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Jeremiah Gaines – Elevate to Elevate LLC

Sunday, July 18th 12:30 PM

Lecture Title:

Jeremiah Gaines is the co-founder of the company Elevate to Elevate LLC. He is a proud husband to Allie, father to Anais and alum of Red Oak High School where he was a three sport athlete but focused primarily on football and basketball. After four outstanding Varsity seasons, Jeremiah had the opportunity to attend SMU in Dallas, TX on a football scholarship where he would start for three seasons and graduate with a degree in Sport Management. After completing his degree, Jeremiah decided to forgo training for the NFL to focus on his marriage and pursue his master's degree in educational leadership where he learned knowledge essential to student development and the educational pathway between high school and college. Shortly after receiving his Masters, Jeremiah had the unique privilege of being a Full-Time Professor at SMU at age 24. While teaching he received the highest course evaluations (conducted by students) of any Professor in his department. In July of 2020, Jeremiah published the book *Elevating Your Potential: A guide for student athletes transitioning to college sports*. He also creates and presents content to athletic programs that is practical, engaging, and thought-provoking.



Randy Mayes

Sunday, July 18th 1:30 PM

Lecture Title:

- Graduated from Lewisville High School '73 and Eastern New Mexico University'78
- Taught and coached in Odessa, Texas. Hood Junior High and Permian High School – from 1979 through 1991.
- Taught and coached in Ennis, Texas –Ennis High School from 1992 through 1993.
- Returned to Odessa Permian in 1994 as head coach. 1994 – 1999. Spoke at Coaching School the summer of 1996.
- Head Coach at Marcus HS 2001 – 2006.
- Athletic Director in Lewisville ISD – 2007 – 2014.
- Taught and coached at Liberty Christian School 2014 – 2018.
- Director of Partnership Development – Atavus Football/ Texas – 2018 – Present.

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Ryan Pittsinger - TX A&M Professor (UIL CCP Course #105-B)

Sunday, July 18th 2:30 PM

Lecture Title: *Mental Health & Stress Management*

Ryan Pittsinger, PhD joined the Athletics Department in 2016 and serves as Assistant Athletic Director and Director of Counseling and Sport Psychology Services. In his role, Dr. Pittsinger serves the needs of all student-athletes by honoring the unique demands and experiences they are often faced with and striving to offer support in meaningful ways that is tailored to each student-athlete's specific needs.

Dr. Pittsinger completed his bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Utah and master's degree in Sport Psychology from California State University, Long Beach. He earned a PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Iowa, where he worked in the Athletic Department, in addition to teaching sport psychology and resiliency courses in the Kinesiology Department.



Dr. Hector Lopez – (UIL CCP Course #102)

Monday, July 19th 8:00 AM

Lecture Title: *Steroids*

Dr. Hector U. Lopez is board certified in Family Medicine and holds a CAQ in Sports Medicine. He joined Sports Medicine Associates in 2014 after several years in private practice in his hometown of El Paso, Texas. Dr. Lopez is experienced in providing non-operative care options for patients of all ages. He is currently a team physician for Trinity University, Texas A&M San Antonio, the San Antonio FC soccer team, and multiple local high schools. Dr. Lopez serves as clinical faculty for the

TIGMER Sports Medicine Fellowship associated with the University of Incarnate Word and is involved in teaching current sports medicine fellows, medical residents and medical students in the area.

In the past, he has provided medical coverage for the former San Antonio Rampage Hockey and WNBA San Antonio Silver Stars teams, the All American Bowl, San Antonio Rock N Roll Marathon, the University of Texas at San Antonio, and San Antonio Golden Gloves boxing tournaments.

Dr. Lopez was named a Regional Top Doctor 2020 by Castle Connolly. He was also honored to be selected as a member of the 2017 Leadership San Antonio Class 42. He is a graduate of Trinity University and the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio. He trained in Scottsdale Arizona, where he served as Chief Resident, was named an "Emerging Leader" by the Arizona Academy of Family Physicians in 2008, and also gained sports medicine experience working with Arizona State University and the Oakland A's.

