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## SAN ANTONIO SILVER STARS

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### ADMINISTRATION

Ownership	Spurs Sports & Entertainment
Chairman & CEO	Peter Holt
President Business Operations	Rick Pych
President Sports Franchises/Spurs GM	R.C. Buford
Executive Vice President/Corporate Partnership/Broadcasting	Lawrence Payne
Sr. Vice President/Marketing & Sales	Frank Miceli
Sr. Vice President/Finance & Corporate Administration	Lori Warren
Vice President/Communications & Corporate Development	Leo Gomez
Vice President/Ticket Sales and Services	Joe Clark
Vice President/Community Relations	Alison Fox
Vice President and GM/AT&T Center	John Sparks
Director of Business Operations, WNBA	Russell J. Warren
Silver Stars Administrative Assistant	Hannah Minard

### BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

General Manager/Head Coach	Dan Hughes
Assistant Coaches	Sandy Brondello, Olaf Lange
Head Athletic Trainer	LaTonya Holley
Team Physicians	Richard Steffen, M.D., Timothy S. Palomera, M.D.
Strength and Conditioning Coach	Mike Ekanem
Equipment Manager	Will Grove
Public Relations Manager	Leigh Anne Gullett
Media Services Assistant	Greg Ruder
Media Services	Kevin Perez

### BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Game Operations Manager	Evan Maxwell
Ticket Manager	Arthur Serna
Talent Resources Manager	Sonia Davies
Business Operations Manager	Josh White
WNBA Sales Representatives	Sandy Vasquez, David Fanning, Alma Lara, Aaron Teer

### MEDIA

Director of Broadcasting	Mike Kickirillo
Radio/Television Play-by-Play	Andrew Monaco
Radio Play-by-Play	Andy Everett



## Chairman of the Board



Peter M. Holt  
CEO  
HOLT CAT

## Board of Directors



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On March 26, 1993, a group of 22 investors purchased the San Antonio Spurs. The group currently numbers 20 investors who are members of a limited liability company known as San Antonio Spurs, L.L.C. The ownership group has a seven-person governing and decision-making body and Peter M. Holt serves as the Chairman of the group. Listed below are the current members of San Antonio Spurs, L.L.C.:

ARAMARK Sports & Entertainment Group, Raymond Joseph Barshick, Cassandra Carr, Clear Channel Communications Inc., George C. Hixon, H.H. Sports, Ltd., IBC Capital Corporation, Sylvan Stephen Lang, James R. Leininger, Paul R. Markey, Jeanne Lang Mathews, R&B Partnership (Russell and Bruce Hill), David M. Robinson, AT&T Ventures Investments, Inc., Sierra Sports & Entertainment Family Limited Partnership, Southwest Business Corporation, Felix L. Stehling, Valero Energy Corporation, Zachry Hospitality Corporation.



## Peter M. Holt

CHAIRMAN AND CEO  
SPURS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Now in his 13th season as Chairman and CEO, Peter and his wife, Julianna Hawn Holt, bought into the Spurs ownership group in 1996. Since that time, the organization has enjoyed unprecedented growth and success, including four NBA championships, a successful campaign for a new arena and two new San Antonio-based sports franchises. Thanks in part to the AT&T Center, which opened in November 2002, the organization is now known as Spurs Sports & Entertainment and is home to more than 200 full-time employees. Spurs Sports & Entertainment runs four professional sports franchises—the Spurs, the Silver Stars, the Rampage and the Austin Toros—while also managing the day-to-day operations of the AT&T Center. During the last 12 seasons (since Tim Duncan joined the team in 1997-98), the Spurs have posted a regular-season record of 669-283, and the team's winning percentage of .703 during that span is the best of any team in the four major sports (MLB, NBA, NFL and NHL). During the Duncan era, the Spurs have captured four NBA championships (1999, 2003, 2005 and 2007). The Spurs organization has twice been named the best franchise in professional sports (2003 and 2005) in the annual ESPN The Magazine Ultimate Standings survey (each year the Ultimate Standings ranks every professional team in a formula using analysis of team financial data combined with fan feedback in which more than 30,000 fans judge teams by eight factors including players, bang for the buck, ownership and stadium experience). In June of 2007, SS&E purchased the Austin Toros of the NBA Developmental League (joining the Lakers as the second NBA Franchise to own and operate their own D-League team).

The great-grandson of Benjamin Holt, inventor of the first track-type tractor, which became the basis for Caterpillar, Inc., Peter serves as CEO of San Antonio-based HOLT CAT. The firm still displays several of Ben Holt's early tractors outside its headquarters. HOLT Cat is the largest Caterpillar dealership in the United States.

