

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Dell Children's Medical Center to Serve as Official Continuing Education Unit Provider for Texas High School Athletic Trainers**

**San Marcos, TX, (May 7, 2024)** – Dell Children’s Medical Center is proud to announce its collaboration with the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) as the official provider of Continuing Education Units (CEU) for high school athletic trainers across Texas. This collaboration, a testament to our shared commitment to the health and safety of student-athletes, aims to enhance the professional development opportunities for athletic trainers, ultimately benefiting the health and safety of student-athletes statewide.

As part of this valuable relationship, Dell Children's will offer CEU credits at the annual THSCA Convention/Coaching School, scheduled to take place in San Antonio from July 21st to 23rd. These credits, earned through a series of informative sessions and workshops, not only contribute to professional development but also keep athletic trainers abreast of the latest advancements in sports medicine and injury prevention, enhancing their ability to ensure the health and safety of student-athletes.

“Providing the best care for student-athletes starts with skilled athletic trainers,” said Adam Bauman, vice president of orthopedics and sports performance for Ascension Texas. “We are thrilled to work closely with THSCA to provide athletic trainers the tools they need to succeed in their important work with children.”

“At Dell Children’s, we continue to look for ways to ensure the health of all children, including student-athletes,” said Michael Wiggins, president of Dell Children’s. “This collaboration allows us to support pediatric sports medicine through the professional development of talented athletic trainers.”

In addition to offering continuing education, the THSCA also announces the establishment of an Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee. This committee will serve as a vital link between athletic trainers and the THSCA Board of Directors and Executive Staff, facilitating open communication and collaboration on matters related to sports medicine and athlete well-being.

"The creation of the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee emphasizes our commitment to fostering strong partnerships within the sports medicine community," said Joe Martin, Executive Director of the Texas High School Coaches Association. "We believe that by working together with dedicated professionals like those at Dell Children’s, we can continue to advance the standards of care for student-athletes throughout Texas."

Members of the inaugural Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee include the following members:

**Billy Abbe**- Abilene High School

**Alexandra Furey**- Dell Children's

**Benjamin Garcia**- Harlingen High School

**Greg Goerig**- Midlothian ISD

**Mike Harrison**- Allen High School

**Chad Hennessey**- Georgetown High School

**Steven Ortiz**- Midland Legacy High School

**Aimee Williams**- Fort Bend ISD

**Isaac Wimberley**- Lubbock Cooper High School

For more information about Dell Children's involvement in providing continuing education for athletic trainers or the Texas High School Coaches Association Convention/Coaching School, please visit <https://www.thsca.com/dellchildrens>.

#### **About Dell Children's/Ascension:**

Dell Children's Medical Center is the region's only comprehensive children's hospital and pediatric Level I trauma center. It is also Austin's original children's hospital that was established through the efforts of local pediatricians and has continuously maintained a focus to provide the best care available to Central Texas children. The collaboration with Dell Medical School at the University of Texas has fueled the growth of top-tier pediatric programs such as The Texas Center for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease. This program is comprised of physicians and advanced practitioners employed by Dell Medical School and physicians, nurses and support staff employed by Dell Children's Medical Center. This group, when combined, totals almost 400 healthcare professionals dedicated to the care of the most vulnerable children and is a testament to the success of the partnership between Dell Medical School and Dell Children's Medical Center. This partnership allows not only for the development of the highest level of care available in Central Texas but also creates an environment that advances the available treatments used to care for children. Visit [www.dellchildrens.net](http://www.dellchildrens.net).

#### **About the Texas High School Coaches Association**

The Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) is Texas high school coaches' principal advocate and leadership organization. The THSCA provides the highest quality representation, education, and services to Texas High School coaches and affiliate members by enhancing the professionalism of coaches and the schools they represent. The mission statement is simply this: To help and serve Texas high school coaches as they work to help and serve student-

athletes. "HELPING COACHES HELP KIDS." For more information on THSCA, visit [www.thsca.com](http://www.thsca.com)

### **About Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation**

The mission of the Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation is to develop funds from a broad range of donors to provide professional education programs that will strengthen, reinforce, and enhance professionalism in high school coaches throughout the state of Texas. These programs provide instructional material and training in character development to coaches in Texas at both the high school and middle school levels. They can directly impact the lives of over 1.5 million student-athletes each year. The two established events are the Texas Coaches Leadership Summit and the R.O.C.K. Mentoring Program.

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