## INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS



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Brandy S Corcoran USA Cheer - STUNT Assistant SW Regional Coordinator

Dear Brandy,

On behalf of The University of Texas, I want to formally communicate to you how impactful our experience with STUNT has been this year.

In years past, Texas had not fielded competitive cheer squads. It has been our philosophy that competing in cheer takes the focus away from supporting our sports teams. STUNT caught the eye of our cheer coaches, and they had the foresight to see that having our all-girl squad compete in this challenging and skills-driven sport would create an environment that would benefit the cheer athletes in many ways. They were so right.

Preparing for their first competition provided the all-girl members (also known as White Squad) with the opportunity to see their teammates in a different light. Together they learned the rules of a brand new sport, practiced routines for hours, encouraged and coached each other. This teamwork forged a bond among friends who were already part of a group. Suddenly they were a <u>team</u>. They were able to showcase the skills of the sport they love while being respected by others who appreciate the difficulty and focus of what they do.

Our White Squad competed in March in Oklahoma City against some of our fellow Big 12 members. The highlight was being able to come back to Austin bragging that we beat our archrival, the University of Oklahoma, in our first game against them. It was something none of us will ever forget.

STUNT is a specialized and difficult sport that elevates cheerleading to the echelon it deserves. It gives female athletes the opportunity to showcase their athleticism at an elite level.

Please know that you have solid support of STUNT at The University of Texas. We look forward to next year!

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Rebecca Haden

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