Born in Peoria, Illinois, Peter lived in San Antonio as a child before moving to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he graduated from high school, then served two years in the U.S. Army during which time he earned a Silver Star, three Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart from his one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He ended his military service as a Sergeant E5. A staunch believer in community service, Peter is proud of the Spurs' commitment to South Texas and its residents. In 2000, the Spurs earned the Pro Team Community Award presented by the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame, which is presented annually to the professional sports franchise that best illustrates exceptional community involvement and fosters community pride and spirit. Among the Spurs many community efforts are the Spurs Drug-Free Youth Basketball League, the annual county-wide United Way campaign, and a variety of educational outreach programs which service more than 85 percent of the elementary schools in Bexar County. During the 2006-07 season, more than 200,000 area students were touched by the various Spurs Sports & Entertainment education programs. Holt's own efforts include a lengthy list of community service positions. In July 2007, he was appointed chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission by Governor Rick Perry. A member of the World Presidents' Organization, Peter also serves as a board member for Free Trade Alliance San Antonio, the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation, the Trust Company and the Texas State Aquarium. He is a trustee of Trinity University and serves on the advisory board of the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas. He was named to the Texas Business Hall of Fame in 2004. A past chairman of the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County, Peter also recently became involved with Own Up SA, a city-wide initiative to make San Antonio animal shelters no-kill by 2012. Peter and Julianna have been Spurs season ticket holders since 1988.



## Rick Pych

PRESIDENT/BUSINESS OPERATIONS

In his 16th season with the Spurs, Rick Pych leads the business operations for all four sports franchises owned and operated by Spurs Sports & Entertainment, which includes the Spurs (NBA), the Rampage (AHL Hockey), the Silver Stars (WNBA) and the Austin Toros (NBA Development League), as well as the operations of the AT&T Center. His oversight includes marketing, corporate partnerships and ticket sales, finance and administration, communications, corporate development, and facilities management as well as all corporate business and player planning and new initiatives on behalf of the organization and ownership. Pych has more than 33 years of financial and business management experience in public accounting, banking, real estate, and sports and entertainment. He was named the Spurs chief financial officer in 1993, then promoted to executive vice president in 2000. In 2008 he became president of business operations.

In 1995 Pych started a development, financial and operating study for a new multi-purpose arena that would eventually be the new home to the Spurs. He was named the chief development officer for the AT&T Center in 1999 and managed the successful county-wide public funding referendums passed in 1999 and again in 2008. Pych directed all aspects of the AT&T Center development project and led negotiations with Bexar County in finalizing the arena's development and operating agreements. He negotiated and arranged adequate credit facility, providing SS&E's contribution to the construction project as well as ongoing franchise funding. Pych also oversaw a team of architects, contractors, and project managers in the design and construction of the AT&T Center, which opened on time and on budget in October 2002.

Pych led the organization's efforts to bring hockey to the AT&T Center and in 2002 negotiated the purchase of an American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate, then entered into a joint venture and affiliation with the Florida Panthers to play in San Antonio. In the summer of 2005, Pych led SS&E's effort to become the sole owner of the San Antonio Rampage and negotiated a new affiliation agreement with the Phoenix Coyotes that was renewed in 2008. He serves as liaison with the Phoenix Coyotes to the hockey operations for the Rampage and is chairman of the executive committee as well as the Board of Governors representative. In the summer of 2007, Pych led the negotiations to purchase the NBA Development League team in Austin, Texas, the Austin Toros.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the San Antonio Sports Foundation dating back to 1989, he was part of the organization's efforts to bring major sporting events to San Antonio, including the U.S. Olympic Festival in 1993, the 1995 National Senior Olympics, the 2002 NCAA Women's Final Four and the 1998, 2004, and 2008 NCAA Men's Final Four, and the bid for the 2007 Pan Am Games. Pych serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of Via Metropolitan Transit, Board of the San Antonio Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, Executive Committee and Board of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of San Antonio and Bexar County Transportation Task Force. He holds a degree in accounting from Fairfield University and is a CPA. Pych has a 22-year-old son, Zack, who played two seasons of junior hockey in the AJHL and is currently attending Hamilton College in Clinton, NY.



