



Meet Our New President, Jared Weston



Hometown: Marion, OH
 High School: River Valley
 Sport: Basketball
 Family: Marguerite (wife of 12 yrs), 2 Daughters (Adalynn (10) & Rylann (8))
 College: University of Toledo (BA, MLS)
 Favorite Sports Teams: All Cleveland
 Professional: 20yrs in collegiate athletic fundraising, corporate partnerships, leadership development, and student-athlete development
 For Fun: Anything outdoors with the kiddos, basketball, golf, learning guitar
 Favorite 5P: "People" - We are all better together



Alumni Spotlight

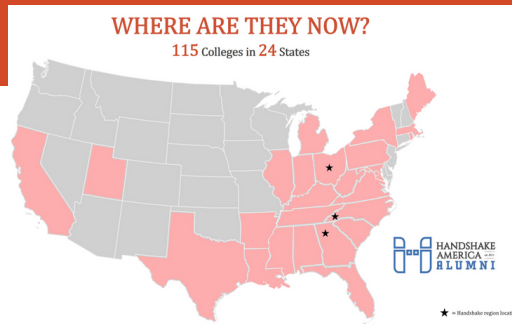


Shanvanth R. Arnipalli
 Central Ohio: Class of 2017

What is your greatest take away from Handshake America?
Handshake America has taught me the value of mentorship and community, wherein, with the help of these pillars I am able to leverage my strengths and personality to build camaraderie and love myself through adversity to navigate crucibles in life.

Where are you now?
I have been selected to receive a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant in Taiwan for the 2023-2024 cycle. I am thrilled to embark on this journey to further develop my professional attributes as well as to grow personally. Moreover, I hope this time away from my current academic commitments would serve as a refresher for my graduate career path.

What do you do for fun?
I cook, take walks, and read!



Mark Your Calendar

Central Ohio

- [The Huddle](#) - Thursday, June 22nd @ The Fives
- [Golf Classic](#) - Monday, July 24th @ OSU Scarlet Golf Club

Metro Atlanta

- [The Huddle](#) - Saturday, June 17th @ Chastain Park

Western North Carolina

- [The Huddle](#) - Tuesday, June 20th @ Lake Toxaway



Meet Coach Gina



Getting to know Coach Gina Vlasek



Where do you work?

I work at a healthcare company called OPTUM and support a team of approximately 20 behavioral health EAP counselors who are placed at various sites across the country. I am a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in Georgia and love working in behavioral health.

What's it like being a Handshake America Coach?

I was a Handshake America Coach for 4 years from 2019-2022. It was a joy to connect with the students and watch them grow and develop during a pivotal year in their lives. I walked away from each and every meeting inspired by the students' level of depth and insight during group conversations, and I continue to keep in touch with some of them. Further, it has also been a great experience to be surrounded by many wise and talented coaches.

How has this role impacted you?

Volunteering at Handshake America reminded me how important community is to me. Having a sense of belonging to something outside of work, family and friends adds to my overall sense of well-being and fulfillment.

What do you do for fun?

I love to travel, especially to national parks and foreign countries. I've been to some beautiful locations such as Yosemite National Park, Manuel Antonio National Park in Costa Rica, Machu Picchu and Iceland. I also enjoy getting together with friends and family, watching professional tennis or the Braves, hiking and going to concerts.



Coaches Gina Vlasek & Brian Probst

PROGRAM UPDATES

EXPANDED REACH

- Western North Carolina (2021)
- Metro Atlanta (2017)
- Central Ohio (2011)

COACHING

- Team-Based Coaching
3 Volunteer Coaches + 6 Student-Athletes

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Awarded \$512,500 in Postsecondary Scholarships to 402 Student-Athletes
- Alumni enrolled in 115 colleges in 24 states

JOIN THE TEAM

- As a Coach
- As a Regional Volunteer
- As a School Partner
- As a Corporate Teammate
- As a Financial Teammate

Your Regional Leaders

Central Ohio - Joel Juday

Metro Atlanta - Tommy Kramer

Western Carolina - Doug Probst

Handshake America Class of 2023



Metro Atlanta



Central Ohio



Western North Carolina

SPECIAL THANKS to our NATIONAL TEAMMATES

LEADERS

Penny & Rick
JACKSON

Patty & Doug
PROBST

DESIGNER BRANDS 

GOLD

Trisha & Bill
JORDAN

Cindy & Dave
PROBST

Roy
PROBST

Ronnie
ROBINSON

Ruth & Keith
STEPHENSON

Deloitte. 

SILVER

Jessica & Adam
CHAIT

Rachel & Joel
JUDAY

Bonnie & Steve
KNIER

Robyn & Ron
RANSOM

Angela & Roger
RAWLINS

Lisa & Paul
SHREVE

Debra & Brian
SINGLETON

Jennie & Mark
WILSON

Michelle & Chris
WISECUP

 AllianceData

 **BIG LOTS!**

 **KPMG**

 **sp+**

BRONZE

Brenda & Bob
BARKLEY

Elaine & Bart
BOYER

Stuart
BURGOERFER

Dain
BUSSEWITZ

Barry
ESPOSITO

Kurt
GATTERDAM

Bill
HOLEHOUSE

Matt
KRAMER

Judy & Chris
LANNING

Cody
MARTIN

Dave
MORLAN

Jorge
MORALES

Beth
MURPHY

Jared
POFF

Kellie & Drew
PRUSIECKI

Jill & Peter
RISCH

Lauren
RISCH

Stephen
ROGERS

Paul
SCHROEDER

Mark
VISK

Brian
WALKERLY

Adam
WEINGARTNER

Larry
WENDLING

Abercrombie & Fitch

 **BLUESTONE**
WEALTH PARTNERS

 **ENVESTNET**

 Gallagher

 Grange
Insurance

 **PNC**

 porterwright

 **White Castle**

IN-KIND TEAMMATES

 **COHATCH**
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STUDIO

 elevate

 **PRINTPAD & SIGNS**
REDEFINE THE DIFFERENCE

 SUMMERFIELD
Brand Strategic Design