



## **2020 Chauncey Willingham Award for Outstanding Dragon Faculty**

### **Melissa Page**

Back in 1997 Carroll ISD did something wonderful. They hired a captivating, young ball of energy full of passion for education & dance named Melissa Page to lead the Emerald Belles. During her tenure, the Belles have received numerous regional, state and even national recognition. She herself has received accolades including being a two-time finalist for Texas Dance Educators' Association Director of the Year and once for the Lifetime Achievement Award...and she's not done yet! Her positive attitude, poise and strong sense of self has made her not only an amazing director but also a mentor and motivator for countless young ladies in our community. She expects the best version of others because she gives it of herself. She believes in empowering others and places great emphasis on philanthropy, compassion and kindness. Her lessons far exceed high kicks

and big smiles. Over the course of the last 23 years she has influenced and inspired literally thousands of young ladies. She always has an open door & an open heart and a strong shoulder for support. Her countless hours of dedication and service to her students are a shining light for all to see. She has built a legacy that extends far beyond the football field & the dance world. She inspires her students to make the world a better place through service and leadership. She doesn't give a second thought to going above and beyond to give more of her time & her heart. She embraces and embodies the fundamentals of what it means to Protect the Tradition & be a Dragon.