

# SOFTBALL SPEAKERS 2021



## Caitlin Bollier - SA O'Connor HS

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 PM**

**Lecture Title:** *Skills and Drills: Stop the Bleeding*

I was born and raised in Kerrville, Texas. I graduated from Tivy High School in 2009. I attended the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor to play softball. I earned a bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sports Science in 2013. I became an assistant coach at Tyler Junior College in 2014. While coaching at TJC, I completed my master's degree in Education of Health and Kinesiology from UT-Tyler. I started my high school coaching career in 2015 at Madison High School where I was an assistant softball and volleyball coach. In 2016 I became the head softball coach at O'Connor High School. I will be starting my sixth year with the Panthers.



## Matt Blackburn - Lake Belton HS

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM**

**Lecture Title:** *Get Your Head in the Game: Things Coaches Yell at Players and Why I Don't*

Matt Blackburn just finished his 14th season as a head softball coach and 1st season at Lake Belton High School. Prior to accepting the head softball position and girls' coordinator position at Lake Belton, he was the assistant coach for 3 seasons and head coach for 13 seasons at Belton High School. He has spent all 17 years of his career in Belton ISD. Matt has a total record of 338-144-1. He led Belton High School to the regional semi-finals on for different occasions (2011, 2015, 2016, 2019). In his first season at Lake Belton High School, he led a group of freshmen and sophomores to the Region 3 4-A Regional Finals and an overall record of 32-8. Matt is extremely passionate about approaching coaching from an alternative style compared to most other coaches.



## Jeremiah Chapman – Performance Course (State Coordinator) \*\*\*TURF DEMO HALL

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 2:30 PM**

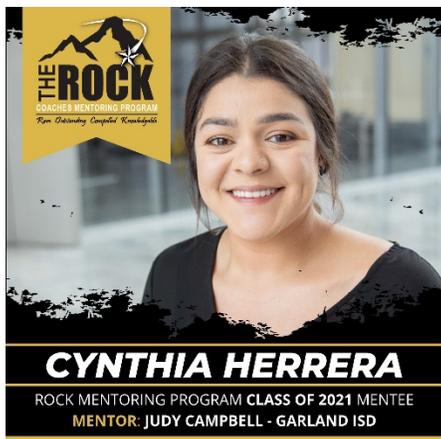
**Lecture Title:** *Agility and Speed Development for Baseball/Softball*

Jeremiah is the Vice President and State Coordinator. He is involved in overseeing all sites throughout the state. Jeremiah has worked as a Strength Coach for over a decade with experience at the high school, collegiate and professional level.

Jeremiah also directs and oversees all programming for Performance Course.

Jeremiah has been a catalyst for the growth at Performance Course since arriving over 12 years ago.

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## Cynthia Herrera, Stamford HS

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM

*Lecture Title: Back to the Basics: Successful Skills and Drills*

I was born and raised in Abilene, TX, graduating from Abilene High School. After completing high school, I continued my academic and athletic career at the JUCO level, then later transferring to the D3 level. I then finished my academics at McMurry University, graduating with a Bachelor's in Kinesiology in 2017. Shortly after graduating, I landed my first teaching/coaching job in Stamford, Tx, where I serve as the Head Softball Coach. I have a 15 mo old baby boy, who is my pride

and joy.

Over the last 3 seasons as the head softball coach, I successfully managed to lead the Lady Bulldogs to a 64-13-1 overall record, making this the first, two undefeated district seasons in 17 years. During this time, we were able to obtain 2 bi-district playoff titles, 2 area playoff titles, 1 regional-quarterfinal title, 1 semifinal title, 1 regional final title, and a State Title in 2021, making it the first in school history. I was awarded the Region 1 District 7 2-A Coach of the Year for the 2021 season.

As I continue in my profession, I hope to leave a legacy of commitment, hard work and grace to each player that I coach. I thank the Lord for my professional accomplishments, but most importantly for blessing me with my son, Tucker.



## Melanie Morales - SA Warren HS

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM

*Lecture Title: Don't Reinvent the Wheel: Infield Focused*

Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. Morales had a passion for athletics at an early age. Morales grew up playing softball from age 7-23. Her one goal early on was to become a college softball player. Morales received a scholarship to the University of the Incarnate Word where she received a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology with a concentration in personal training. She received a Master's in Kinesiology. Morales played 3rd, shortstop, and 2nd base through her collegiate years and was a 4 year starter. She earned all-conference honors all 4 years. In 2010 Morales earned the Heartland All-tournament team at shortstop. 2011 She was named Lone Star Conference South Hitter of the Week and received 2nd team All-conference. In 2012 and 2013, Morales earned Honorable Mention All-Lone Star Conference. 2013 Morales became the Grad Assistant Softball Coach at the University of the Incarnate Word. In 2014-2016 Morales became the Freshman Volleyball/ Assistant Softball in John Marshall High school in San Antonio Texas. In 2016 Morales became the Head Softball Coach at Earl Warren High School in San Antonio, Texas and is currently the Head Coach. In 2018 Morales became the San Antonio Express News Coach of the Year where she led the Warriors to their first ever playoff win/run to the Regionals Finals. In 2019 she led the Warriors to their first ever district title. In 2021 she led the Warriors to the best start in school history and another district title.

