



DFW Area Coaches Selected as The Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Coaches of the Year

THSCA recognizes Andrew Cook from Flower Mound High School, Brandon Dion from Marcus High School, Doug Fair from Frisco Centennial High School, and Natalie Puckett from Lovejoy High School.

SAN MARCOS, TX- The THSCA and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance announce the following Dallas-Fort Worth area coaches for 2023-24 THSCA Coach of the Year:

Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year: Andrew Cook, Flower Mound High School, 6A Girls Cross Country State Champion.

Coach Cole Ford, Assistant Athletic Director for Lewisville ISD and nominating coach, says, "Coach Cook has built a strong, lasting program that continues to be competitive year after year. He has created a culture of winning that is sustainable even through adversity."

Boys and Girls Water Polo Coach of the Year: Brandon Dion, Marcus High School, Boys Water Polo State Champion

Coach Colby Davis, Associate Athletic Director for Lewisville ISD and nominating coach, says, "Coach Dion has been an outstanding example of the high standards we set for our coaches in Lewisville ISD. The Marauder Water Polo team has been a strong example of class, sportsmanship, and determination this season."

Team Tennis Coach of the Year: Doug Fair, Frisco Centennial High School, 5A State Champions

Coach Matt Webb, Head Football coach and Frisco Centennial Athletic Coordinator and nominating coach, says, “Coach Fair has built strong relationships between the program, players, and families. His program serves the community by adopting a local family in need each year and providing them Christmas gifts.”

Volleyball Coach of the Year: Natalie Puckett, Lovejoy High School, 5A State Champions

Coach Carly Littlefield, Lovejoy HS Athletic Coordinator and Head Cross Country Coach and nominating coach, says, “Coach Puckett is not only an amazing coach, but she is a great teacher and colleague. She sets a great standard for her team, assistants, fellow coaches, and our entire school.”

“These coaches led their teams to excellence this past season, and we are thrilled that we can recognize the positive impact that they have on their athletes and school community,” said Joe Martin, the Executive Director of the THSCA. “Texas has the best coaches in the nation, and the THSCA Coach of the Year program allows us to highlight the best of the best.”

THSCA members are offered a chance to nominate a head coach for the Coach of the Year award after the state championships in each sport. Nominations are reviewed and chosen by the THSCA Awards Committee, which is comprised of Athletic Directors representing all areas of Texas.

Award winners were notified and presented with plaques in a surprise ceremony on their campuses today. Coach of the Year winners will also be recognized through social media, *Texas Coach* magazine, and at the general meeting at the 2024 THSCA Convention in San Antonio.

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 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 broad range 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 and training in character development to coaches in Texas at both the high school and middle school levels. They

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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