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Dr. Daniel Crawford, EdD

“Make a Difference, TODAY!”



Daniel Crawford was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and raised in Plano, Texas, where being the oldest of five helped shape the adaptable problem-solving skills he is known for today. A high school football player, he earned a college football scholarship to William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri. After graduating, he returned to Texas to pursue his passion for education, beginning his career as a high school history teacher and football coach.

Driven to make a broader impact, Daniel earned his Master’s and Doctoral degrees in Educational Leadership and Administration from Texas A&M University-Commerce. He went on to serve 17 years as a highly regarded Texas high school principal and played a key role in coordinating the construction of two new high schools in Kaufman and Tyler ISDs. During this time, he also taught graduate-level courses as an adjunct professor at multiple universities, including Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Dallas Baptist University, and the University of Texas-Tyler, continuing his commitment to being a Facilitator of Learning.

After retiring from K–12 education in 2021, Daniel transitioned into the oil and gas sector as the U.S. Performance Improvement Manager for Nabors Industries, where he embraced his personal core value: “Make a Difference, TODAY!” This guiding principle eventually inspired him to launch Crawford Coaching Concepts (C3) in 2023, a company dedicated to helping individuals and organizations create positive, lasting impact. The next year, he joined the CALS faculty, teaching Introduction to Business and Business Management.

Daniel lives in Royse City, Texas, with his wife, Kim, an Operations Director in the Texas Health Hospital System (whom he describes as amazing), and their blended family of five children (Colton-23, Karli-21, Garrett-19, Kaylee-17 and Gavin-15). He enjoys running, golfing, traveling, concerts, and sporting events – especially Formula 1 – and is the proud cat dad to Jip-See Lou, Lola Grace, and Bruce Wayne.

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