

## Texas Track & Field Hall of Fame Class of 2022

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Wylie, TX: The Texas Track & Field Coaches Association is proud to announce the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Class of the Texas Track & Field Hall of Fame. This illustrious class of seven (7) will be celebrated on January 7, 2022 at the Great Wolf Lodge. Information about current Texas Track & Field Hall of Famers and the forthcoming ceremony can be found here: <https://www.ttfa.org/hall-of-famers>. [Because of Covid-19, the Class of 2021 will be celebrated in person, as well.]

The Class of 2022 includes:

#### **Jim Carlisle**

Jim Carlisle is a USATF Officials Hall of Famer “who passed away on Saturday, July 11 at the age of 65.

“Carlisle was a retired high school counselor from Wakeland High School and lived in Carrollton, Texas. He officiated as a referee and technical official at all levels of the USATF circuit including youth, professional and masters, as well as the World Championships, Texas High School Championships, numerous NCAA conference and National Championships.

“Carlisle was an official at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. He recently served as the official certification chair for the USATF Southwestern Association.

“At the 2019 USATF Annual Meeting, Carlisle was honored by the Men’s Track & Field Committee with the Roy Griak Distinguished Service Award.” - USATF

#### **Terri Hairston**

“A multi-sport athlete at New Caney High School (and now a member of the A&M coaching staff), [Terri] was a standout on the basketball court and track athlete becoming the first girl in Texas to clear six-feet in high jump and the second woman in history to break 40 feet [in triple jump]; she won three Texas state titles in triple jump.

“After high school she competed for Texas from 1983-1986, and she finished her career as one of the best jumpers in Longhorn history, and her school records in the triple jump still stand. As a Longhorn she was a two-time NCAA Champion, a 12-time All-American and won a total of 15 Southwest Conference titles while competing in the triple jump, 400m, 600 yards and the relay events.” – A&M

#### **Todd Harbour**

Recently retired, Coach Harbour “was named as Clyde Hart’s successor June 14, 2005, after he had been Baylor’s head cross country coach and assistant track coach since January 2000.

“Most recently a 2017 Southwest Conference Hall of Fame inductee, under his watch, Baylor has posted 23 Top-20 finishes nationally since he took over both programs in 2005-06, including eight Top-10 finishes.

“One of Baylor’s most legendary track athletes, Harbour holds school-record marks in the 1,500-meters and the mile run. His 3:50.34 run at Oslo, Norway, his senior year, is still the fastest mile ever run by a collegiate athlete. He was inducted into the Baylor Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992.

“During his collegiate days, Harbour was the Southwest Conference champion in the 1,500-meters in 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981. He claimed the NCAA 1,500-meter runner-up title in 1979, 1980 and 1981, the only athlete to ever win three consecutive runner-up titles in that event. Harbour won the silver medal at the Pan Am Games in 1979 and was ranked ninth in the world in the 1,500-meters in 1982.” – Baylor

### **Pat Henry**

“Pat Henry, with nine NCAA Championships during his time at Texas A&M, currently has 36 national team titles on the NCAA Division I level. In addition, Henry also has a pair of national titles on the NJCAA level while coaching at Blinn College in Brenham.

“In achieving the most NCAA championships by a head coach for indoor and outdoor track and field, Henry is currently the active leader and third among coaches all-time in any sport for national team titles.

“Henry, who became head coach of the Texas A&M track and field program in the fall of 2004, became the first coach to lead a school to three consecutive men's and women's NCAA Outdoor Championships when the Aggies accomplished the feat during the 2009-2010-2011 seasons.” – A&M

### **Victor Lopez**

“Victor Lopez, member of both the IAAF Technical Committee and Coaches' Commission, led the Rice women's track and field team to national prominence, including four Western Athletic Conference outdoor titles, three WAC indoor championships, one Southwest Conference indoor title, and two WAC cross country titles. Under his tutelage, 58 athletes have won 176 NCAA Division I or AIAW Division II all-America honors.

“The Puerto Rican native was appointed national coordinator of the 1992 Puerto Rico national Olympic team in December 1991 after consulting the team in both 1984 and 1988. His most recent international coaching experience came in Athens, Greece, at the 2004 Olympics, where he was head coach of the Puerto Rican track and field staff.” – from World Athletics

### **Gene and Joe Pouncy**

At Dallas ISD's Lincoln HS, Gene & Joe Pouncy set national records in the sprint and mile relays. In 1970, the Pouncy Twins were part of the 440-yard National high school record relay squad: 40.2 seconds. Premier sprinters of north Texas' second generation of great sprinters, Gene and Joe were members of the 400-meter relay team at SMU that won three consecutive Southwest Conference championships.

### **Class of 2021**

Vince Anderson

Bob Beamon

James Blackwood

Kermit Courville

Ryan Crouser

Hollis Gainey

Ted McLaughlin

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