### SUL ROSS
**Academic Excellence in Coaching Award**

**Nomination Form**

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<td><strong>Name of Coach</strong></td>
<td>Richard Embry</td>
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<td><strong>Title</strong></td>
<td>Linebackers Coach</td>
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**Justification**

1. Please attach two formal letters of support written by either students or faculty.
2. Write a list of reasons this coach deserves the Academic Excellence in Coaching Award in the box below:

**Why coach Embry deserves this award**

1. He is determined to build a better program
2. Since his arrival, he has implemented team bonding togetherness
3. He is driven by the passion in his heart to truly help the football athletes be more than just an athlete
4. He has made communications with faculty and staff around campus asking how the football athletes can get more involved
5. His high expectations make sure that his athletes are on the right path not only on the field as well as the classroom as well
6. He has also implemented special team bonding to ensure the team realizes that they are a family, not just teammates

Overall I believe this award will allow him to keep thriving and realize his hard work has not gone unnoticed we need to make sure that we are giving our football coaches ammunition of positivity to keep their foot on the pedal to strive for a better season.

**Notes on the Process.**
The Faculty Assembly will make two nominations annually. The Student Government Association and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will each make one nomination annually. The deadline for nominations is April 9. The Faculty Assembly will vote for the award winner at the last Faculty Assembly of the spring semester. Full-time coaches and assistant coaches who have not won the award in the last three years and who have been in their current position throughout the current academic year are eligible for this award.

**Winners (Past Three Years):**
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<td>2021</td>
<td>Katie Novak</td>
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**Criteria for Selection:**

1. Submitting nomination form on or before April 9.
2. Two strong letters of support, containing narratives of the coach’s influence on both personal development and academic success.

Nominators may wish to consider the following when putting together their materials:

- a. Academic performance and retention of student athletes
- b. Participation in the tutoring and/or study hall
- c. Innovative approaches to helping students succeed academically
- d. Mentoring

Submissions including this form and two letters should be sent by email to Dr. Kathy Stein, *kstein@sulross.edu* President of Faculty Assembly.
To Whom it may concern,

I believe Coach Richard Embry should receive this award for his passion for coaching and his ability to motivate his players to be the best that they can be. Coach Embry teaches his players to work hard not only in football but in life. He is the kind of coach that will always be there for his players not just on the field but in their lives. Embry has been here for a short time but has already built a strong bond with the players, he has the kind of relationship with the players that they can go up to him and talk about anything. His players know that if they ever need advice or some wisdom that he’s the man to go to. His players have described him as a genuine, funny, dedicated, real, and passionate.

Heaven Briceño  
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