## R.C. Buford

PRESIDENT OF SPORTS FRANCHISES

Named president of sports franchises for Spurs Sports & Entertainment in July of 2008, R.C. Buford also serves as the general manager of the Spurs while overseeing the sports administration for the other three teams in the SS&E family (the Austin Toros, the San Antonio Silver Stars and the San Antonio Rampage). Now in his 19th season with the Spurs, Buford began his coaching career at the University of Kansas in 1983 where during each of his five seasons at Kansas, the Jayhawks participated in the NCAA Tournament. He was an assistant coach for the team that won the 1988 NCAA Championship as well as the 1985–86 squad that advanced to the Final Four. Buford made the move to the NBA in the summer of 1988 joining the Spurs as an assistant coach on Larry Brown's staff (other assistants on that staff included Gregg Popovich, Alvin Gentry and Ed Manning). He spent four seasons as an assistant with the Spurs and during that time San Antonio won back-to-back Midwest Division titles (1990 and 1991). Buford then joined the Los Angeles Clippers in the summer of 1992 as the number one assistant for Coach Brown. While Buford was on the bench, the Clippers posted a 41-41 record during the 1992-93 season and earned a spot in the 1993 Playoffs. He served as an assistant coach at the University of Florida during the 1993-94 season (as the team advanced to the Final Four for the first time in school history), then returned to San Antonio in the summer of 1994 when Gregg Popovich hired him as the team's head scout. In the summer of 1997, he became the Spurs director of scouting, then was promoted to vice president/assistant general manager in the summer of 1999. Buford was named the Spurs general manager in July of 2002. There are four NBA general managers who either worked for Buford—or played for the Spurs—during his tenure in San Antonio: Danny Ferry (Cleveland), Steve Kerr (Phoenix), Sam Presti (Oklahoma City) and Kevin Pritchard (Portland).

Buford played collegiate basketball at Texas A&M University and Oklahoma State before receiving his degree from Friends University. During each of the last five summers, Buford has participated in the NBA Basketball Without Borders Africa camp. He serves as a Board Member for Roy Maas' Youth Alternatives and is on the Board of Directors of PeacePlayers International. His wife, Beth, is a former player on the LPGA Tour. They are both active with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. They have three children: a son, Chase, a daughter, C.C. and in 2004 they welcomed Alexis Wangmene to their family. Wangmene is a teenager from Africa who the Bufords met in September of 2004 during the Basketball Without Borders program in Johannesburg. Chase is a sophomore basketball player at Kansas and Alexis is a sophomore basketball player at Texas.



## Lawrence Payne

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/  
CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP AND BROADCASTING

Lawrence Payne joined Spurs Sports & Entertainment in 1976 after graduating from the University of Texas School of Law. Under his direction, SS&E has built one of the most extensive broadcast lineups in professional sports. Between Spurs, Rampage and Silver Stars, Payne's department is responsible for more than 600 productions each year. Under Payne's direction, the Spurs were among the first in the NBA to bring inventory and sales completely in-house. An executive producer for each and every project, Payne is involved in all aspects from contract rights negotiations to the look of the broadcasts. He also manages the organization's sponsorship sales efforts and inventory, including radio and TV inventory, print, Internet, signage, corporate suites and in-arena and out-of-arena promotions/licensing. Payne also oversees all aspects of Spurs Sports & Entertainment's Game Operations and Community Relation efforts. He has won two national ACE Awards, the Silver Medal at the International Film and Television Festival of New York and several local Addy awards. Payne was selected as a charter member of the NBA Broadcast Advisory Board and is a member of the University of Texas Law School Non-Practicing Advisory Council. He also serves as a mentor to University of Texas Law School Students. He has been married to Mary for 29 years and they have two sons, 25-year-old Bryan, a second-year law student at the University of California-Hastings College of the Law and 20-year-old Will, a sophomore at UT Austin majoring in Radio-Television-Film.



## Frank Miceli

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/  
MARKETING & SALES

Frank Miceli joined Spurs Sports & Entertainment in September of 2008 after spending more than 10 years as chief operating officer of the American Hockey League's Philadelphia Phantoms. After taking over COO duties for the Phantoms in 1996, he added the role of director of minor league operations for all of Comcast-Spectacor in November 2000. While with Comcast-Spectacor, Miceli was responsible for overseeing the Phantoms and the organization's three minor-league baseball teams (Bowie Baysox, Delmarva Shorebirds and Frederick Keys). Following the 1997-98 season, Miceli earned the James C. Hendy Award, which is presented to the American Hockey League's outstanding executive. His duties with the Phantoms included overseeing all operations, including fiscal management, sales, marketing, advertising, sponsorship sales and public relations. Prior to joining the Phantoms, Miceli was the director of sales and marketing for the Philadelphia Flyers (NHL), managing more than 15,000 season ticket accounts. He was responsible for moving the entire season ticket base of the Flyers into their new home at the Wachovia Center. Miceli joined Comcast-Spectacor in 1990 as vice president of marketing and advertising at Spectathlete. Prior to joining Comcast-Spectacor, he served as the advertising director for the Clover division of Strawbridge & Clothier in Philadelphia, advertising manager for John Wannamaker in Philadelphia and advertising director for Gimbels in both New York and Philadelphia. A native of South Philadelphia, Miceli earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Scranton. He and his wife, Michele, have two daughters, Amanda and Maria.

