

Brad Turner was named to the Texas H.S. Baseball Coaches all-state team in his junior (1995) and senior (1996) years and was the starting catcher as a sophomore on Belton's 1994 state championship team. He was named to USA TODAY's high school All-American team in 1996 and played in high school and junior college all-star games before concluding his career at UMHB.

Brad Turner was born in Temple TX on Aug. 9, 1977, to Frank and Marilyn Turner. He and his brother, Brett Turner, and sisters Brenna Wilson and Donna Russell, grew up in Belton and attended Leon Heights Elementary School, Belton Jr. H.S., and Belton H.S., where Brad graduated in 1996. His father, Frank Turner, Jr., was on the Belton school board from 1982-88 and 1992-98. The Turner family came to Belton in 1951 and purchased Monteith Abstract (which was founded in 1876) and has owned the business for over 50 years.

As a youth Brad played soccer and basketball and was district medalist in golf in the 7th and 8th grade. He showed early promise in baseball in Little League and, as a 15-year-old, was a pitcher and shortstop on his Belton Raider team which won the state championship in the Texas Teenage Baseball Association.

In 1993 Brad was a soph backup QB for the Tiger football team that was 9-3, District and Bi-district Champs and lost to Austin Westlake in the Regional. He was Belton's starting quarterback as a junior on the 1994 Tiger team that was 6-4 on the year and was named 2nd team all-district after throwing for 1,848 yards with 142 completions in 290 attempts and 13 TDs. As a 5'10" 175 lb. senior he threw for 1,411 yards (89 completions in 188 attempts) for the 1995 Tiger team that was 4-6. Brad was also the Tiger's punter for three years and was the 1st team all-district punter as a soph. He averaged 38.7 yards per kick as a soph, 39.3 as a junior and 35.6 as a senior.

In baseball Brad was a four-year starter for Belton at catcher and as a sophomore in 1994 was the only non-senior in the starting lineup for the entire year on the Tiger team that was 35-6 and State Champions. He hit .269 with 33 RBIs, 1 HR, and 10 doubles and was named 2nd team all-district as Belton placed 9 position players on the (1st and 2nd) all-district teams. The "highlight game" for Brad was the last playoff game against Austin Westlake when he hit a game winning single with two outs and two strikes against him.

Turner hit .373 with 33 RBIs 8 HRs (including 3 grand slams) as a junior on the 1995 Tiger team that was 12-13 on the year. He was named 1st team all-district; All-Centex by the Austin American-Statesman, Temple Daily Telegram and Killeen Daily Herald; and all-state by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. As a senior in 1996 Belton was only 17-11 on the year but Brad hit .417 with 31 RBIs and 8 Hrs and was named 1st team all-district for the third straight year; MVP of the Killeen Daily Herald's Area All-Star Baseball Team; SuperCentex by the Waco Tribune-Herald; and all-state for the second straight year by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. He was also named to USA TODAY's high school All-American team and was the starting catcher for the South in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches' all-star game.

Brad was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1996 pro baseball draft but signed with McLennan County Community College where he was an all conference catcher for two years and was the starting catcher (going 2 for 4) for the winning South team in the NJCAA All-Star game. He then signed with Southwest Texas State U. but transferred to UMHB where he hit .405 as the Crusaders' starting catcher as a junior in 1999. He did not play as a senior (because of vertigo).

Brad graduated from UMHB in 2001 with a double major in management and marketing. In 2009, Brad Turner, 31, & his wife, Kerri, lived in Belton where Brad was the VP of Business Development at Monteith Abstract.