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experience working with Arizona State University and the Oakland A's.



Dr. Santa Maria - (UIL CCP Course #107 or #107-B)

Monday, July 19th 9:00 AM

Lecture Title: Concussion Education

Dr. Daniel L Santa Maria is a board certified specialist in PM&R and Primary Care Sports Medicine and has practiced in San Antonio for 10 years.

After moving from his home state of Kansas, he completed his residency and fellowship training in San Antonio, and he was employed as a faculty attending at UT Health for 3 years before coming to work full time for the Sports Medicine

Associates. Dr. Santa Maria continues to hold a teaching appointment at UT Health and enjoys teaching residents about the field of sports medicine. He has served as an oral board's examiner for his specialty. He has also coauthored research articles on topics in sports medicine, electrodiagnostic medicine, and Orth biological and regenerative medicine for the treatment of osteoarthritis.

He has served as team physician for the San Antonio Rampage, a team physician for Division I college programs, and has covered the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, served as a medical captain for the Rock N' Roll Marathon, and is a proud team physician for several area high school teams.

In 2007 he received the Elkins award for the highest national score on the PM&R written boards. More recently he was selected one of San Antonio's "Top Doctors" in the San Antonio magazine in 2009, 2012, 2016 and 2018.



Stephen Mackey – 2words (UIL CCP #105-C)

Monday, July 19th 10:00 AM

Lecture Title: *From the Mouths of Athletes: 5 Truths Athletes Wish Coaches Knew (But Are Too Afraid to Tell Them)*

Over the last 12 months Stephen Mackey, founder of 2Words Character Development, has interviewed student athletes from across the state to hear how they were doing in the craziness of 2020; what they were feeling and how they were thinking; and what they wished coaches knew about them (but were too afraid to say).

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In this lecture, *From the Mouths of Athletes: 5 truths athletes wish coaches knew (but are too afraid to tell them)*, Stephen Mackey will share what student athletes shared with him, what coaches can learn from it to better serve their athletes, and how they can make an impact beyond the game.



Tiger Hanner – (UIL CCP Course #105)

Monday, July 19th 11:00 AM

Lecture Title: *Legal Workshop*

After completing his undergraduate studies at Yale University and the University of Texas at Austin, Tiger attended and graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1991. He has specialized in representing educators across the state of Texas since 1995. Currently, Tiger serves as counsel for the Texas High School Coaches Association, as well as numerous other Texas educator associations. He also serves on the Advisory Council for the University Interscholastic League. Tiger routinely works with educators facing investigations and possible sanctions by the State Board for Educator Certification, Child Protective Services, the UIL as well as local school districts. He has been a frequent speaker at educator conferences across the state and is a guest lecturer at Texas A&M University. Tiger is the proud father of two daughters, Alex, and Kendall. He and his wife Catherine reside in Austin but escape whenever possible to go backpacking at national parks across the country.



Jeni Neatherlin – Granger ISD

Monday, July 19th 12:00 PM

Lecture Title: *Work Together Win Together: How Administration*

& Coaches Work Together toward Campus Success

Jeni Neatherlin is in her 20th year in education. She is currently the Superintendent of Granger ISD. Previously she served as the Chief Operations Officer of Salado, was the High School Principal of Llano High School, Junior High Principal at Abell Junior High, and Associate Principal at Midland Lee. Before going into administration, she was a Head Softball Coach at the 4 and 5A level. Jeni completed her undergrad at Angelo State University and master's from Lamar University. As a former coach turned administrator, Jeni has worked at both big and small schools, and she has a true passion for coordinating the efforts between Athletics and Academics. As a leader of a 3-time U.S. News and World Report, Best High School, Neatherlin has hired Athletic Directors that turned around their programs leading to multiple district championships, playoff appearances, and a football State Semi Finals appearance for Llano, the first in program history. During her career, Ms. Neatherlin has been recognized throughout the state and nationally as an exceptional educational leader.