# SPURS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT EXECUTIVES



## Lori Warren

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/  
FINANCE AND CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

Lori Warren is in her 16th year with Spurs Sports & Entertainment. She spent seven seasons as the team's controller and was named vice president of finance in the summer of 2000. Recently named senior vice president—finance and corporate administration, Warren is responsible for all financial operations and reporting, cash management, related tax matters and insurance risk management for Spurs Sports & Entertainment, as well as oversight responsibilities in the areas of human resources, employee development and corporate administration. She was heavily involved in all financial aspects of the AT&T Center development project. Prior to joining the Spurs organization, Warren worked in the audit department for KPMG Peat Marwick in Dallas and San Antonio. A Certified Public Accountant, Warren graduated with a degree in accounting from Texas A&M, where she played one season of varsity tennis. Warren was selected as a member of the 2007-08 Leadership San Antonio Class 33. She is a 2007 recipient of the San Antonio Business Journal's 40 under 40 award, a member of the Texas Society of CPA's and is an active volunteer with her children's school and sports activities. She and her husband, Garren, have two sons, Chandler and Trevor.



## Joe Clark

VICE PRESIDENT/TICKET SALES AND SERVICES

Joe Clark is in his 24th season with Spurs Sports & Entertainment. He began his career with the Spurs as a sales intern and today is responsible for the entire ticket sales, premium and season ticket services, as well as the ticket operations departments. He served in several roles with the Spurs organization before being promoted to his current position in 1992. He led the organization's drive to put "fans first," an effort executed by a team of 14 service professionals who work in Guest Services serving suite, courtside, charter, plaza and Club 200 season ticket holders. Clark oversees an experienced team of 19 season and group ticket sales executives who consistently provide a first class outing in addition to a great seat for a Spurs, Rampage or Silver Stars game. He also leads a tenured team of 10 ticket operations and database staff responsible for the individual game ticket sales and ticket administration. He has twice coordinated relocation efforts for Spurs ticket holders (from HemisFair Arena to the Alamodome in 1993 and from the Alamodome to the AT&T Center in 2002). A native of Janesville, Wisconsin, Joe received his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master's in sports management from Western Illinois University. He is a member of the 2009 Leadership San Antonio Class sponsored by the Greater and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the board for the Baylor S3 Sports Sales Sponsorship program. He and his wife, Linda, have two daughters and a son, 16-year-old Kelsey, 13-year-old Alyssa and 9-year-old A.J.



## Alison Fox

VICE PRESIDENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SPURS FOUNDATION

Now in her 17th season with Spurs Sports & Entertainment, Alison Fox strives to ensure that the Spurs, Rampage, Silver Stars and the Spurs Foundation are partners in the community working to solve problems, create opportunities and be catalysts for community pride. She is responsible for the overall administrative, fiscal, personnel and program operations of the community relations department and non-profit Spurs Foundation. In daily contact with business leaders, educators and non-profit organizations, Fox works to guide the organization's community efforts and ensure quality program offerings. She is responsible for all donations, educational and recreational outreach and mascot, dancer and front office appearance scheduling. Fox works with the Spurs Wives' Club, the Spurs Wheelchair team and members of all franchises to strengthen existing and forge new community relationships. As the executive director of the Spurs Foundation, she oversees the Foundation's youth educational and recreational programming, fundraising, resource allocation and partnerships with collaborating agencies. The Foundation has donated more than \$14 million in cash and in-kind donations since its inception in 1998. A native of Omaha, Neb., Fox graduated from the University of Southern California and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Way of Bexar County. Active with her children's school and sports teams, she and her husband, Derrick, have two sons, Drew and Jake, as well as three cats and two dogs.



## *Leo Gomez*

VICE PRESIDENT/COMMUNICATIONS  
AND CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

A member of the Spurs organization since July 1996, Leo Gomez is responsible for Spurs Sports & Entertainment's strategic goals involving media, government and business development. Born in Edinburg, Texas, and raised in McAllen, Gomez received his bachelor's degree in political science and business administration from the University of Texas at Pan American. He earned a master's degree from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas and began his professional career as an intern with the U.S. General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C. Gomez enjoyed a stint with the Texas Department of Commerce before being named the assistant director of the Tomas Rivera Center's Texas office in San Antonio. Gomez was then named vice president, government affairs for the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, later serving as president of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce prior to joining the Spurs organization. Gomez worked as the GM of Administration at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Texas for a year and a half before returning to SS&E in the summer of 2005. Very active in the San Antonio community, Gomez serves on the Board of Directors for numerous organizations, including Christus Santa Rosa Hospital, San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside, the City's Military Transformation Task Force, Fort Sam Houston Community Advisory Board and the City's Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board. He has two children, Manuel Leo and April Gloria.



