



Roundball Round-Up

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TABC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Coaches,

I hope you are all surviving the last stretch of the school year! Our May clinic is a perfect way to wrap it all up before final exams. I hope you'll join us. Whether you're looking to develop your program or connect with other members, it's a great event. Make sure you're registered — we would love to see you there.

Following that, we've got showcases in June, which are already filling up. Get your teams signed up today. This has become a favorite event of nearly every team that attends!

On membership: if you haven't renewed, now's a good time to do it. Our video library continues to grow, and we're rolling out 10–12 new mini sessions in the 2026 membership year. The lineup covers a range of topics and really represents the quality of content we're committed to providing. Membership is your ticket to full access to everything we've built — it's an investment that pays off.

One more thing — vote for our 2nd VP on the TABC website. We have strong candidates, and your vote helps shape the future of our leadership. Take a few minutes to make your voice heard.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon at the clinic!

Vickie Benson, TABC President

Voting for TABC 2nd Vice-President Elect is Underway

To vote for the TABC 2nd vice-president (who will serve as TABC president for 2028-2029) simply go to the TABC website (www.tabchoops.org) and click on the box beneath the candidate's bios that says VOTE NOW. You will need to input your first and last name along with your school and your TABC membership ID# that is printed on the front of your TABC membership card. Voting ends on April 26th and the winner will be announced at the TABC Clinic on May 7th. The candidates' bios and pictures are below.

Matt Sayman



Coach Matt Sayman is currently completing his first year as the head basketball coach at Midway High School and his 19th year overall in coaching. Prior to arriving at Midway, Sayman spent 12 years as the head coach at Grapevine Faith Christian School, where his teams reached the state Final Four twice and became known for their offensive firepower, averaging 365 made three-pointers per season.

Sayman began his coaching career as a varsity assistant, spending one year working for Jeff Clarkson at Naaman Forest High School and five years under Wes Watson at McKinney High School.

Matt and his wife Jana, a teacher at Midway, have two children. Their oldest son, Landon, plays college basketball at Trinity University, and their youngest, Cade, is a senior in high school who plays soccer.

TABC has had a significant impact on Coach Sayman's career as both a player and a coach. He played for Coach Tommy Thomas at The Colony High School and was selected to compete in the TABC All-Star Game as a senior. He went on to play collegiately at Baylor University from 2000–2004.

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Pete Solis



Coach Pete Solis Jr is in his twenty-second year as a basketball coach and is currently the head boys' basketball coach at J.W. Nixon High School. He has led the Mustangs for nineteen years and takes pride in continuing to mold young men into hard-workers, dependable teammates, and devotees of the game. At J.W Nixon High School, Coach Solis has instilled a lively culture centered on basketball and family. The "Brotherhood" philosophy is the mentality of thinking about others before thinking about yourself. Throughout his nineteen years of coaching the "The Brotherhood", Coach Solis has led the Mustangs to three Elite Eight appearances along with ten District Championships, and twenty-nine playoff wins. Coach Solis has been fortunate to serve in multiple capacities within TABC. These roles include: TABC Board of Directors (2018-2021), TABC All Region Committee (2015-2018),

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Throughout his career, Sayman has served the organization in multiple roles, including on the TABC Board of Directors, as a District Coordinator, and on the All-Region Committee. He is also an active member of the THSCA.

To give back to the game, Sayman hosts the JAMODI Podcast. Over the past five years, he has interviewed hundreds of coaches from across the country, many from Texas high school basketball, gaining a deep appreciation for the leadership and basketball knowledge across the state.

Coach Sayman is humbled to be considered for the position of 2nd Vice President and, if voted in, looks forward to listening to coaches and working alongside the TABC Board to continue growing the game of basketball in Texas.

Pete Solis

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TABC All State Committee (2011, 2016-2018), and TABC Outstanding Coach Committee (2024-2026).

In 2015 and 2019, Coach Solis was awarded the TABC Don Coleman Outstanding Coach Award. Coach Solis is the proud husband of Ana and father to Derek, 17 which plays for the brotherhood.

Coach Pete Solis Jr is blessed to be nominated for the position of the TABC Second Vice-President. He understands the importance of being a voice for the game of basketball for the great state of Texas. He would greatly appreciate your vote.

