

Laneigh Clark - Pearland High School

Coach Laneigh Clark is a native of Houston, TX, who graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in Pasadena. Clark earned her B.S. degree in Education from Louisiana Tech University. At Louisiana Tech, she played softball for the Lady Techsters, participating in three College World Series and four Regional Tournaments. Clark played on a team that was ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation and played every position except pitcher.

Clark, who has been coaching for 33 years, began her career coaching softball and basketball at Haughton High School in Louisiana. She was then the head softball coach at both Centenary College and Sam Houston State University. Coach Clark became the head coach at Pearland High School in 1998. In her 22 years at Pearland, the Lady Oilers have won 9 district Championships and been runner up another 8 times. She has been named the District Coach of the Year nine times, and Texas Girls Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 2009, 2011 and 2016. During Clark's tenure, the Pearland Lady Oilers have reached the state tournament on four occasions (2009, 2010, 2011, 2016). The 2009 and 2016 runs both ended in runner-up finishes. In 2010, the Pearland Lady Oilers captured the 5A State Championship, not allowing a run in either the semi-final or the final. 2010 also saw Coach Clark receive the Pearland Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award. In 2011, she was honored with the Citizen of the Year Congressional Award. In addition to her individual honors, the coaching staff at Pearland High School has received the National Fastpitch Association Regional Coaching Staff of the Year award in 2009, 2010, and 2016.

The veteran coach has served on many different committees for the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, including serving as the organization's High School representative. Clark has coached NFCA All-Americans and Academic All-

Americans, as well as NCAA Academic All-Americans. In addition to receiving awards at the national level, players at Pearland HS have been honored with 100+ state awards, including TGCA All-State, TGCA Academic All-State, TSWA All-State and TGCA All-Stars in her tenure at Pearland. Coach Clark was recently selected as Teacher of the Month at PHS, and has earned the Coach of the Year from PISD administration. In 2008, she received the Charlie Maiorana Award by the Houston RBI Foundation. In 2016, Coach Clark received an NFCA 600 Career Victory Award; and, in 2017, she was honored by the TGCA for 500 victories while coaching at Pearland High School. Perennially, the Pearland Lady Oilers see the majority of their graduating senior student-athletes sign to play collegiate softball. Former Pearland Lady Oilers have played across the nation in conferences including the Southland, Big 12, Big East, SEC, Ivy league, and PAC 12. In addition to her coaching duties, Coach Clark is the Girls Athletic Coordinator at PHS. She has also been an integral part of organizing multiple successful fundraisers for members of the PHS family and the Pearland community at large.

Coach Clark is married to husband, James, who is a Karate Instructor in Pearland. Coach Clark enjoys spending time with her three dogs, Champ, Lucky, and Max, watching sports, and socializing with friends.