



**ACADEMIC
CONSORTIUM**
AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

2024 Academic Symposium Schedule

Hosted by the University of Texas San Antonio at [Ballrooms 1-2 in the H-E-B Student Union](#)

Friday, April 12

5:00pm Welcome Reception at the UTSA [Roadrunner Athletics Center of Excellence](#)
Taylor Eighmy, President, University of Texas at San Antonio
Heather Shipley, Interim Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Texas at San Antonio
Lisa Campos, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, University of Texas at San Antonio

Saturday, April 13

8:30am Welcome & Opening Remarks
Taylor Eighmy, President, University of Texas at San Antonio
Heather Shipley, Interim Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Texas at San Antonio
Mike Aresco, Commissioner, American Athletic Conference
Gregg Michel, Faculty Athletics Representative, University of Texas at San Antonio

9:00am Keynote Speaker
R.C. Buford, CEO, Spurs Sports & Entertainment

10:00am Grant Presentation 1
Seok Kang, Ph.D., University of Texas San Antonio
Adel Alaeddini, Ph.D., University of Texas at San Antonio
"Student-Athletes' Road to Success in College Life: Factors Influencing Well-being, Athletic, and Academic Performance"

10:45am Break

11:00am Student Panel 1
Moderator: Summer Rolin, Psy.D., University of Texas San Antonio
Panelists: TBD
"Student-Athlete Mental Health"

- 11:45am Grant Presentation 2
Kelly Cheever, Ph.D., University of Texas San Antonio
Summer Rolin, Psy.D., University of Texas San Antonio
“Mentoring Program to Improve Student-Athlete Psychological Readiness, Academic Performance and Persistence”
- 12:30pm Lunch & Tour
- 1:30pm Grant Presentation 3
Rebecca Lopez, Ph.D., University of South Florida
“Heat Illness in Elite Athletes: Defining Modifiable Factors in Heat Stress Physiology and the Utility of a Preseason Heat Illness Prevention Acclimatization Protocol”
- 2:15pm Student Panel 2
Moderator: Paul Rogers, Faculty Athletics Representative, Southern Methodist University
Panelists: TBD
“Student-Athletes as Employees”
- 3:00pm Break
- 3:15pm Grant Presentation 4
Trent Petrie, Ph.D., University of North Texas
“AAC Student-Athlete Mental Health: Development and Implementation of a Standardized Screening Process”

Sunday, April 14

- 9:00am Grant Presentation 5
Philip Mullins, Ph.D., Wichita State University
“Exploring Mental Health in Athletics: Post-COVID-19 review of athletic department practices and student-athlete barriers to mental health”
- 9:45am Break
- 10:00am Student Panel 3
Moderator: Brooke Williams, Senior Associate Athletics Director, University of Texas at San Antonio
Panelists: TBD
“Building Positive Team Cultures”
- 10:45am Closing Remarks
Gregg Michel, Faculty Athletics Representative, University of Texas at San Antonio