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THSCA Announces Klein Cain High School as Overall Texas State Champion of NFF National High School Academic Excellence Award

National award honors high school teams that maintain a 3.0 or above GPA throughout the 2023-24 football season

San Marcos, Texas (February 5, 2024) – The Texas High School Coaches Association announces Klein Cain High School as the overall Texas State Champion for the 2023-24 National Football Foundation National High School Academic Excellence Award. Klein Cain High School will compete with other high schools across the nation for the chance to be named the NFF Hatchell Cup winner, recognizing the top individual high school football team in the nation for excellence in the classroom, on the field, and in the community. The Hatchell Cup, named in honor of NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell, comes with a \$10,000 donation.

Klein Cain High School was selected from the seven state champions that were named for each classification as well as one private school in Texas. The seven state champions were selected from a pool of forty-two finalists from around the state. This award is a nationwide recognition honoring individual high school football teams with a 3.0 or above grade point average for excellence in the classroom. Thirty total state high school associations are currently participating across the country. In conjunction with Super Bowl week, the National Football Foundation will announce the National Champion of the NFF National High School Academic Excellence Award.

About the Texas High School Coaches Association

The Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) is Texas high school coaches' principal advocate and leadership organization. The THSCA provides the highest quality

representation, education, and services to Texas High School coaches and affiliate members by enhancing the professionalism of coaches and the schools they represent. The mission statement is simply this: To help and serve Texas high school coaches as they work to help and serve student-athletes. "HELPING COACHES TO HELP KIDS." For more information on THSCA visit www.thsca.com

About Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation

The mission of the Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation is to develop funds from a broadrange of donors to provide professional education programs that will strengthen, reinforce, and enhance professionalism in high school coaches throughout Texas. These programs provide instructional material as well as training in character development to coaches in Texas at both the high school and middle school levels and can directly impact the lives of over 1.5 million student-athletes each year. The two established events are the Texas Coaches Leadership Summit and the R.O.C.K. Mentoring Workshop.

About the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame

Founded in 1947 with early leadership from General Douglas MacArthur, legendary Army coach Earl "Red" Blaik and immortal journalist Grantland Rice, The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame is a non-profit educational organization that runs programs designed to use the power of amateur football in developing scholarship, citizenship, and athletic achievement in young people. With 120 chapters in 47 states, NFF programs include the criteria, selection and induction of members of the College Football Hall of Fame; the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta; Future For Football; The William V. Campbell Trophy®; the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class Presented by Fidelity Investments; the NFF National High School Academic Excellence Awards presented by the Rose Bowl Legacy Foundation & Hatchell Cup presented by the Original Bob's Steak & Chop House; and a series of programs and initiatives to honor the legends of the past and inspire the leaders of the future. NFF corporate partners include Catapult, Delta Air Lines, Fidelity Investments, Hanold Associates Executive Search, Jostens, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the New York Athletic Club, the Rose Bowl Legacy Foundation and the Sports Business Journal. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X @NFFNetwork and learn more at <u>footballfoundation.org.</u>

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