## *John Sparks*

VICE PRESIDENT/AT&T CENTER GENERAL MANAGER

John Sparks is in his seventh year with Spurs Sports & Entertainment. A Los Angeles native, Sparks joined the Navy in 1977 where he served as an enlisted propulsion engineer. He completed his naval career in 1997, retiring after 20 years of service as a Master Chief Petty Officer. Following his military service, Sparks entered the business community in the field of facility management as the director of building operations at CNN Center in Atlanta with Turner Broadcasting. As Philips Arena began construction in 1997, Sparks worked on the design build team as an owner's representative for quality assurance. In 1999, just prior to the opening of the facility, he was named director of operations for Philips Arena. His experience opening Philips Arena made him a natural choice to serve as assistant general manager of the AT&T Center, overseeing construction and establishing day-to-day operational procedures. He was appointed to the role of vice president/general manager of the AT&T Center in November of 2004. Sparks and his wife, Gail, have four children, William (27), Daniel (21), Katherine (19) and Jonathan (16).



## Russell Warren

SILVER STARS DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Russell J. Warren joined the Silver Stars as Director of Business Operations in June 2006. He manages the franchise's business operations, overseeing all aspects of the WNBA day-to-day operations and working on promoting women's basketball in the community.

A Texas Tech alumnus, Warren spent three years as an assistant athletic director for the Red Raiders, working with Marsha Sharp and the Lady Raider basketball program. During Warren's tenure, the Lady Raider program, which is considered a model for best practices in the NCAA, saw a significant increase in attendance and financial success. Prior to earning his assistant athletic director post, Warren served as director of ticket operations for the department. He joined Texas Tech in 1996 after working as director of marketing and special events for the Southwest Conference during its final years.

Warren also served as ticket manager at Baylor University, assistant ticket manager at Southern Methodist University and as a marketing and sales representative for the Dallas Cowboys. He began his career immediately following graduation from Texas Tech as an administrative intern for the Southwest Conference. He has overseen numerous NCAA and conference championships at both the collegiate campus and conference levels, also serving on the Cotton Bowl game operations staff for several years.

Warren is active in numerous civic organizations and holds memberships in the Texas Tech Alumni Association, National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, College Athletic Business Management Association, the Texas High School Coaches Association and is a charter member of the West Texas National Football Hall of Fame Chapter. Warren is an active member of the San Antonio Sports Foundation and the San Antonio Texas Tech Alumni Chapter.



## Dan Hughes

HEAD COACH AND GENERAL MANAGER

Dan Hughes serves as the head coach and general manager of the San Antonio Silver Stars. In his dual roles, Hughes oversees the Silver Stars' basketball staff, the team's roster development and all player acquisitions, while also coaching the team.

The 2007 WNBA Coach of the Year, Hughes is the only coach in WNBA history to take three different franchises to the playoffs. He guided the 2008 Silver Stars to a 24-10 mark, earning the best record in the league and the franchise's first trip to the WNBA Finals. In eight full seasons as a WNBA head

coach, Hughes has been named Coach of the Year or finished as runner-up four times.

During the off-season, Hughes has spent the last three seasons working part-time as a broadcaster on Spurs telecasts, as well as on men's and women's college games.

Prior to joining the Silver Stars, Hughes spent a year as the Mid-American Conference (MAC) assistant commissioner for Men's Basketball Operations. Before joining the MAC's athletic office, he served as the head coach of the now defunct Cleveland Rockers from 2000-03.

During his four-year stint with the Rockers, Hughes posted a 66-64 record with three trips to the playoffs. His overall record with the Rockers made him the winningest coach in franchise history. In his first season in Cleveland, Hughes directed the team's resurgence from a 7-25 season in 1999 to a 17-15 finish in 2000 and was voted WNBA Coach of the Year runner-up. The following year Hughes was named 2001 WNBA Coach of the Year after leading the Rockers to a 22-10 record and to their second straight playoff appearance. The 2001 Rockers were one of the best defensive teams ever, posting defensive statistics that still rank among the best in the WNBA record books. Cleveland led the league in three defensive categories during the 2001 season, including opponents' points per game (55.9 ppg, first in league history), opponents' field goal percentage (.381, second in league history) and opponents' total rebounds (27.84 rpg). The Rockers finished second in point differential (+6.8 ppg) and opponents' defensive rebounds (18.56 drpg). Hughes' Rockers kept 11 teams to 50 points or less, three teams to under 40 points and five teams to their franchise low, including a WNBA record 34 points vs. Washington on May 31, 2001.

