stone Coimbra Gymfest in Portugal.-Double Mini Champion and Trampoline Team Age 12 and under Champion.

Lisa Gandy Coach of International and National Champions
Bill Gandy Coach of International and National Champions



USAG MEN'S HONOR AWARDS

Level 10 Junior Elite Team-1st place

Level 9 Junior Elite Team-1st place

Level 8 Junior Elite Team-2nd place

ACROTEX CEDAR PARK

Theron Graham 2016 JO National Medalist Level 8

Colt Walker 2016 JO National Medalist Level 9

ALAMO GYMNASTICS CENTER

Blake Sun 2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

ALL STAR GYMNASTICS

Robbie Shamp 2016 JO National Medalist Level 9

BRYAN TEXAS GYMNASTICS

Timothy Fletcher 2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

C.G.'S GYMNASTICS

Mischael Bankston 2016 JO National Medalist Level 8

Travis Braud 2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

CHAMPION GYMNASTICS

Luke Belvedere 2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

Noah Duran 2016 JO National Medalist Level 9

Davis Grooms 2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

Khalil Jackson 2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

Ronan Mcquillan 2016 JO National Medalist Level 8

CRENSAW GYMNASTICS

Logan McKeown 2016 JO National Medalist Level 8

CYPRESS ACADEMY

<u>Tanner Braunton</u>	2015 Future Stars, 10 year old-10th AA, 2016 JO National Medalist Level 8
<u>Garrett Braunton</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 9
<u>JR Chou</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 9
<u>Caden Clinton</u>	2015 Future Stars, 10 year old-7th AA
<u>Ian Gunther</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 10
<u>Kiran Mandava</u>	2015 Future Stars, 10 year old-6th AA
<u>Vishal Mandava</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 8
<u>Zachary Nunez</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 9
<u>Daniel Simmons</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 9
<u>Alexi Vernyi</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 10
<u>Matt Wenske</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 10, 2016 P&G Championships Vault Champion
<u>Joshua Williams</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

HOUSTON GYMNASTICS CENTER

<u>Michael Artlip</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 9
<u>Fuzzy Benas</u>	2015 Future Stars, 12 year old-6th AA, 2016 JO National Medalist Level 8

HOUSTON ELITE

<u>Charlie Miles</u>	2015 Future Stars, 12 year old-9th AA
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INFINITE BOUNDS

<u>Michael Abarca</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 10
<u>Calvin Rasmussen</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

KELLER GYMNASTICS CENTER

<u>Alan Camillus</u>	2016 JO National Medalist Level 9
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USAG MEN'S HONOR AWARDS

NOVA GYMNASTICS

Benedict Nguyen 2016 JO National Medalist Level 8

SOUTHLAKE GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

Morgan Seyler 2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

WOGA GYMNASTICS-FRISCO

Donovan Diviney 2016 JO National Medalist Level 8

Dallas Hale 2015 Future Stars, 12 year old-9th AA

Asher Hong 2015 Future Stars, 11 year old-2nd AA,
2016 JO National Medalist Level 8

