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Texas High School Coaches Association Announces Mentees for the 2023 R.O.C.K Coaches Mentoring Program

San Marcos, Texas (January 25, 2023) – The THSCA and Texas A&M University Thornton-McFerrin Coaching Academy announced the 2023 R.O.C.K. (Rare, Outstanding, Compelled & Knowledgeable) Coaches Mentoring Program mentees.

The R.O.C.K. Coaches Mentoring Program is a partnership formed between the Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation and Texas A&M University Thornton-McFerrin Coaching Academy. The R.O.C.K. program was created to meet the needs of and retain high school coaches and administrators in the state of Texas. Data shows many first through fifth year coaches and teachers are leaving the profession. There is a critical need to cultivate and assist these professionals to find their passion and be prepared as coaches, teachers, and leaders in an ever-evolving environment.

THSCA coaches and athletic directors can nominate a coach that meets the following requirements: first through fifth year coach, active coach employed by a UIL sanctioned school, willing to commit to the 2-year program. The R.O.C.K. mentees are chosen by a committee made up of athletic directors around the state. The R.O.C.K. Coaches Mentoring Program will match a new coach with a veteran coach (the R.O.C.K. mentor) to gain advice, encouragement, and insights into the profession to help them grow in the mentee's desired coaching fields.

The R.O.C.K. Coaches Mentoring Program Class of 2023 mentees and mentors will attend the 2023 R.O.C.K. Coaches Mentoring Program Symposium held at AT&T

Stadium in Arlington, TX for a two-day workshop with speakers, discussions, and networking opportunities. After the Symposium, R.O.C.K. mentees and mentors will work through a year-long curriculum developed by the TMCA Coaching Academy. This curriculum provides bi-monthly access to virtual learning modules with discussion prompts, activities, situational challenges, and more for each pair to discuss. The R.O.C.K. mentees will also volunteer as convention staff for the annual THSCA Coaching School in July. Thank you to the following Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation and R.O.C.K. Coaches Mentoring Program sponsors for making this program possible: Dell Children’s Ascension, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, Hudl, College Football Playoffs Foundation, Visit San Antonio, Dallas Cowboys, and BSN Sports.

Below is the R.O.C.K. Mentee Class of 2023:

Kristy	Armwood	<i>The Colony HS</i>	<i>Lewisville ISD</i>
Courtney	Arnick	<i>Cedar Hill HS</i>	<i>Cedar Hill ISD</i>
Randy	Bermea	<i>Harlingen HS</i>	<i>Harlingen CISD</i>
Brennan	Boykin	<i>Judson HS</i>	<i>Judson ISD</i>
Matthew	Bridges	<i>Liberty Hill HS</i>	<i>Liberty Hill ISD</i>
BreAnna	Brock	<i>MacArthur HS</i>	<i>North East ISD</i>
Darius	Brown	<i>Bel Air HS</i>	<i>Ysleta ISD</i>
Ja'lee	Carver	<i>Estacado</i>	<i>Lubbock ISD</i>
Lindley	Case	<i>Warren MS</i>	<i>Forney ISD</i>
Jose	Cisneros	<i>Falfurrias Elementary</i>	<i>Brooks County ISD</i>
Brandon	Clemons	<i>Brazoswood HS</i>	<i>Brazosport ISD</i>
Cameron	Copley	<i>West Plains HS</i>	<i>Canyon ISD</i>
Dominique	Coutee Thomas	<i>William B. Travis HS</i>	<i>Austin ISD</i>
Julia	Cruz	<i>John Jay HS</i>	<i>Northside ISD</i>
Margaret	Dean	<i>Robinson HS</i>	<i>Robinson ISD</i>
Roy (Rett)	Dittfurth	<i>Abilene Cooper HS</i>	<i>Abilene ISD</i>
Troy	Edmond	<i>Bellville HS</i>	<i>Bellville ISD</i>
Tyrin	Evans	<i>Hallsville HS</i>	<i>Hallsville ISD</i>
Braiden	Galla	<i>Success Center</i>	<i>Seminole ISD</i>
Jeremiah	Garcia	<i>Pampa HS</i>	<i>Pampa ISD</i>
Gracen	Haberthur	<i>Sanford-Fritch Elementary</i>	<i>Sanford-Fritch ISD</i>
Leah	Hernandez	<i>Burges HS</i>	<i>El Paso ISD</i>
Leyton	Hernandez	<i>Veterans Memorial HS</i>	<i>Corpus Christi ISD</i>
Tyler	Humphrey	<i>Evans MS</i>	<i>Lubbock ISD</i>
Jacob	Jackson	<i>Ennis JH</i>	<i>Ennis ISD</i>
Ryan	Jones	<i>Midlothian Heritage HS</i>	<i>Midlothian ISD</i>
Jeremy	Jones	<i>Hamlin Collegiate HS</i>	<i>Hamlin ISD</i>
Jace	Keesee	<i>Andrews HS</i>	<i>Andrews ISD</i>
Grant	Lee	<i>Poteet HS</i>	<i>Mesquite ISD</i>
Nia	Lewis	<i>Wichita Falls Hirschi HS</i>	<i>Wichita Falls ISD</i>
Jonathan	Loa	<i>Johnson HS</i>	<i>United ISD</i>
Autumn	Loyd	<i>Canton HS</i>	<i>Canton ISD</i>
Crystal	Martinez	<i>O.W. Holmes HS</i>	<i>San Antonio Northside ISD</i>
David	McHugh	<i>Leon Taylor MS</i>	<i>Ingleside ISD</i>
Ariana	Montalvo-Castillo	<i>Harlingen HS South</i>	<i>Harlingen CISD</i>
Devin	Morris	<i>Caldwell MS</i>	<i>Caldwell ISD</i>

Timon	Nolan	SFA MS	Bryan ISD
Lindsey	Olson	Brooks MS	Midland Greenwood ISD
Kayden	Orebaugh	Ponder HS	Ponder ISD
Cierra	Palmer	Royal STEM Academy	Royal ISD
Houston	Patterson	Allen HS	Allen ISD
Landry	Pepper	Foster MS	Longview ISD
Rebekah	Perez	Lyford HS	Lyford CISD
Matthew	Poe	Poteet HS	Mesquite ISD
Devin	Powell	South Oak Cliff HS	Dallas ISD
Alexander	Ramart	Veterans Memorial HS	Corpus Christi ISD
Brandon	Ransdell	Chavez MS	Waco ISD
Ryan	Redding	San Antonio Johnson HS	North East ISD
Cravon	Rogers	Lamar HS	Houston ISD
Bryce	Saracene	Cypress Ridge HS	Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
Ashley	Segura	Roosevelt HS	North East ISD
Braeden	Simmons	Sabine MS	Sabine ISD
Eric	Smith	Emerson HS	Frisco ISD
Brandon	Smith	Midland HS	Midland ISD
Stacey	Spencer	Dallas Samuell HS	Dallas ISD
Brent	Swanson	Brandeis HS	San Antonio Northside ISD
Felicia	Teeter	Estacado HS	Lubbock ISD
Jocelyn	Thomas	Meacham MS	Fort Worth ISD
Elijah	Timarky	Killeen Ellison HS	Killeen ISD
Shayla	Torres	Monterey HS	Lubbock ISD
Victoria	Vazquez	O'Connor HS	San Antonio Northside ISD
Jayton	Voss	Abilene HS	Abilene ISD
Karre'	Wallace	Northbrook HS	Spring Branch ISD
Jodi	Williams	Abilene HS	Abilene ISD
Amber	Williams	Marshall HS	Marshall ISD
Shelby	Williams	Royal HS	Royal ISD