

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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# **TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2024 HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES**

The THSCA Board of Directors proudly approves the 2024 Hall of Honor Inductees. These exceptional individuals will be celebrated at the THSCA Hall of Honor Banquet, sponsored by Balfour, on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 7:00 PM. The event will take place at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX, coinciding with the annual THSCA Coaching School and Convention from July 21 to 23, 2024. Tickets will be available starting March 1, 2024. The 2024 THSCA Hall of Honor Inductees are listed below. Please read their full bios [HERE](#).

### **LEE BRIDGES**

Coach Bridges boasts a 37-year career as a coach, teacher, and athletic director, impacting numerous students, athletes, and coaches. His leadership has shaped leaders in various fields, with many attributing their successes to his mentorship. As a multifaceted coach, Bridges secured coaching accolades, led teams to State Championships, and steered multiple runners to victory at the State Track Meet. His commitment to developing character in his students and coaches remains unparalleled.

### **KEN COOK**

Ken Cook's illustrious coaching career spans various schools and sports, marked by numerous championships and leadership roles. From coaching All-Star games to securing five state championships, Cook's impact extends beyond victories. His dedication to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and THSCA, alongside his commitment to mentorship and administration, highlights his influential tenure.

### **CHRIS KOETTING**

As head football coach at Canadian, Chris Koetting orchestrated a dominant era in Texas Panhandle football history. His strategic prowess led Canadian to unprecedented success, winning multiple state championships and fostering a system that maximized player potential. Koetting's legacy, marked by remarkable playoff records and championship titles, solidifies his status among the region's coaching greats.

## **MEL MAXFIELD**

Mel Maxfield, with 40 years in coaching and athletic direction across four districts, revolutionized high school football with his innovative "Wing-T" offense. His coaching tenures at various schools resulted in numerous victories and district dominance. Maxfield's legacy includes coaching awards, the Nike Coach of the Year accolade, UIL Coach of the Year honors, and the THSCA Tom Landry Award.

## **JACK MURPHY**

Jack Murphy's journey from standout player to influential coach epitomizes dedication and leadership. His coaching philosophy transcends the game, emphasizing character development and life lessons for his players. Murphy's significant contributions to THSCA, coupled with his coaching excellence and impact on young minds, solidify his place in the Hall of Honor.

*About the Texas High School Coaches Association:*

*The THSCA is the primary advocate and leadership body for Texas high school coaches, providing top-tier representation, education, and services. The association aims to enhance coach professionalism and support student-athletes across the state.*

*About Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation:*

*The Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation seeks to garner funds to provide professional education programs that fortify coaching professionalism in Texas. These programs, such as the Texas Coaches Leadership Summit and the R.O.C.K. Mentoring Workshop, significantly impact the lives of over 1.5 million student-athletes annually.*

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