Garrett Hughes 2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

Griffin Kehler 2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

Sergei Pakanich Coach of National Champions

WOGA GYMNASTICS-PLANO

David Pochinka 2016 JO National Medalist Level 10

Yuri Kartsev Coach of National Champion



Maren Merwarth & Jessica Renteria

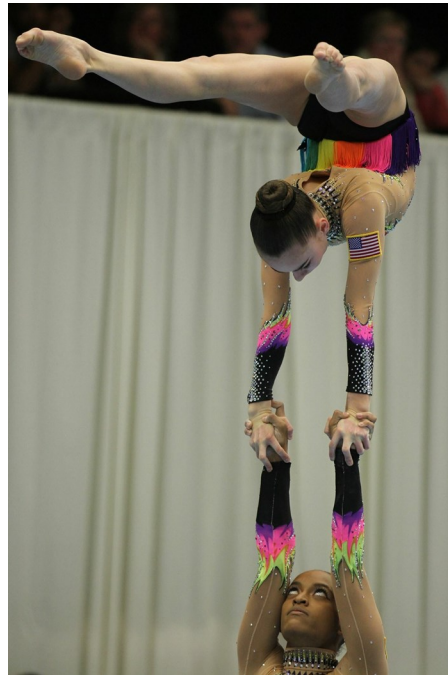
Senior Elite Women's Pair

*National Champions

*Senior National Team

*World Cup Bronze Medalists

*2016 World Championships



Logan Gilbert

Trampoline

*World Age Group

Synchronized Trampoline
Silver Medalist

*Elite Challenge Trampoline
Gold Medalist

*Coimbra Gymfest

Trampoline Bronze Medalist

*Junior National Team

*National Champion

Synchronized Trampoline

PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

2016 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

SIMONE BILES





2016 Olympics Games:
Team-Gold Medalist
Vault-Gold Medalist
Beam-Bronze Medalist
Floor-Gold Medalist



PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

2016 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

MADISON KOCIAN





2016 Olympic Games:
Team-Gold Medalist
Uneven Bars-Silver Medalist

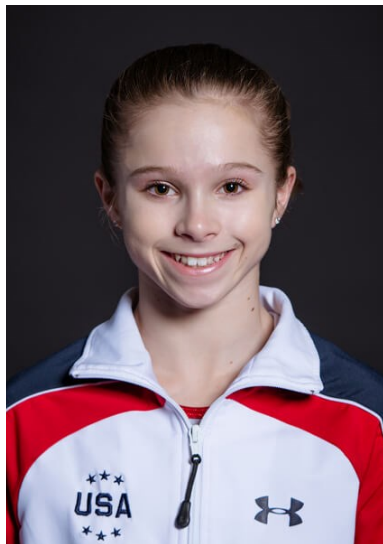


PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

2016 PRIDE OF TEXAS AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

RAGAN SMITH



2016 Olympic Games:
Alternate to the Olympic Team

2016 Pacific Rim:
Team-Gold Medalist
Balance Beam-Gold Medalist



TEXAS HERITAGE AWARD

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

2016 TEXAS HERITAGE AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

AMY MCDONALD



Amy McDonald was in Indiana but grew up in Utah where her family still lives. She has been involved in the sport of gymnastics and T&T since she was 3 years old. At the age of 18 she moved to Texas to further her career in power tumbling. She was a member of the World Age Group Team in 2001 and 2003 as well as a member of the 2005, 2007, and 2009 World Championship Team. She has three world medals from those World Championship competitions. The team won the silver medal at the World Championships in 2005 and 2009, and they won the gold medal in 2007. Along with those medals Amy won the gold medal at the Pan American Championships in 2004.

Amy retired from tumbling in 2009 following the World Championships. She became the T&T Program Director at Eagle's Wings Athletics in Allen, TX and was put on the JO Committee for USA Gymnastics. She has coached many national champions and put two athletes on the Elite Development Team as well as the World Age Group Team. She also took and passed the FIG judges course in 2012 and continues to judge regularly.

In 2014, Amy took a new position with USA Gymnastics, she is currently the Program Manager for Trampoline & Tumbling and works in the main office in Indianapolis.

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.

2016 SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD

Presented to:

SEAN SIMS



Sean Sims started gymnastics with the Garland Flippers at the age of 5 under Ralph Reeves and Mark Williams. He grew up in the gym and has not left. He was a state champion with the Flippers and at Berkner High School, and was a 5 time qualifier to J.O. Nationals. Sean went on to compete in gymnastics at Houston Baptist University.

Since college Sean's life has revolved around gymnastics in many different ways. He has coached at Richland High School, Weatherford High School, and is currently in his 12th year at L. D. Bell High School. Over those years he has coached 11 individual state champions and one state championship team. At L. D. Bell he teaches Advanced Placement Economics, Psychology, and Sociology and over the years has taught almost every class in the social studies department as well as physical education.

Sean has been a nationally rated judge for 24 years. Over those years he has judged many invitationals including WOGA, Ricki Deci, HNI, Black Jack, Friendship, and the very prestigious Garland Classic, as well as many state and regional championships, two J.O. Nationals, and two NAIGC College Nationals. He volunteered at one Winter Cup, and as a master scorer at three American Cups. At the 2015 American Cup he was involved with the equipment set up and was a volunteer assistant to the announcer.

Sean helped with the development of the boys Instructor Training Program and has assisted with the ITP spotting clinic at GAT every year since its inception. He has also helped run the last five Metroplex Invitationals as well as several North Texas Judges Cups for the girls. Sean also serves as the Sims Family representative to the Michael Sims Scholarship Foundation named in honor of his brother. This scholarship has given out tens of thousands of dollars to male Texas gymnasts in an effort to assist them with their college education.

