



## 2022 Chauncey Willingham Outstanding Faculty Award

### Coach Justin Leonard

Coach Leonard has been the boy's and girl's Head Cross Country Coach at Southlake Carroll since 2008. During that same period, he has been the assistant track coach in charge of boy's and girl's distance runners. Prior to 2008, Coach Leonard was the assistant coach for Carroll's cross-country team (2004 – 2008). He was the Carroll head girls track coach for two seasons (2007 – 2008).

Since taking the program over in 2008, Coach Leonard has led the Dragons to eleven 5A/6A state cross country championships (14 state championships-including 3 as an assistant), eleven state runner ups, five third place state team finishes, eighteen regional championships, and twenty-five district championships. Coach Leonard's boys' teams have won 7 state cross country championships (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2019, 2020 & 2021) and his girls teams have won 4 state cross country championships (2011, 2012, 2013 & 2019). Coach Leonard's Carroll Dragons won the Nike

National Cross Country award for the number one program in the nation for their 2011 & 2012 seasons. During Leonard's tenure, the Dragons have qualified for 26 trips to the Nike Cross Nationals with a boys' runner-up finish in 2011 and a girls' runner-up finish in 2012. Coach Leonard's program has produced a Footlocker National Championship individual, a sub-four-minute miler (4th fastest in U.S. high school history), a 3200m state meet record, 46 individual state medalists (5 state champs & 10 state runner-ups), 5 Nike National All Americans, 3 Footlocker National qualifiers, 87 Division 1 runners, and State XC low-point records for boys (20 points in 2011) and girls (32 points in 2012).

Coach Leonard is a 2002 Graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) with a BA in 2004. While at UTA he was a 4-year letterman in Track and Field. Coach Leonard is married to Nicole Heil Leonard and they have three children Caitlyn, Caden and Corbin.

Nicole Leonard is the principal at Dawson middle school, Caitlyn Leonard is a senior, Caden Leonard is a freshman at Carroll High school & Corbin Leonard is a 6th grader at Eubanks intermediate school.