

## **Texas Track & Field Coaches Association's 2023 Hall of Fame Class 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Class**

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Wylie, TX: A mix of coaches, athletes and contributors will be recognized as part of the Texas Track & Field Coaches Association's 2023 Hall of Fame Class, the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Class.

Randy Adair – A thirty-five year career as a coach at Dallas Highland Park (and Louisiana), Adair produced numerous Regional and State Team Championships in both XC & TF. A USATF Level II Certified Coach, Adair has transitioned into the Lead PA Meet Announcer at the University of Arkansas for Indoor & Outdoor meets, while also announcing SEC, Texas Relays and a number of NCAA Championship meets.

John Carlos – Most famous for his Black Power salute on the podium with teammate Tommie Smith at the 1968 Olympics, Dr. Carlos won bronze in the 200 in 1968. In his career, he tied the world record in the 100 and broke the 200-meter record. In 1967, his victories in the 100, 200 and 4x400 helped lead East Texas State (now Texas A&M-Commerce) to the Lone Star Conference Championship.

Kerron Clement – Clement, from La Porte HS, enjoyed tremendous success in UIL competition, including holding the #2 all-time Texas 300-meter hurdles slot at 35.42. Clement won the 110h and 400h titles at the USATF Youth Championships before embarking on a successful career at the University of Florida. Clement earned a silver in the 400h and gold in the 4x400 at the 2008 Olympics.

Clyde Duncan – “Under the leadership of Duncan, TSU's men's track and field team captured the 2015 Southwestern Athletic Conference Indoor Title marking the program's first Championship since 1994. Texas Southern swept the league's track and field titles during the 2016 campaign, as they were claimed Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Champions. Prior to his arrival at Texas Southern University, Duncan was on the pro circuit, training world-class runners in his ‘Prime Time Sports Track and Field Club.’ He founded and headed the organization for 12 years.”

Chryste Gaines – The 1997-98 Gatorade National Track & Field Female Athlete of the Year, Gaines, from Dallas South Oak Cliff High School, went on to a stellar career at Stanford University. Gaines earned a gold medal as part of the 4x100 in the 1996 Summer Olympics. Gaines' 23.16 200 [converted] stands #5 in Texas high school history.

Stuart Kantor – Co-Founder of the Texas Track & Field Coaches Association (TTFCA), Kantor, the TTFCA's Executive Director, is also a teacher / coach at Dallas Bishop Lynch High School. The TTFCA promotes track & field in Texas and advocates for change to all state governing bodies. The TTFCA operates the state's largest coaches

clinic, the two-day Winter Clinic, and the TTFCA organizes the first post-season TF meet, the Meet of Champions.

Ed Marcinkiewicz – An outstanding coach and developer of talent at Brazos HS and for 20 years at Texas A&M, “Ed deftly combined a steely competitive spirit with a principled approach to coaching and recruiting that earned him a level of respect unsurpassed in the profession.” This principled approach carried into his career with M-F Athletic and Perform Better.

For more information regarding the Texas Track & Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame and attending the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame, please contact Stuart Kantor at [tfca@hotmail.com](mailto:tfca@hotmail.com)

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