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.

2016 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
PRESENTED TO:

PATTI CONNER



Patti Conner has been involved in gymnastics for 25 years as a competitive Team Coach. She currently serves as the Preschool Director and Gym Manager for Ready-Set-Go/Air Extreme. She is the author of the *Tumblebug Preschool Guide for Trampoline and Tumbling*, the first published trampoline and tumbling complete preschool program.

Patti has been involved with Trampoline and Tumbling for 29 years as a judge, gym owner and coach. She has served as the West Texas State Chair for six years and has served as the Region 3 director for the last 15 years. Patti has earned an International Judge's Brevet in Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double Mini-Trampoline over the past 19 years. She judged at 13 World Championships and various World Cups, World Games, Goodwill Games, Pan American Games, and Pan American Championships. Patti also served as the Technical Chair for USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling for 18 years.

She is a member of the National Safety Instructors Program for USA Gymnastics, helping to educate coaches, judges and gym owners about the importance of safety awareness and the responsibility to their athletes and parents. Patti is also a National Instructor for the T200-201 coaches education course.

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.

2016 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
PRESENTED TO:

VLADIMIR VLADEV



Vladimir Vladev has been coaching gymnastics and acrobatic gymnastics for over 12 years in San Antonio, TX. He was born in Bulgaria where he competed in acrobatic gymnastics, receiving many awards along the way, including: National Team Member for Bulgaria 1990 – 1998, European Champion 1993, World Vice Champion 1994, and has competed in 6 European Championships, 4 World Championships, and 2 World Cups for Bulgaria's Acrobatic Gymnastics program.

Coach Vladimir has a degree in Kinesiology, a master of sport 1989, and an international master of sport since 1993. He is a USAG Professional Coach, USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Coach of the Year 2010 and 2014 and USA Gymnastics elite coach of the year 2015. He is Safety Certified through USAG, and is a local and national team clinician, a National Rated Acrobatic Judge, and a FIG International Acrobatic Judge through 2012.

He is the coach of many national, international, and world finalists and medalists. Vladimir is a previous member of the selection committee for Acrobatic Team USA through 2015, and still serves as an elite committee member with USA Gymnastics. He has also developed the only acrobatic gymnastics pair competing at world age group competitions in 2012, 2014, and 2016, representing Team Mexico on the world stage. He has also had athletes represent USA in World Age Group competitions in 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016, and coached the first USA Senior Women's pair to compete in World Games. He is one of the most decorated acrobatic coaches in the United States and runs the largest acrobatic gymnastics team in the country.

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.

JAMES JEFFERS



James Jeffers has been blessed to be married to wife Robin for 27 years. He has two adult sons, Austin and Alex, a daughter-in-law Margaret, and soon to be daughter-in-law Kristin. Along with wife Robin, James has owned and operated J&R Gymnastics for over 26 years with locations in New Braunfels, Seguin, and San Marcos. His Finance degree from Texas A&M provided business training but his gymnastics training was learned on the job as he had no involvement in gymnastics growing up. The success of their gyms has enabled James to travel, hunt, fish, whitewater kayak, ski, scuba dive, and enjoy life in Texas and many different parts of the world. He actively serves his church and community with his time and resources.

James has served the GAT board and its membership for 18 of the past 19 years. Starting out as GAT treasurer in 1996, he supported the education director's recommended move to pay speakers market rates which has enabled GAT to continually attract the best presenters in the nation. Taking over exhibit hall duties in 2002 and continuing still today, James was able to increase vendor attendance by 25% and increase overall revenue by over 30%. These increased earnings have helped to keep membership registration fees low. As Chairman of GAT since 2005 he has had the privilege of working with a great team of people who provide outstanding education and meeting opportunities to our GAT members at a cost that cannot be rivaled. A great conference at a great value equals great attendance and the great attendance means all conference costs are covered. Due to great management, we have been able to avoid a rate increase for the past 4 years.

James' business success is due in part to some disciplined financial practices but the larger success is due to the awesome well-educated staff that makes gymnastics fun to students in the communities they serve. His company annually brings 15 to 20 staff members to GAT because the power of education and the quality of learning that occurs each year at the GAT convention pays rich dividends. Not growing up in the sport, many of James' early coaching skills were learned at GAT, and that education continues to this day. **Elected 2016.**



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