2025-26 Basketball Calendar

	Hall of Fame Tickets Now on Sale (online only - TABC website)
April 24	** Last Day to Pre-Register for TABC Clinic**
May 7-9	TABC Clinic in San Antonio
7	TABC Golf Tournament
7	Boys All-Star Games
8	Girls All-Star Games
9	Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
June 1-12	TABC Camp of Champs - Brenham
1-3	Girls Fundamental Camp and Girls JH Team Camp #1
4-6	Girls JH Team Camp #2 and Girls HS Team Camp
7-9	Boys Fundamental Camp and Boys JH Team Camp
10-12	Boys HS Team Camp
18-20	TABC Girls Showcase - Bryan
26-28	TABC Boys Showcase - Metroplex
Jul 31	2025-26 Membership EXPIRES (Sign up NOW for next year!)

CLINIC CORNER

The 2026 TABC Clinic will be held May 7-9, 2026 in San Antonio, at St. Mary's University and the Doubletree by Hilton - San Antonio Airport Hotel. TABC has negotiated excellent room rates with the Doubletree and other nearby hotels. All have free parking! The TABC golf tournament will take place Thursday morning. Clinic on-site registration and pre-registration check-in will take place Thursday afternoon. Thursday night will feature the boys' all-star games with the girls' all-star games on Friday night. All Thursday and Friday speakers will be on the court at St. Mary's University. Saturday's schedule includes speakers at the Doubletree ballroom followed by the Hall of Fame induction banquet. There will be a coaches' reception on BOTH Thursday and Friday nights with complimentary food and drinks and lots of prizes for all who are registered for the clinic. It is not too early to sign-up for the Clinic. Early registration for the clinic ends on April 24, 2026. Please go to our website, tabchoops.org for more information about the clinic and TABC membership.





20TH ANNUAL TABC GOLF TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

Cedar Creek Golf Course

8250 Vista Colina • San Antonio, TX 78255 • 210-695-5050

Team Entry - Name, School, Phone

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Individual Entry - Name, School, Phone

For more information contact:

Lonnie Gaylor • 972-898-9556 • lgaylor@wisd.org

Email Entry Forms to:
lgaylor@wisd.org

Pay entry fee via Venmo
@Lonnie-Gaylor



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DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 25TH

CHECK IN BY 7:00 ON MAY 7TH

Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2026

The Class of 2026 will be inducted into the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame at the spring TABC Clinic. This year's class includes Jeff Bell, Donna Capps, Jerry Cassell, Derrick Daniels, Tai Dillard, Karl Godine, Karen Aulenbacher-Heintz and Sara Hinkley Watkins. This deserving group of Texas legends will be inducted during the Hall of Fame banquet in the ballroom at the Doubletree by Hilton - San Antonio Airport Hotel on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Tickets are now on sale on the TABC website at www.tabchoops.org.

Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations for the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame are always being accepted. Below is some information on how candidates are considered and how you can nominate someone.

CATEGORIES: Coach, Player, Contributor

REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Active coaches may be considered after reaching 900 wins.
- Retired coaches may be considered at any time based on accomplishments.
- Texas high school players may be considered fifteen years after graduation from high school.
- Contributors may be considered at any time.

TO NOMINATE: Please email hawk@tabchoops.org with

1. Name of Nominee
2. Years (ex. 1966-1969) /Records/School(s)
3. Honors, Stats, Newspaper Articles, Letters of Recommendation
4. Name/Contact Information of the Person Making the Nomination

All nominations will be forwarded to the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

TABC AWARDS

TABC presents awards for State Champions, Outstanding Coaches, Assistant Coaches of the Year, Middle School Coaches of the Year, Student Assistants of the Year, Mr. and Miss Basketball, Players of the Year, and College Awards for Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Players and Student Assistants of the Year. In addition, TABC recognizes Team and Individual winners in each class for 3-Point and Free Throw shooting. Unfortunately, several classes of shooting awards were unrecognized because there were no nominees for those classes. Be sure to join TABC each year and to nominate your players and assistants. All awards are posted on the TABC website at tabchoops.org.