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## Brittanie Talley - Vernon College

**Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM**

**Lecture Title:** *PO: The Pitching Outline*

Brittanie Talley just completed her 5th season as Head Coach of the Vernon College Softball program where she was instrumental in turning the program towards the national spotlight for junior colleges. In 2019, Talley led the Chaps to their first 30-win season in 10 years and in a 2020 abbreviated season the Chaps were 23-1 and ranked 17th nationally. In 2021, the Chaps spent 10 weeks ranked in the NJCAA top 10 national rankings, finishing with a record of 42-12, the first 40 win season in 13 years, and six all-conference selections including the utility player of the year. Prior to VC, Talley served as an assistant coach at Alabama State University, winning a SWAC championship in 2016, and coaching 8 all-conference selections including: 2 freshman of the year, a pitcher of the year, 2 hitter of the year, and 1 newcomer of the year award. In 2011, she was the graduate assistant for Southern Arkansas University before pursuing a professional career overseas in Sweden. As a player coach for the Skovde Saints, she won a Swedish League championship and was the 2011 Swedish League Pitcher of the Year. That summer, she was also the Swedish National Team pitching coach for the European Championships where the team placed 8th, the highest at that time for Sweden. Originally, from San Antonio, Brittanie Talley graduated from Ronald Reagan High School in 2005, with her bachelor's in health, PE and recreation from Jackson State University in 2010 and with a Masters in Kinesiology from Southern Arkansas University in 2017.



## Theresa Urbanovsky – Converse Judson HS

**Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM**

**Lecture Title:** *ROCKETBALL: Mental Toughness Under Pressure*

Theresa Urbanovsky is a two sport collegiate athlete who started her career playing volleyball at Wharton County Junior College, then transferred to play volleyball and softball at St. Mary's University. She made it to the national tournament at Wharton County Junior College with a 4th place national finish and played at the national tournament all three years at St. Mary's University with a best finish of 5th. She is in her 28th year of coaching. She had the opportunity of starting her career coaching at St. Mary's University as the Head Softball Coach and Assistant Volleyball Coach from 1994-1997. She then moved to Northeast ISD to coach at Driscoll Middle School for four years. In 2001, she moved to Judson High School to be the Head Softball Coach and has coached there since. While at Judson High School, she had the opportunity to be the Assistant Volleyball Coach at Trinity University from 2002-2004. Her softball team made program history this year with their Runner-Up State finish with their 0-1 loss against Deer Park High School. Their team finished with a 34-3 record and hit had a record setting year of 60 homeruns offensively.

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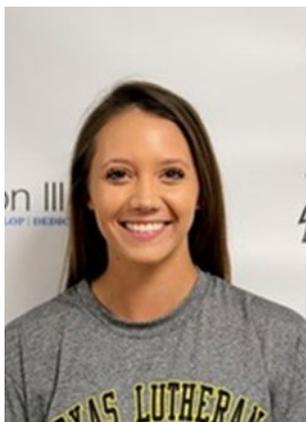


## Kayla Whatley – Hallsville HS

**Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM**

*Lecture Title: Softball 101*

Kayla Whatley was a four-year letterman in softball, volleyball and track and a three-year letterman in basketball at Hallsville High School who went on to earn All-American honors in softball at the University of Arkansas-Monticello. Whatley, a 2017 inductee into the Arkansas-Monticello Athletic Hall of Fame, returned to coach at Hallsville in 2012-2013 as the school's head volleyball coach and assistant softball coach. She took over as Hallsville's head softball coach for the 2016-2017 season, and her teams have never missed the playoffs – losing to No. 1 ranked Forney in bi-district play in her first season before advancing to the regional finals in 2017-2018, the regional semifinals in 2018-2019 and earning a berth in the UIL State Softball Tournament this past season. The Ladycats were 13-4-1 in the COVID-19 shortened 2019-2020 season. Whatley and her husband, Chris, have been married for six years and have two daughters – 4-year-old Kinsler and 2-year-old Kabryn.