Hughes got his first shot at coaching in the WNBA with the Charlotte Sting. While serving as an assistant coach during the 1999 season, Hughes took over as head coach midway through the season and helped the Sting improve their standing in the Eastern Conference from fourth to second place, posting a 10-10 record. He led the team to its third consecutive playoff appearance and its first ever playoff series victory. In addition to his coaching responsibilities in Charlotte, Hughes was also a scout for the Charlotte Hornets during the WNBA's offseason.

Four of Hughes' former point guards are now Division I coaches: Suzie McConnell-Serio (Duquesne), Dawn Staley (South Carolina), Jennifer Rizzotti Sullivan (Hartford) and Tricia Bader Binford (Montana State).

A native of Lowell, Ohio, Hughes has been involved in coaching basketball at almost every level in the Buckeye State. Prior to joining the Sting, he served as the assistant coach with the University of Toledo's women's basketball program (1996-97) and men's basketball program (1991-96). During his tenure with the Rockets' women's team, they posted a 27-4 record, winning the MAC Championship, and made an NCAA Tournament appearance. He also served assistant coaching stints with the men's teams at Mount Union College (1982-84) and (1985-91) and Baldwin-Wallace College (1984-85). During the 1977-78 season, Hughes served as a graduate assistant at Miami of Ohio, helping the team to a MAC Championship and an appearance in the NCAA Regional.

Hughes graduated with a degree in physical education and history from Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, in 1977. He received a master's in education from Miami University of Ohio in 1978.

Hughes and his wife, Mary, have two children, Bryce and Sara, who is an assistant volleyball coach at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

### DAN HUGHES' RECORD AS A HEAD COACH

Year	Team	League	W	L	PCT.	Playoffs		
						W	L	PCT.
1999	Charlotte	WNBA	10	10	.500	2	2	.500
2000	Cleveland	WNBA	17	15	.531	3	3	.500
2001	Cleveland	WNBA	22	10	.688	1	2	.333
2002	Cleveland	WNBA	10	22	.313	0	0	.000
2003	Cleveland	WNBA	17	17	.500	1	2	.333
2005	San Antonio	WNBA	7	27	.206	—	—	—
2006	San Antonio	WNBA	13	21	.382	—	—	—
2007	San Antonio	WNBA	20	14	.588	2	3	.400
2008	San Antonio	WNBA	24	10	.706	4	5	.444
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>140</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>.490</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>.455</b>



## Sandy Brondello

ASSISTANT COACH

Sandy Brondello made her WNBA coaching debut with the Silver Stars in 2005. A WNBA veteran, she played five seasons in the WNBA with the Seattle Storm (2003), Miami Sol (2001-02) and the Detroit Shock (1998-99). During her five-year career she started in 146 of 155 games, averaging 11.4 points, 2.3 assists and 1.9 rebounds in 29.6 minutes per game. She ranks fourth all-time in the WNBA in three-point shooting, connecting on 41.0 percent (114-278) of her shots from beyond the arc and ranks ninth all-time in free-throw shooting, hitting 85.4 percent (316-370) of her free-throw attempts. In 1999 she was selected to play in the inaugural WNBA All-Star Game.

A native of Australia, Brondello played for the Australian National Team for 18 years and is a four-time Olympian. She is a two-time silver medalist (2000 and 2004 Olympics) and took home a bronze medal at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. She also represented Australia at the 1988 Olympics. In 1992, Brondello was named the Australian International Player of the Year. She helped Australia bring home the bronze medal at the 2002 FIBA World Championship and the 1998 FIBA World Championship. Brondello has competed at the 1994 and 1990 World Championships and the 1990 Goodwill Games.

Prior to playing in the WNBA, Brondello played in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) in Australia from 1986-96 where she was named a WNBL All-Star in 1994 and 1995, and WNBL MVP in 1995. She also played in Germany for BTV Wuppertal from 1992-2002. She served as the team captain for Wuppertal from 1993-97 and helped the team win 10 German Cup Championships. In 1996, Brondello was named the European Cup MVP after leading Wuppertal to the 1996 European Cup title. In addition to her MVP honors, Brondello was named a European Cup All-Star in 1994, 1996 and 1997.

Brondello earned a degree in teaching from the University of Western Sydney in 1990. She is married to her longtime coach at Wuppertal, Olaf Lange. Sandy and Olaf have a 2-year-old son, Brody Max Lange.



