

SHOT PUT - Brad Foote – University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley

Foote started his NCAA coaching career at Iowa Central Community College before joining the staff at University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley this past year.

Throughout his time with Iowa Central Community College, Foote has coached 12 NJCAA national champions, 11 NJCAA national runner-ups and a total of 55 All-Americans. His throws group has helped the men's and women's teams combine for six NJCAA national's team championships, six national runner-ups and three third place finishes.

In 2016, Foote was named NJCAA Midwest Region Assistant Coach of the Year for indoor and outdoor seasons after guiding nine women to the NJCAA National Championships with three of them claiming top-10 spots in the both the shot put and weight throw.

In his first season at University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley Coach Foote secured three medalists at the WAC Outdoor Championships in the Shot Put event with a 3rd place in the Men's and the Gold and Silver by freshman in the women's competition. He also claimed a 20 top performance in the NCAA D1 Regionals in shot put to kick off the end of his first season at his new Rio Grande Valley home.

Coach Foote is focused on improving the overall throws program by revitalizing it with fresh new group of quality young throwers and is already showing a new tradition of throwing talent in the Rio Grande Valley.

JAVELIN – Brendon Kelso – University of North Texas

Kelso is in his fifth year as an assistant track and field coach working primarily with the throwers after serving two years as a volunteer assistant. During his time, Kelso's student-athletes have set 16 North Texas records, earned three individual conference titles and been named a Conference Freshman of the Year.

In 2019, Kelso guided three Mean Green throwers to five school records. In addition to the school records, three UNT throwers qualifying for the 2019 NCAA West Preliminaries in the Javelin and Discus. At this past season's Conference USA Outdoor Championships, he was able to claim the Championship in the Women's Javelin competition.

As a student-athlete at Hardin-Simmons University, Kelso competed in the 2009 DIII National Championships in the javelin throw and holds the school record in the event. He was a four-time American Southwest Conference Champion in multiple throwing events, including the javelin, shot put, and discus and was named American Southwest Conference Championships Outstanding Field Athlete and won the Conference Championships High Point Award on two occasions.

Coach Kelso's women's Javelin throwers continue to be among the best in the NCAA as he has built a program of Javelin dominance in Denton TX.

DISCUS & HAMMER - Will Blackburn – University of Houston

During his tenure at the University of Houston which spans over two decades, Blackburn has developed many athletes from high school throwers and jumpers into conference champions and nationally-respected athletes.

The Cougar throwers have had immense success over the course of the past two seasons under the tutelage of Blackburn, both collegiately and internationally. This includes several American Athletic Conference Champions and medalist, NCAA Regional Qualifiers and Qualifiers for the NCAA Championships. Most recently he has coached the Mexican National Championships silver medalist in the shot put event.

Blackburn began his coaching career after throwing discus for the University of Houston Track and Field team. He won a C-USA conference championship as a competitor for Houston. Due to an injury, Blackburn had to sit out the 1998 season. Blackburn began his coaching career in 2000.

In addition to his coaching duties at the University of Houston, he has coached the Houston Gold Masters Club. Masters athletes are between the ages of 30 and 85 years old. Blackburn has tutored some of the top Masters/Senior throw athletes in the United States.

Coach Blackburn has been coaching at University of Houston for 19 season and is the Associate Head Coach for the Track & Field program. Along with coaching the throwing events, he assists with the horizontal jumps, and coordinates the team's travel and recruiting.