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Texas High School Coaches Association Announces Mentees for the 2024 R.O.C.K Coaches Mentoring Program

The mentoring program supports selected coaches who are in their 1st-5th year in the profession.

San Marcos, Texas (February 8, 2024) – The THSCA and Texas A&M University Thornton-McFerrin Coaching Academy announced the 2024 R.O.C.K. (Rare, Outstanding, Compelled & Knowledgeable) Coaches Mentoring Program mentees.

The R.O.C.K. Coaches Mentoring Program is a partnership 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 in 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 in finding their passion and being 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, and willing to commit to the 2-year program. A committee of athletic directors representing different regions of the state chooses the R.O.C.K. mentees. The R.O.C.K. Coaches Mentoring Program will match a new coach with an experienced 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 2024 mentees and mentors will attend the 2024 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 Texas A&M University Thornton-McFerrin 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. In July, the R.O.C.K. mentees will also volunteer as convention staff for the annual THSCA Coaching School and attend sessions designed specifically for coaches in the R.O.C.K. Mentoring Program.

The following Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation and R.O.C.K. Coaches Mentoring Program sponsors make this program possible: Balfour, Child ID Program, Dell Children's Ascension, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, Hudl, H-E-B, Charles Schwab, 2Words Character Development, and the Dallas Cowboys.

Below is the 2024 R.O.C.K. Class:

Kelsey Ahrens, Canyon HS, Comal ISD
Rashad Anderson, Hays HS, Buda Hays CISD
Bryce Baccarini, Eaton HS, Northwest ISD
Edward Barrio, Pebble Hills HS, Socorro ISD
Michael Barta El Campo MS, El Campo ISD
Angela Beadle, William B. Travis HS, Austin ISD
Brandon Beasley, Frisco Emerson HS, Frisco ISD
Christopher Bence, Kingwood HS, Humble ISD
Tommy Bowden, Rockport-Fulton HS, Rockport-Fulton ISD
David Brazil, Weatherford HS, Weatherford ISD
Dylan Brunson, West Plains JH, Canyon ISD
Ty Bryant, Canyon Junior HS, Canyon ISD
Alejandra Canales, Harlingen HS South, Harlingen CISD
Quentin Cannon, Maypearl HS, Maypearl ISD
Orlando Carrillo, Paschal HS, Fort Worth ISD
Christopher Casias, Cypress Ridge HS, Cypress-Fairbanks
ISD David Castillo, Rockport-Fulton HS, Rockport-Fulton
ISD Tania Castro, John B. Alexander HS, United ISD
Allison Compass, Plano East Senior HS, Plano ISD
Isabel Cornejo, Marshall HS, Fort Bend ISD

Taylor Daniel, Marcus HS, Lewisville ISD
Elvis Davis Chavez HS, Houston ISD
Andy DeLeon, Churchill HS, North East ISD
Gabriel Diaz, Stevens HS, Northside ISD
Michelle Duff, Kirby MS, Wichita Falls ISD
Trace Edwards, Andrews MS, Andrews ISD
Jaylen Ellis, Allen HS, Allen ISD
Ki-Janaven Garrett, Dade MS, Dallas ISD
Nick Gerber, Liberty HS, Lubbock Cooper ISD
Tanner Gordon, Clear Lake HS, Clear Creek ISD
Jeremy Gutierrez, Brown MS, El Paso ISD
Camirey Jackson, Hempstead HS, Hempstead ISD
KerriAnne Jaime, Westlake HS, Eanes ISD
Kaegan Jimenez, Whitehouse HS, Whitehouse ISD
Heath Koop, Madison MS, Abilene ISD
Jake Kotzur, Southwest Legacy HS, Southwest ISD
Kyra Lair, Wink HS, Wink Loving ISD
Edwin Lampe, Hutto HS, Hutto ISD
Pete Lozano, Veterans Memorial HS, Brownsville ISD
Chatori Major, Pieper HS, Comal ISD
Mikaela McCarthy, McKinney Boyd HS, McKinney ISD
Heath McDonough, Canyon Lake HS, Comal ISD
Ashley McHugh, Sinton HS, Sinton ISD
McKenna Miller, Sotomayor HS, Northside ISD
Hannah Morales, Floydada HS/JH, Floydada CISD
Shelby Morris, Lubbock HS, Lubbock ISD
Devin Morrison, Mackenzie MS, Lubbock ISD
Reed Oaks, Denton HS, Denton ISD
Ross O'Hanlon, East Chambers HS, East Chambers ISD
Hanneus Ollison, Colorado HS, Colorado ISD

Rolando Ortiz, Carroll HS, Corpus Christi ISD
Trent Pearson, Abilene HS, Abilene ISD
Brittany Pellegrino, Lowell MS, San Antonio ISD
Chance Pierce, Cooper HS, Abilene ISD
Kirtrice Ploucha, Fleming MS, Houston ISD
KC Rater, Stanton HS, Stanton ISD
Joel Rinlee, Lindale HS, Lindale ISD
Kandin Robertson, Kirby MS, Wichita Falls ISD
Taylor Ruesch, Liberty HS, Frisco ISD
Erica Russell, Paetow HS, Katy ISD
Tontyana Sanders, University HS, Waco ISD
Manuel Sandoval, Harlingen HS, Harlingen CISD
Hannah Saracene, Cypress Woods HS, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
Zac Spears, Gladewater HS, Gladewater ISD
Taylor Stancell, Farwell JH/HS, Farwell ISD
Whitlow Stanley, Worley MS, Mansfield ISD
Styphan Stewart, Montgomery HS, Montgomery ISD
Joshua Terrell, Dickinson HS, Dickinson ISD
Jasmine Torres, Northbrook HS, Spring Branch ISD
Morgan Unwin, Canyon HS, Canyon ISD
Javier Villarreal, McAllen Nikki Rowe HS, McAllen ISD
Boomer Warren, Midland Legacy HS, Midland ISD
Erin Williams, Franklin HS, Franklin ISD
Tyler Williams, Sweetwater HS, Sweetwater ISD

For more information on our R.O.C.K. Coaches Mentoring Program, visit our website [HERE](#).

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 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 broadrange 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 and training in character development to coaches in Texas at both the high school and middle school levels 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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