

Board Recognition

March 24, 2026

Ryan High School Lady Raiders Win Back-to-Back UIL 5A Division I State Championships

Denton ISD is proud to recognize the Ryan High School Lady Raiders on winning back-to-back UIL 5A Division I State Championships. On March 7, 2026, the Lady Raiders defeated the Leander Glenn Grizzlies 45–34 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, capturing the program's second consecutive state title. Junior Jamyla Anderson was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

Last season, the Lady Raiders claimed Ryan High School's first-ever girls basketball state championship as an unranked playoff team. This season, as the preseason No. 1 team in Class 5A, they proved the title was no fluke. The roster featured three Division I signees — Kaylin Jackson (SMU), Kinley Lewis (James Madison), and Zaviyana Madison (Incarnate Word) — whose leadership was key throughout the postseason.

Head Coach Monesha Allen, now in her 24th season leading the Lady Raiders, was also named the 2024–25 NFHS Section 6 Girls Basketball Coach of the Year — an honor covering Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arkansas across all classifications — building on her recognition as the 2024–25 Texas State Coach of the Year.

Denton ISD congratulates Coach Allen, her coaching staff, and the entire Lady Raiders roster on this historic achievement.

2025–2026 Ryan High School Girls Basketball Roster

#	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.
#1	Zaviyana Madison	5'7	SR	G
#2	Jaiden Williams	5'6	SR	G
#3	Atiya Everett	5'5	JR	G
#5	Deznique King	5'6	JR	G
#10	Kinley Lewis	6'1	SR	F
#11	Talicia Brown	5'7	SO	G
#12	Kimani Smith	6'1	SO	C
#13	Jamyla Anderson	5'6	JR	F
#15	Jael Logan	5'7	JR	G
#21	Kaylin Jackson	6'3	SR	F

#22	Kiala Hudson	5'6	SR	G
#23	Camiyah MacIntrush	5'6	SO	G
#24	Mariah Wilson	5'8	SO	G
#32	Kendall Whitehill	5'5	SO	G
#33	Kelani Kautai-Smith	5'8	SO	F
#34	Mattilyn Gibson	5'6	SO	G
#35	Zoe Nervis	5'9	JR	F

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Monesha Allen

Varsity Assistant: Joe Brodsky

Junior Varsity: Shanice Ready

Freshmen: Brittany Hatch

UIL State Mariachi Outstanding Performer

A UIL State Mariachi Outstanding, Exemplary Performer is an elite recognition awarded to individual high school student musicians who display superior artistry, technique, and musicianship during the UIL State Mariachi Festival. These recipients, selected by adjudicators for exceptional performance, receive a draped gold medal, distinguishing them from the general ensemble awards. While the contest focuses on the Mariachi ensemble performance, the Outstanding Performer honors individual excellence. Allison Juarez, Ryan High School Varsity Mariachi is our first district UIL Mariachi State Medalist. She was selected as UIL State Mariachi Outstanding Performer on her instrument, guitarrón. The UIL State Mariachi Contest was held at Seguin High School Performing Arts Center February 19-21, 2026. This year was Ryan High School Mariachi's 3rd advancement to the State contest, and our first district UIL Mariachi medal.

Student: Allison Juarez, UIL State Medalist, guitarrón

Teacher: Jeremy Atkins, RHS Orchestra