



TEXAS TECH ATHLETICS DOUBLE T VARSITY CLUB

Official Newsletter of Texas Tech Athletic's Letter Winner Association



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Track, Tennis, & Texas Tech Basketball

Happy New Year from the Double T Varsity Club! If you didn't get a New Years postcard in the mail from us, it might be time to update your contact information. New year, new contact info!

<https://doubletvarsityclub.com/join-update-info/>

2020 is off to a busy start with the Track & Field Reunion and Lady Raider Basketball Reunion coming up at the end of the month! January is not only the start of the new year but also the start of track season, spring tennis, and conference basketball play. We can't wait to keep cheering on our Red Raiders in 2020!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 1/17 | T&F Reunion 6:00 PM |
| 1/18 | Corky Classic |
| 1/31 | Lady Raider Basketball Reunion |
| 2/28 | Men's Basketball Reunion |
| 3/21 | Softball Reunion |



Congratulations to Ring of Honor member, Zach Thomas on being named a finalist in the 2020 Pro Football Hall of Fame. Zach was announced as one of the 15 Modern-Era Finalist from a list of 122 nominees. If selected, Zach will be the 11th member of the Miami Dolphins to be elected to the Hall of Fame and the first member from Texas Tech University. The 48 member Pro Football Hall of Fame Selection Committee will meet on Feb. 1st, "Selection Saturday", to elect five Modern-Era players for the Class of 2020. The Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2020 will be introduced during "NFL Honors," a two-hour prime-time awards special to air nationally on the eve of Super Bowl LIV at 9 p.m. (ET and PT) on FOX. **CONGRATULATIONS ZACH!**



Congratulations to Emily Hill as she becomes the 2nd Red Raider under head coach Tony Graystone and the 4th Red Raider ever to sign with a professional volleyball club. Emily signed with Sweden's Hylte/Halmstad Volley on Friday, January 3rd. Emily joins Collen Smith, Amanda Dowdy, and Victoria Hinneburg as Red Raiders who have gone on to play professionally.

DTVC X LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

It is not too late to get involved helping our current student athletes prepare for their futures!! With participation from our Letterwinners, student-athletes will be able to learn from someone who was once in their place that can help give them the tools and skills they need to be successful in the workforce.

LEARN MORE ON OUR WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://DOUBLETVARSITYCLUB.COM/LEADERSHIP-ACADEMY/](https://doubletvarsityclub.com/leadership-academy/)

RED RAIDERS IN THE NFL PLAYOFFS



Cameron Batson - Wide Receiver, Tennessee Titans

KeKe Coutee - Wide Receiver, Houston Texans

Branden Jackson - Defensive End, Seattle Seahawks

Patrick Mahomes - Quarterback, Kansas City Chiefs

LaAdrian Waddle - Offensive Tackle, Buffalo Bill



LETTER WINNER
SPOTLIGHT

**SALLY
KIPYEGO**

TRACK & FIELD / XC
2006-2009



Sally came to Lubbock in 2006 as a cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track runner. Kipyego made national history, becoming the first Kenyan to win the NCAA Cross Country Championship in 2007. She won twice more in her career to become the only woman to ever win three cross country national titles. Kipyego became one of seven women in history to win four individual titles in a single school year, doing so in 2007 with titles in cross country, the indoor 3000m and 5000m, and the outdoor 10,000m. She is the only woman in Big 12 Conference history to win three cross country titles, and her win in 2008 helped the team to its first women's title in program history. She is a three-time winner of the Honda Sports Award, given annually to the best female athlete in each collegiate sport. She is the only woman to be honored three times in cross country. Several of her marks at Tech have yet to be touched to this day: indoor mile, indoor 3000m, indoor 5000m, outdoor 5000m and outdoor 10,000m. Professionally, Kipyego has made a career running for the IAAF World Athletics Tour and is the second-fastest Kenyan distance runner in history. She is a two-time top-five finisher in the 10,000m at the World Championships and finished runner-up in the 10,000m at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Sally graduated from Texas Tech in 2009 with a degree in Nursing. Sally is a member of the Texas Tech Hall of Fame.

Sally now resides in Eugene, Oregon with her husband, Kevin Chelimo, and her 2 year old daughter, Emma. Kevin, also a former Red Raider Cross Country athlete, finished 17th in the 2006 NCAA D1 Cross Country Running Championships, before becoming a volunteer assistant coach from 2006-2008. Sally & Kevin were married in the summer of 2008. Sally is a member of the Oregon Track Club where she is sponsored by Nike and trained by Mark Rowland. Sally and her family also spend time in Kenya to be close to family and for training purposes. In February, Sally will be competing in the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. Since becoming a U.S. citizen in January 2017, Sally hopes to be able to compete in the 2020 Olympics for Team USA, for the first time in her Olympic career.

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NCAA Compliance 101

Recruiting Rules to Remember for Former Texas Tech Student-Athletes

Recruiting Basics

- A Prospective Student-Athlete (PSA) is a student who has started ninth grade and remains such until they attend classes or participate in official team practice at Texas Tech.
- All recruiting is done by designated Texas Tech head and assistant coaches.
- NCAA Rules preclude social media interactions, telephone and electronic communication and any interaction off TTU's campus.

Exception: A PSA's On-Campus Visit

- A former student-athlete MAY have on-campus contact with a PSA during the prospect's visit to campus.

After the Visit

- Additional contact with the PSA is not permitted.
- Once TexasTech.com officially announces the PSA's signing, you are permitted to have contact with the PSA. PSA's may not be provided with benefits at any time.

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