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Patrick Higgins – NCAA

Monday, July 19th 1:00 PM

Lecture Title: How will NIL and Transfers Affect HS Sports

30 year coaching veteran at all levels (19 at FBS level), UTEP HOF inductee 2020 (2000 WAC Co championship football team), 10 Bowl games, Wide receiver coach of the year finalist

2009, NCAA Asst. Director of FB Development, NFL Symposium participant



Amy Anderson - n2learning

Monday, July 19th 2:00 PM

Lecture Title: Preparing for the Next Step in your Career: How to Go from Applicant to Candidate

Amy Anderson has 25 years of experience in education including her recent role as chief academic officer for secondary schools in a 6A school district in the DFW area. She has served in a multitude of roles as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, director, executive director, and chief of student services. She has worked in both a small fast-growth district and in a large urban district. Amy wants to follow her passion for helping educators become transformational leaders and reach their potential in whatever role they serve. She regularly works with groups for strategic planning, executive leadership coaching, school culture and climate, instructional leadership, and goal attainment. While serving at the central office, Amy offered innovative learning institutes for administrators in various stages of their careers. She is also an engaging designer of professional development for a myriad of audiences. Her passion is leadership coaching and mentorship for campus and district staff.

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Dr. Lindsay Stephens – (UIL CCP Course #106)

Tuesday, July 20th 9:00 AM

Lecture Title: *Safety Training*

A native to San Antonio, TX, Dr. Stephens completed her undergraduate education in Denton, TX at the University of North Texas. Her medical education was fulfilled in Erie, PA at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Upon returning to San Antonio, she completed both her family-medicine residency, serving as Chief Resident, and her sports-medicine fellowship at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa. She then practiced with a local urgent-care company that concentrates on concussions for several years. During that time, Dr. Stephens

also served as Medical Director for St. Mary's University prior to joining Sports Medicine Associates of San Antonio on a full-time basis.

Dr. Stephens currently serves on the medical staff for several San Antonio athletic affiliates including Texas A&M San Antonio, St. Mary's University, the Rock –N– Roll Marathon, and several local high schools. Dr. Stephens has had the great pleasure to serve AHL Rampage, WNBA Stars, the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) in past.



Karen Duke – Region 10

Tuesday, July 20th 10:00 AM

Lecture Title: *Boundary Invasions: How to Stay Clear!*

With 32 years of experience in education, Ms. Duke has served in many roles; including Director of Human Resources, Administrator at a 5A high school, Anatomy/Physiology Teacher, and Head Coach of Basketball, Cross-Country and Tennis. Currently, she is the Assistant Director of Personnel & Certification Services for Region 10 ESC in Richardson, Texas and focuses on

the area of Human Resources Training & Consulting.

In her current role, she believes not only is it important to support and build relationships with Human Resource Departments, but it is also imperative to support and build capacity at the campus level. Those in a supervisory role (including principals, assistant principals, athletic directors, and coaches) need to remain sensitized in district policies/procedures regarding Boundary Invasions, Investigations, Supervision/Documentation, Sensitivity & Diversity, Title IX and more.

As a student-athlete growing up, Ms. Duke understands the value of high school and college athletics and believe it is an integral part of student development. As a former player, she has first-hand experience with

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excellent programs and coaches, which afforded her the opportunity to compete in several outstanding athletic events: Texas Association of Basketball Coaches North / South All-Star game (MVP), Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame game, AAU National Junior Olympic Team (Virginia). While playing in 1986-1988 at Grayson County College under Coach Bill Brock, current Baylor University Women's Basketball Associate Head Coach, the team amassed several honors: Nationally ranked (4) team defense, Nationally ranked overall (20), Region 5 championship game, North Texas Jr College Athletic Conference Title, undefeated season (12-0). As a coach, Karen had the privilege of working in excellent athletic programs including Crandall ISD, Forney ISD, and other districts where she worked with a state qualifier in cross-country, a regional tennis player, and a basketball program that compiled a winning record of 27 wins/ 6 losses.