TABC CAMP OF CHAMPS



Coached by the Best High School Coaches in the State of Texas!

GIRLS CAMPS

June 1-3

Fundamental (Ages 8-14) &
JH Team Camp #1 (Incoming 5th-8th)

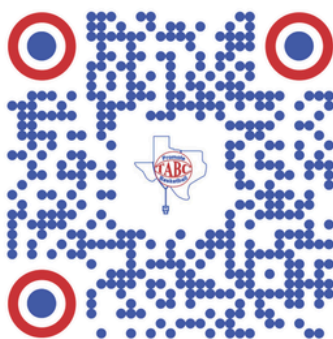
June 4-6

JH Team Camp #2 (Incoming 6th-8th)
HS Team Camp (Incoming 9th-12th)

Girls JH Team Camp is available either session

Girls Camp Director: Jill Kendall
254-424-7834 coachjkendall@gmail.com

tabchoops.org/camp



Camp Coordinator: Jerry McSherry
972-825-3406 jmcsherry82@gmail.com

Registration Contact: Brooke Covel
806-679-0089 camp@tabchoops.org

BOYS CAMPS

June 7-9

Fundamental (Ages 8-14) &
JH Team Camp (Incoming 7th-9th)

June 10-12

HS Team Camp
(Incoming 9th-12th)

Boys Camp Director: Cornelius Mitchell
903-288-9608 corneliusmitchell@msdmail.org

Registration Now Open!

Camp Location: **Blinn College** Brenham, Texas

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2026 TABC Girls Showcase

June 18-20

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, in conjunction with the UIL, NFHS, and the NHSBCA, will be hosting a certified event for all college coaches, Division 1 thru Junior College. The TABC Girls' Showcase will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 18-20, 2026 in Bryan, Texas at the Legends Event Center and local scholastic sites.

2026 TABC Boys Showcase

June 26-28

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, in conjunction with the UIL, NFHS, and the NHSBCA, will be hosting a certified event for all levels of college coaches, including Division I college coaches thru Junior College. The TABC Boys Showcase will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 26-28, 2026 in the Metroplex.

Please check the TABC website for registration and ticket information.

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Please click on the links below to visit our sponsor's web sites

	Ballogy		Hardwood Texas.com
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	Coaches Insider		Spalding
	Gandy Ink		



Milestone Awards



TABC presents Milestone Awards to Texas coaches who reach their 300th varsity win and each multiple of 100 thereafter. If you reach one of those milestones during the season, please let TABC know immediately so that we can order your plaque. Plaques commemorating 300 and 400 wins can be picked up at the TABC clinic or it will be mailed to you. Plaques for 500 and subsequent UIL milestones are presented during a halftime ceremony at the UIL state tournaments. Please e-mail TABC at office@tabchoops.org when you reach your 300th, 400th, 500th and subsequent century marks.

Simmons hits #500

Petersburg girls' varsity Coach Tommy Simmons hit win #500 on February 16th with a 51-24 bi-district victory over Motley County. Coach Simmons is pictured below celebrating his milestone with his Lady Buffs.



Milestone Awards

Cummings tops #400

Mason girls' varsity Coach Alicia Cummings hit win #400 on February 3rd with a 45-34 win over Goldthwaite. Coach Cummings is pictured below celebrating his milestone with her Cowgirls.



Toups Notches #300

East View boys' varsity Coach Michael Toups picked up win #300 on November 25th with a 72-51 win over Rouse. Coach Toups is pictured below celebrating his milestone with his team.



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2025-26 Coaches of the Year



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MEMBERSHIP

2025-2026

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APRIL 20, 2026

BOYS

UIL

6A D-I	Tommy Brakel	North Crowley
6A-DII	Damon Barnett	Little Elm
5A-DI	Jibran Kelley	Frisco Heritage
5A-DII	Emund Prichitt	Mansfield Summit
4A-DI	Nicke Smith	Dallas Kimball
4A-DII	Lyndon Love	Dallas Carter
3A-DI	Gerald Smith	Dallas Madison
3A-DII	Bo Rickner	Paradise
2A-DI	Josh Strickland	Panhandle
2A-DII	Brent Gaylor	Lipan
1A-DI	Aaron Green	Turkey Valley
1A-DII	Ryan Bleiker	Jayton

