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Whites Named New Head Football Coach for LCCS

Having grown up in the Fort Worth area, Wade Whites is glad to be coming back. Currently the defensive coordinator at Dordt College in Iowa, Whites will be the new head football coach for the Lake Country Christian School Fighting Eagles.

"We are very excited about having Wade as our new head coach, and we feel he will be able to take our new football program to the next level," commented LCCS Athletic Director Mike Babb, "which means not only building a team but also building a program. Wade is all about establishing relationships with students and building trust and commitment in our kids." The LCCS Eagles first year with a varsity team was this past fall, having begun a football program starting in middle school three years ago. The Fighting Eagles made it to the first round of district play-offs and had six student athletes make all-district teams.

Whites heard about Lake Country beginning a football program and realized there was an opportunity "to grow the program athletically and spiritually." Prior to leaving the Fort Worth area, Whites was first the defensive coordinator and then the athletic director and head football coach at Southwest Christian over a nine-year tenure. Under Whites' leadership, the teams compiled a 45-29 record with two state finals appearances and were in the semi-finals seven of the nine years.

Coach Whites has three goals for the LCCS student athletes. "Athletics is about building relationships, and I want to be there for our students. My goals are that through the athletic program they become better Christians, better athletes, and better husbands and fathers down the line. Hopefully, I can do this by example." Whites was accorded district coach of the year honors in 2002, 2003, and 2004 and coached in the Tom Hillary All-Star game in 2004. He was also named Dallas Morning News Division III coach of the year in 2004.

Coach Whites wants the LCCS families to know "it's going to take all of us together to grow the program, and I want our football boys to be great examples. My main goal is to make what you receive a better place than when you received it, and I want Lake Country football to be a better place---that is going to take everyone, not just me." Whites was the defensive coordinator at HEB high school from 1994-97 and was the assistant coach at Burleson High School in 1993-94. Whites started his coaching career at his alma mater, Tarleton State University, as a defensive backfield coach and recruiting coordinator in 1992-93. Whites graduated from Burleson High School where his dad was the assistant head football coach.

Wade and his wife Kelly, a third grade teacher in Burleson and "a great football fan," have three children: McKenna (8), Hayden (5) and Ryan (1).