## Olaf Lange

ASSISTANT COACH

Olaf Lange joined the Silver Stars coaching staff during the 2006-07 off-season. He spends much of his time working with players individually to improve their game.

Lange, the husband of Silver Stars assistant coach Sandy Brondello, joined the Silver Stars after spending two seasons at Liberty University where he was the associate head coach for the Flames.

A native of Berlin, Germany, Lange spent 10 years coaching men's and women's teams in Europe, leading Ros Casares Valencia (Spain) to the 2004 SuperCup championship and the Mitteldeutscher Basketball Club to the men's 2003 FIBA Europe Cup title.

Lange also served as head coach for the German national women's basketball team from 2001-03 and was an assistant coach for the men's national team in 2003. Prior to his coaching career, Lange studied sport science at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin from 1991-95.

From 1997 to 2002, Lange worked as head coach of the BTV 1846 Wuppertal squad in Germany where he led his team to five German League Championships and German Cups, as well as a FIBA EuroLeague Final Four appearance.

Lange and his wife, Sandy, have one child, Brody Max.



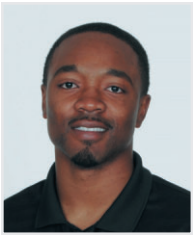
## LaTonya Holley

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

LaTonya Holley enters her fourth season with the Silver Stars. She came to San Antonio in 2006 after spending the previous three seasons with the Charlotte Sting. Prior to taking over full-time athletic training duties for the Sting, Holley volunteered in Charlotte for three seasons.

Holley has worked as an athletic trainer at Temple and as a performance enhancement instructor in New Jersey. Prior to joining the WNBA, Holley was an assistant athletic trainer at Winthrop University. She spent the 2008-09 off-season in Russia working with the CSKA Moscow basketball team that employs Silver Stars Becky Hammon, Ann Wauters and Edwige Lawson-Wade.

A native of Rock Hill, South Carolina, Holley earned her bachelor's degree in sports medicine from St. Andrew's Presbyterian College where she played softball and basketball before graduating in 1997.



## Mike Ekanem

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH

Mike Ekanem joined the Silver Stars as the team's strength and conditioning coach in January 2008. The Houston, Texas, native played basketball at Texas Lutheran University where he was an all-conference guard. He earned his bachelor of science degree in athletic training from TLU in 2005, then graduated from California University of Pennsylvania in 2007 with a master of science in exercise science and health promotion with an emphasis in rehabilitation.

Ekanem, who also played professional basketball in Europe, spent the 2007 season as an assistant strength coach for the Silver Stars. He also worked with the University of Texas at San Antonio strength and conditioning program as a volunteer coach. He is ranked as a master trainer at Spectrum Athletic Club and is a certified personal trainer by the National College of Exercise Professionals. The National Academy of Sports Medicine recognizes Ekanem as a performance enhancement specialist and corrective exercise specialist, and he is certified as a strength and conditioning specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association.



## Will Grove

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Will Grove begins his fifth season as equipment manager for the Silver Stars. A full-time student at San Antonio College, Grove worked as a student manager with the University of Oregon football team before relocating to San Antonio. The San Francisco native also has worked as a visiting clubhouse attendant for the San Francisco Giants and has worked with the San Antonio Rampage of the American Hockey League.

Grove is majoring in sports marketing. He has five brothers and four sisters



## Melissa Martinez

ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Melissa Martinez joins the Silver Stars for her seventh season, having been with the franchise since its inaugural season in San Antonio in 2003.

A native of San Antonio, Martinez attended Providence High School and went on to graduate from the University of the Incarnate Word with a bachelor's of science degree in kinesiology. She also holds two teaching certifications in physical education and health. While not in season, Martinez teaches and coaches volleyball, basketball and track full time at Metzger Middle School in the Judson Independent School District.

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## The Fox

MASCOT

The Fox certainly wasn't born with a silver spoon. As a pup, there were rough times, but big dreams. A career in the movies didn't last long. A part in *The Fox and the Hound* didn't pan out when it was found out what happens to the fox at the end of the movie. The Fox also tried to get a part in the movie *Dances with Wolves*, until it was discovered that it involved no dancing and no wolves.

The Fox began a career in the WNBA on May 25, 2003 and has been entertaining at every Silver Stars home game since then. The Fox's rookie year stats include averaging two-hand walks per game, 4.2 dances per game, and 6.4 falls per game. But, with lots of hard work and training, The Fox wants to get that number up to seven or eight falls per game. Until then, you can see The Fox at the Silver Stars' home games, and appearing around town at various events. You can even book The Fox at your next event by calling (210) 444-5865.

