

David Moreland won the Class 4-A pole vault championship at the state track meet in Austin on May 13, 1994, after finishing third as a junior and qualifying for the state meet as a sophomore. He ranked among the top ten high school vaulters in the nation and was named a H.S. All-American as a Jr & Sr. .

David Allen Moreland was born on Feb. 5, 1975, in Washington, D.C., to Ralph and Betty Moreland. David and his sister, Olivia, were raised in Belton and attended Lakewood Elementary (where his mother is a teacher), Belton Jr. High School and Belton High School where he graduated in 1994. He was a pole vaulter for all four years in high school and played football as a freshman and soph.

David's pole vaulting career began in the 7th grade at Belton Jr. H.S. under Coach Brent Duncan and he won every pole vault competition he entered in two years except the 8th grade district meet. David's father, Ralph, built a pole vault training facility at home, read every book he could find on vaulting, and trained with his son reaching a personal best of 12 feet as a 42-year old. In David's soph year of 1992 he won 1st in the pole vault at District at 14'7" and was 3rd in the region at 14'0" qualifying for the state meet as the 3rd alternate. As a junior in 1993 he was 1st at District at 15'6"; 1st in the regional at 15'7"; and 3rd at the state meet at 15'6" (the same height as the top two vaulters who had fewer misses). Belton finished 2nd in the team competition at the 1993 state 4-A track meet with 26 points to state champion San Angelo Lakeview's 27 points. Raymond Williams scored 20 of the Tigers' 26 points by winning the shotput and discus titles while David's 3rd place finish in the pole vault and Vincent Stowers' 6th place in the high jump accounted for the other 6 points.

David and Raymond Williams traveled to California for the Golden West Invitational (a national high school track meet) in the summer of 1992 but did not place. David was ranked among the top ten high school vaulters in the nation qualifying him as a high school All-American. In the fall of his junior year he placed 2nd (at 15'6") among 70 high school vaulters from across the U.S. at an indoor meet at LSU qualifying as an indoor high school All-American.

In his senior year of 1994 David reached a personal meet best of 16'6" placing third at the Texas Relays and cleared 17 feet over 50 times in practice. He vaulted 16'4" at the (Temple) Wildcat Relays breaking the meet and stadium record. He was 1st in District at 16'1"; 1st in the regional at 16'1" (breaking a regional record); and 1st at the state track meet at 16'0" (three vaulters made that height but Moreland won 1st on the basis of fewer misses). He came close to the state 4A record of 16'6" but poor weather (rain and wind) prevented his breaking the record. David was ranked among the top ten high school vaulters in the nation as a senior qualifying him again as a high school All-American. He again finished 2nd at the national indoor meet at LSU in the fall of his senior year and thus was an indoor All-American for the 2nd straight year.

David was recruited by Texas Tech and other schools and signed with Levelland Jr. College but dropped out during his freshman year of 1995. He

married Stephanie Peterson of Jarrell in 1999. In 2009 David Moreland, 34, lived in Jarrell TX with his wife, Stephanie and son, Tanner, 3. David is a commercial plumbing supervisor (of 50 plumbers) for Airco Mechanical.