## Olivia Van Hook – TLU

**Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM**

*Lecture Title: Role of an Assistant Coach*

Olivia Van Hook joined the Texas Lutheran Softball coaching staff in 2018. Van Hook serves as an assistant softball coach as well as the TLU facilities director. Van Hook, Head Coach Wade Wilson and the Bulldogs' coaching staff were named 2019 NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year for NCAA Division III and 2019 NFCA West Region Coaching Staff. Texas Lutheran (40-8) advanced to its first NCAA championship and went a perfect 5-0 in the 2019 finals to claim the first Division III softball crown in school history. Van Hook was a graduate assistant for St. Mary's University in 2017-2018. She assisted with the outfielders. She was also a volunteer assistant at Texas State University in 2018 prior to coming to TLU. A native of Brenham, Texas, Van Hook earned a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's University in Exercise and Sports Science in 2017, as well as a master's degree from St. Mary's University in Educational Leadership in 2021. She has an associate degree in Physical Education from Temple College.



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## Teresa Lentz - Calallen HS

**Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM**

**Lecture Title:** *Pre-Game Day Practice Plan*

Teresa Flores Lentz has been head softball coach at Calallen High School in Corpus Christi for the past nine years. Since that time her teams have compiled a 195-95 won-loss record, made two state finalist appearances, won two regional titles, two district championships and advanced to the playoffs five years.

Coach Lentz is a graduate of Texas Woman's University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology with a minor Adaptive Physical Education. At TWU she was named Lone Star Conference South Division - Player of the Year and named to the DII All-America team at shortstop in 2004. She set several records that still stand at TWU where she also served as a student assistant. She was inducted into the TWU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2013.

She also was an assistant coach at Rockport-Fulton High School in 2005 -2006. After that, she was a volunteer assistant coach at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio in spring of 2007.

Coach Lentz also earned a master's degree in Special Education from the University of Texas where she was a graduate assistant with the Lady Longhorns softball team in 2007 - 2008.

She then served as assistant coach at Texas A&M- Corpus Christi from 2008 - 2011. Where she aided the Islanders on to winning the Southland Conference Championship in 2011.

Her softball career included playing for some of the top softball teams in the nation, including the Schutt Hurricanes in 2003, the California Sunbirds of the National Professional Fastpitch League in 2005, and Storm USA in 2007. During this time, she also played in the prestigious Canada Cup. As a college student, she was on a touring team that played throughout Europe in the summer of 2002.

She played her high school softball at Corpus Christi Miller where earned All-District, All-South Texas and All-State honors as a shortstop. In 2016, she was inducted to the Buccaneers Athletics Hall of Fame at Miller High school.



## Steve Singleton- University of Texas

**Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM**

**Lecture Title:** *Longhorn Softball*

Texas head softball coach Mike White officially announced on July 1, 2019, the addition of Steve Singleton as an assistant coach on the Longhorns staff.

A former shortstop and second baseman with the Minnesota Twins organization of Major League Baseball, Singleton possesses 14 combined years of college and pro playing and coaching experience.

Prior to Texas, he spent two seasons (2017, 2018) as the hitting coach of the Fort Myers (Fla.) Miracle (High Single A) and was originally contracted to be the hitting

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coach for the Pensacola (Fla.) Blue Wahoos (AA) in 2019 before deciding to accept the open assistant coach role with the Longhorns. He served as the U.S. hitting coach for the 2018 MLB All-Star Futures Game and spent time with the Twins during 2019 Spring Training. Prior to his time with the Miracle, Singleton led all offensive development for the rookie level Gulf Coast League Twins (Fort Myers, Fla.) in 2016. With the squad he served as both a first- and third-base coach. At the collegiate level, Singleton was previously an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Florida SouthWestern State College (Fort Myers, Fla.) from Jan.-Dec. 2015.

Singleton served as the Vice President of Baseball Operations for Scout Sports (Sealy, Texas) in 2014, where he ran the scout baseball division, a high school recruiting, video and showcase company. He also spent time in 2013 as the hitting and head infield instructor for Baseball Rebellion (Durham., N.C.) An 11th round draft pick out of the University of San Diego (2006), Singleton played in 654 career games from rookie to AAA level as a shortstop and second baseman in the Twins organization. Singleton began his scholastic career at the University of San Diego before leaving school early when drafted by the Twins. He eventually went on to earn both a bachelor's degree in sports management (2014) and a master's degree in athletic administration (2017) from Southern New Hampshire University. He has two sons, Steven and Matthew.



## **Sandra Hernandez - SA Southwest HS**

**Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM**

***Lecture Title: Must Haves to Success & How to Get Them: Offense, Pitching & Defense***