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# THSCA Coach of The Year Winners Inducted into NHSACA Hall of Fame

*THSCA COTY Westlake's Todd Dodge and Desoto's June Villers  
recognized as NHSACA Hall of Fame winners.*

**Altoona, Iowa (June 21, 2022)** – The Texas High School Coaches Association has announced Todd Dodge and June Villers as recipients of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame Award that was presented at the National Coaches Convention in Altoona, Iowa.

“Coach Dodge and Coach Villers have had exceptional record-breaking careers by winning championships and setting national records,” said **Joe Martin**, the Executive Director of the Texas High School Coaches Association. “Both Todd and June are considered two of the best and most talented coaches in Texas High School Sports. There is a ton of respect and appreciation for the leadership both have presented during their coaching and administrative careers. THSCA is honored to have two Hall of Fame coaches a part of the association. Who better to take the lead in our first annual Coach of the Year awards? Congrats to both Coach Dodge and Coach Villers!”

The NHSACA honored both Coach Dodge and Coach Villers at the National Coaches Convention in Altoona, Iowa on June 21, 2022, during their Hall of Fame Ceremony. THSCA will honor and celebrate the two National Hall of Fame coaches at the 2022 THSCA Coaches Convention on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.



Todd Dodge served as the Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Westlake High for the last eight years. Dodge, newly retired, finished his 36 years in coaching as a state champion. The last three years at Westlake, Dodge went 45-1 with back to back - to - back 6A State Championships. Upon conclusion of his eight years at Westlake, Dodge boasts undefeated regular seasons in 2017, 2020 and 2021. During his five-year run at Southlake Carroll from 2002-2006, he was 79-1 with five consecutive state championship appearances at the Texas 6A level – winning the state championship four times during that run. Dodge holds eight career state championship appearances overall and has won seven. As a high school coach, Coach Dodge has been named National Coach of the Year four times. His overall career coaching record is 236-72.

Coach Dodge has been married to Elizabeth Neptune Dodge for 36 years. They have two children – a son, Riley who currently serves as Southlake Carroll’s Head Football Coach and is married to Alexis, and a daughter, Molly who is married to Weston Kuentler. Todd and Elizabeth are the proud grandparents of Tate Riley, Landry Mack, and Blakely Dodge.



June Villers serves as Desoto’s Girl’s Head Track Coach and Assistant Athletic Director. Villers has coached track and field the last twenty - five years. The last nineteen of those years have been at Desoto High School, fourteen as head coach, and six as Assistant Athletic Director. Coach Villers is looking to achieve back - to - back state titles this year, as Desoto Track has won championships in 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2013, 2012, and 2011 with runner up finishes in 2015, 2010, and 2008. The DeSoto girls have won the district meet every year since 2004. They have also won 14 Regional Championships in the last 15 years.

Coach Villers most recent awards include:

- 2021 Dallas Area Track & Field Coach of the Year by Dallas Morning News.
- 2019 USTFCCA National Coach of the Year.
- 2019 Track & Field Coach of the Year by Texas Track & Field Coaches Association.
- 2018 inducted into the Texas Track & Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Villers is a proud graduate of DeSoto High and ran track for her mentor Brent Jones, who was the head coach at DeSoto High for 31 years. Coach Villers has been married to Eric Villers for 17 years and has 3 sons - Ethan, Cole, and Luke.

### **About the Texas High School Coaches Association**

The Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) is the principal advocate and leadership organization for Texas high school coaches. 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](http://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 broad range of donors to provide professional education programs that will strengthen, reinforce, and enhance professionalism in high school coaches throughout the state of 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 level 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.

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