**BIRTHPLACE** FairFox, VA

**HIGH SCHOOL** Fox Tech

**COLLEGE** University of Silver Foxes

**HEIGHT** 3.45 Tails Tall

**WEIGHT** Before or After Dinner?

**POSITION** Center of Attention

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Voted Most Likely to Cough up a Hairball
- Won the MVP Award in College (Most Valuable Paws)
- Only Mascot in the WNBA to Dribble a Basketball and Saliva at the Same Time
- First Mascot in the WNBA to Shoot Both a Behind the Back Basket, and Silly String in One Game
- Holds the WNBA Record for Most T-shirts Launched in One Timeout



The AT&T Star Squad is a high energy male/female interactive team that performs at each San Antonio Silver Stars home game. The squad performs high energy dance, stunt, and cheer routines throughout the game. In addition, the AT&T Star Squad assists in all on-court promotions, as well as greeting fans at the door and helping with any premium giveaways.

Appealing to fans of all ages, the AT&T Star Squad can often be seen pulling fans out of the stands to dance and interact on the court. After each game, select members of the AT&T Star Squad sign autographs as fans exit the building, while the rest of the squad entertains children and adults alike with impromptu performances.



# AT&T CENTER



Front Office

As the premier entertainment venue in South Texas, the AT&T Center opened in November of 2002. The AT&T Center was built by the initiatives of a public-private venture amongst Bexar County, the Coliseum Advisory Board, the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo and Spurs Sports & Entertainment.



The facility hosts four anchor tenants: the NBA Spurs, the AHL Rampage, the WNBA Silver Stars and the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. Additionally, the venue attracts a multitude of concerts, family shows and special events. In six years of operation, the AT&T Center has hosted over 850 events with entertaining in excess of nine million guests. George Strait, the Rolling Stones, Billy Joel &

Elton John, The Police, Luciano Pavarotti, George Lopez, Cirque du Soleil and Hannah Montana are just a few of the musical acts that have visited the AT&T Center. Other events include NCAA Basketball, WWE Royal Rumble, The Wiggles, and Professional Mixed Martial Arts Cage Fighting.

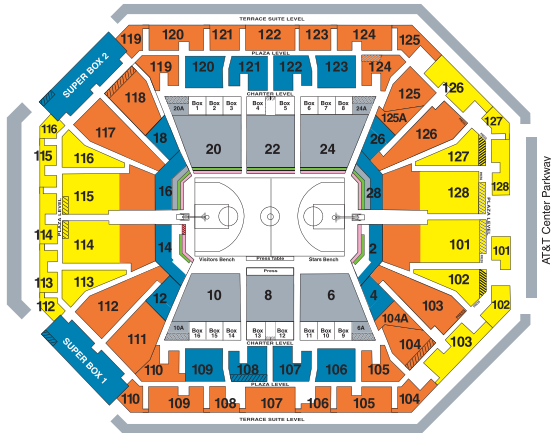
The AT&T Center offers diverse events to the San Antonio community and all of South Texas thanks in part to its various seating capabilities, building configurations, curtaining system and technology upgrades. Configurations from an ice show, to basketball, to rodeo, to boxing, to theater can all be accomplished at the AT&T Center. Complementing every event held at the venue is a 360 in-arena LED ring, four video/scoring panels to the Scoreboard, two Lobby LED Color Matrix displays and over six hundred LCD HDTVs throughout the arena.

To leverage its ancillary meeting spaces and exhibition/trade configurations, the AT&T Center offers MSEs, Meetings and Special Events, throughout the year. This additional amenity further illustrates the facility's full-service approach and has resulted in non-traditional bookings such as Toyota's 2007 National Dealer Meeting and Product Launch, Ford's Customer Appreciation Concert with Toby Keith, and AT&T's 2007 National Leadership Meeting.

Built in a "ranch tech" style, the AT&T Center is designed to present a sense of place, both inside and out. The external view, in addition to its distinctive architecture, features park-like landscaping that's both visually appealing and environmentally friendly. Inside, the design continues to capture the South Texas ambiance with festive colors and imaginative details. Adding to the interior appeal of the AT&T Center is a collection of fine art commissioned by Spurs owners Peter and Julianna Holt. The diverse collection is valued in excess of one million dollars and features Texas modern and basketball styled themes.

"We are enormously proud of the AT&T Center and what it brings to the community," said Holt, chairman of Spurs Sports & Entertainment. "We're proud to have been part of the effort. Now we can provide South Texas with some of the best sports and entertainment available anywhere in the U.S."

## 2009 SILVER STARS SEASON



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Gate Price*	\$125	\$85	\$50	\$33	\$22	\$10



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