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Jessica Clopp
Age:
20
Hometown:
Pollok



BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Was honored to perform her gymnastics routine at the TJ Maxx Tour of Champions in 2004.



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Katie Shepherd
Age:
23
Hometown:
Greenville




MEDAL COUNT: Brought home two bronze and two silver medals from the 2007 World Summer Games in China.




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Tracey Crouch
Hometown:
Greenville




OFF THE FIELD: Teaches at Princeton High School.
MOTIVATION: Sharing the Games experience with her daughter and coaching other Team Texas athletes.




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Heather Alderete
Age: **22**
Hometown: Round Rock




ACCOLADES: Named the Central Texas Area Female Athlete of the Year and her family was named Family of the Year.




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Derick Hawes
Age: **24**
Hometown: Richland Hills




PROUDEST MOMENT: Competes in International Strength Association powerlifting meets, competitions in which he has set records.



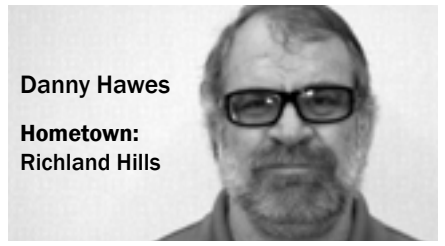
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Danny Hawes
Hometown: Richland Hills



OFF THE FIELD: Retired; he was in the U.S. Navy and is a former restaurant manager.
MOTIVATION: Says SOTX has allowed him to develop his own methods of motivation so that he can inspire his athletes to be their best.



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Chris Saucedo
Age: **23**
Hometown: Austin



BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Reached his goal of deadlifting 198 pounds.



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Jacob Wempe
Age: **22**
Hometown: Austin



MEDAL COUNT: Collected more than 70 medals and ribbons in his 13 years as a SOTX athlete.

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Jessi Earnst
Age:
25
Hometown:
Baytown



SOTX IMPACT: Says SOTX has given her independence, kept her active and introduced her to many lifelong friends.




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Tara Hayes
Age:
18
Hometown:
Baytown




ACCOLADES: Named Basketball Player of the Year by her team and SOTX Female Athlete of the Year for the Greater Houston area.




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Paco Lucatero
Age:
24
Hometown:
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ASPIRATION: After bringing home a silver medal from the first National Games, he hopes to add to his collection with another medal.



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Jennifer Jones
Age:
21
Hometown:
Baytown




HOBBIES: Enjoys participating in Challenger baseball and listening to music.




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Tyler Pike
Age:
17
Hometown:
Baytown



OFF THE FIELD: Manager for the Barbers Hill high school basketball team.



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Tyler Jordan
Age:
21
Hometown:
Baytown



SOTX HISTORY: Got involved 13 years ago and participates in athletics, bowling, cycling, soccer, golf, softball, table tennis and volleyball.



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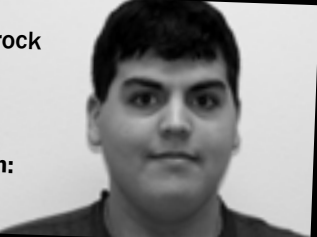
Morgan Plant
Age:
17
Hometown:
Highlands



SOTX IMPACT: Gained more self confidence and leadership skills; she is a graduate of the Lennar Homes Work Skills program.



Clay Schrock
Age: **17**
Hometown: Baytown




HOBBIES: Has won many awards for showing goats in 4H.




Kim Smith
Age: **25**
Hometown: Baytown




BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Named Athlete of the Year for the Greater Houston area and was recognized as MVP for Bay Area Sports.




Diane Jones
Hometown: Baytown




OFF THE FIELD: Works in accounting at Houston Wire & Cable.
MOTIVATION: Excited to take part in her first National Games experience.




Derek Stanley
Age: **23**
Hometown: Baytown




SOTX HISTORY: With 12 years of experience, he competes in basketball, bowling, cycling, soccer, softball and volleyball.




Kenneth Jones
Hometown: Baytown



OFF THE FIELD: Works for Liberty I.S.D.
MOTIVATION: Enjoys making lifelong friends and watching athletes improve their sports ability.



Stacy Saxon
Hometown: Baytown



SOTX HISTORY: Attended the 1995, 2003 and 2007 World Summer Games and the inaugural National Games in 2006.
MOTIVATION: After 20 years with SOTX, this teacher still learns new lessons everyday.





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Daryl Carpenter
Age: **39**
Hometown: San Antonio

MOTIVATION: Loves training and competing to remain fit, and enjoys being part of a team.

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Minh Hai Che
Age: **29**
Hometown: San Antonio

PROUDEST MOMENT: Earned a silver medal in softball at one of his first competitions.

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Ray Ingram
Age: **48**
Hometown: Austin

SOTX HISTORY: Involved for 24 years, Ingram competes in basketball, bowling, softball and volleyball.

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Zachary Mickaels
Age: **25**
Hometown: San Antonio

SOTX IMPACT: Learned good sportsmanship skills and made many great friends.

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Johnny Garcia
Age: **39**
Hometown: San Antonio

SOTX HISTORY: Participating since he was a child, he competes in basketball, bowling, powerlifting and softball.

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William Goodrich
Age: **60**
Hometown: San Antonio

OFF THE FIELD: Works as a busboy at Bill Miller Barbeque, a job he has had for 10 years.

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Jonathan Pilgrim
Age: **32**
Hometown: San Antonio

PROUDEST MOMENT: Won a gold medal in bowling.



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Wesley Reagan

Age:

52

Hometown:
San Antonio



HOBBIES: Enjoys traveling to new places and meeting new people.



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Joshua Ross

Age:

36

Hometown:
San Antonio



MEDAL COUNT: Earned a bronze medal in Unified basketball at the inaugural National Games in Iowa.



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Tim Smith

Age:

19

Hometown:
Austin



SOTX IMPACT: Says SOTX has given him the chance to participate in sports like his brothers.



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Phillip Turner

Age:

38

Hometown:
Universal City



HOBBIES: Doing karate, going to the movies and shopping.



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COACH

Helena Delgado

Hometown:
San Antonio



SOTX HISTORY: Involved for 11 years, she is a coach, Unified Partner, competition director for golf, Global Messenger trainer and Area Management Team member.



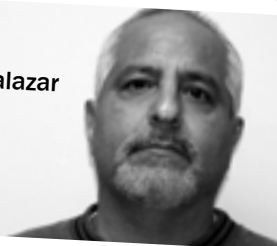
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Reynaldo Salazar

Hometown:
San Antonio



OFF THE FIELD: A retired police officer, he works for United Health.

MOTIVATION: Says SOTX has taught him patience and empathy for people with intellectual disabilities.



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Charlie Smith

Hometown:
Austin



SOTX HISTORY: A coach for 11 years, he takes part in aquatics, basketball, bowling, softball and volleyball.

MOTIVATION: Learned that the important thing is to try your best and not worry about failure.

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