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Dear Friends & Community Partners,

The Harris County - Houston Sports Authority staff is busy gearing up for the NCAA Division II National Championships Festival (a.k.a. Winter Fest) and we could use your assistance. Please look for opportunities in the instructions below as to how you can help and get involved!



Also, we'd like to extend our warmest thoughts and prayers to NCAA President, Dr. Myles Brand, who is currently battling cancer. We wish him a speedy recovery... and look forward to welcoming him back to Houston in the near future.

Lastly, please help me welcome our newest Board Member, Tom Sprague. He was appointed by the County and sworn in at our February 5, 2009 board meeting. We look forward to working with him. A special "thanks" to outgoing Board Member, Joe Slovacek, for his commitment and service to HCHSA over the last few years.

Sincerely,

Janis

NCAA Winter Festival comes to U of H in March

Fans and Volunteers welcome to support these championship athletes!

The Harris County - Houston Sports Authority and the University of Houston are happy to announce that the NCAA Division II Championships Festival is coming back to Houston March 11-14.

This exciting championship will bring Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving, Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field, and Men's Wrestling to Houston.

For media inquiries, please contact Emily Yates at 713-508-5908.



NCAA Spring Festival Kids' Clinics in May



Calling all Volunteers!

The Harris County - Houston Sports Authority needs your help to make the NCAA Division II National Championships Festival a success! We couldn't pull it off without the help of our faithful volunteers, so we're asking for anyone available to sign up [here](#). As always, we reward our volunteers for their faithful service! Please visit the [website](#) to see available volunteer needs and times and sign up!



Janis Schmees honored by Conference USA and Rice University

Harris County - Houston Sports Authority Executive Director Janis Schmees was honored for her outstanding contributions and achievements as a woman in the Houston Sports industry on February 4th at the Rice University vs. University of Houston women's basketball game. Leslie Claybrook, Senior Associate Athletic Director at Rice University, presented the award.



NCAA President, Dr. Myles Brand, in Houston for NCAA Spring Festival in May





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