TAPPS

6A	Ahmad Ajami	Parish Episcopal
5A	Taylor Land	Houston Second Baptist
4A	Fonzo Martinez	McKinney Christian
3A	Kyle Combs	Live Oak Classical
2A	Austin Turner	Amarillo Holy Cross
1A	Chris Gaines	Kingwood Covenant

SPC

4A	Ron Crandall	Houston Christian
3A	Corey Henderson	Dallas Episcopal

GIRLS

UIL

6A-DI	Kiara Marshall	Summer Creek
6A-DII	LaJeanna Howard	Lancaster
5A-DI	Monesha Allen	Denton Ryan
5A-DII	Chance Westmoreland	Argyle
4A-DI	Ashley Greer	Dallas Lincoln
4A-DII	Drew Coffman	Decatur
3A-DI	Sam Richardson	Hitchcock
3A-DII	Silas Crisler	Wall
2A-DI	Rob Schmucker	Panhandle
2A-DII	Amber Branson	Lipan
1A-DI	Nigel Boyles	Broadus
1A-DII	Eric Schilling	Nazareth

2025-26 Coaches of the Year
GIRLS

TAPPS

6A	Jason Cantwell	Houston The Village School
4A	Josh Blok	FW Lake Country
3A	Steven Howard	Waco Live Oak Classical
2A	Matt Jones	Dallas First Baptist
1A	Jaime Gonzalez	Edinburg Harvest Christian

SPC

4A	Stacey Marshall	Kinkaid
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Dean Weese Outstanding Coach Award

Class 6A	Tamara Torru	SA Judson
Class 5A	Vanessa Villareal	San Antonio Southwest
Class 4A	Whitney Holdbrook	Gatesville
Class 3A	Mike Albers	Columbus
Class 2A	JB Littlejohn	Union Grove
Class 1A	Trey Richey	Borden County
Large Private	Katie Osborn	Midland Christian
Mid-Size Private	Bernard Anderson	Tyler Bishop Gorman
Small Private	Kiki Brabham	Amarillo San Jacinto Christian

Don Coleman Outstanding Coach Award

Class 6A	Kia Griffin	San Antonio O'Connor
Class 5A	Johnny Daniels	Bayton Sterling
Class 4A	Andrew Ensley	Dallas Pinkston
Class 3A	Ruben Lopez	Dalhart
Class 2A	Tyler Renfro	Chico
Class 1A	Drew Flowers	Neches
Large Private	Spencer Sutton	Lubbock Trinity Christian
Mid-Size Private	Jeremy Hammond	San Antonio Holy Cross
Small Private	Chris Grotemat	Longview Trinity Christian

TABC 2026-27 MEMBERSHIP DUES & 2026 CLINIC

Name _____

School _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Position: (circle one) BOYS (men) / GIRLS (women)

Level (circle one) HEAD COACH / HS ASSISTANT / MIDDLE SCHOOL / COLLEGE

League: (circle one) UIL TAPPS SPC TCAL TCAF College Conference _____

Classification: (High School only) 6A 5A 4A 3A 2A 1A District # _____

Mailing Address: Please select one: Home School

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TABC CLINIC PRE-REGISTRATION

(\$75 per coach) _____ (May 7, 8, & 9, 2026 in San Antonio - Deadline: April 24, 2026)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Please place a checkmark by which dues apply)

Active HS Coach (\$35 per coach) _____ (\$50 after Dec. 1)

Retired Coach (\$25 per coach) _____

Middle School Coach (\$15 per coach) _____

Non-school coaches, parents, and friends of basketball
OTHER (\$20 per coach) _____

(\$30 per coach for 3 or more coaches from the same school) _____

(\$25 per coach for 8 or more coaches from the same school) _____

(\$10 per coach for 3 or more JUNIOR HIGH coaches from the same school) _____

Mail form and payment to: TABC, PO Box 2886, Sugar Land, TX 77487

CHECK \$ _____ CASH \$ _____ CREDIT CARD \$ _____

Check #: _____ -OR- Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Amount to be charged on Credit card \$ _____ Please circle one: VISA MC AMEX DISC

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