

Brad Bartz was a 4-A all-state defensive back in 1998 and held three school track records at Belton H.S. He later played football at Southwest Texas State University and now lives in Keller TX.

Brad Bartz was born in Temple TX on June 18, 1980, the first of two sons (Brad and Brent) born to Allen (Gene) and Maribeth Bartz. He attended Temple schools until the 8th grade when he transferred to Belton and attended Belton Jr. H.S. and Belton H.S., graduating in 1999. His father was the head football and track coach at Belton Jr. H.S. for 20 years (since 1981).

Brad participated in football, baseball and basketball thru his junior year when he dropped baseball and basketball to concentrate on football and track. He was also named Mr. Belton High School and Prom King in his senior year; sang with the BHS Madrigals for 3 years; was named to the 1998 Texas Music Education Association's state choir; and in 1997-98 was named Division I at state in the solo and ensemble contest for Superior Vocal Quality.

Brad played two years on the Tiger JV basketball team and was the starting point guard as a soph. Because of injuries (broken wrist and thumb), Brad was mostly used by the varsity baseball team during his soph and junior years as a pinch runner because of his speed. He ran track during his junior and senior years and was a member of the Tiger sprint relay teams which qualified for the Texas Relays both years. In 2001 Bartz still shared three school records set in 1999 with a 41.84 in the 400-meter relay with Brian Baltimore, Lazarus Ross and J. Kyle Banks; a 3:38.0 in the sprint medley relay with Banks, Josh Guerra, and Cody Fredenburg; and a 1:28.14 in the 4 x 200 relay with Banks, Ross and Fredenburg. The sprint relay team won 2nd in district in his senior year.

As a soph in 1996 Brad was the starting QB on the JV team that was undefeated in district. The speedy (4.5 in the 40-yd dash and 10.6 in the 100-yd dash) 6'2" 185 lb. junior Bartz was a starting defensive back and back-up QB on the 1997 Tiger varsity which played its second season in 5A and was 2-8. He was named 2nd team all-district and the top Tiger defensive back.

In Brad's senior year of 1998 the Tigers (who returned to 4A after two years in 5A) were 8-5 on the year, won district beat Austin Travis in bi-district and Hays Consolidated in the Region before losing to Alice in the state quarterfinals. Bartz, a 6'2" 190 lb. senior free safety (and back-up QB), had 57 solo tackles and 58 assists along with 6 caused fumbles, two fumble recoveries and five interceptions. He was named the Tiger's top defensive back; 1st team all-district; 1st team Super Cen-Tex by the Waco Tribune; 2nd team all Cen-Tex by the Austin American Statesman; and 2nd team 4A all-state (defense) by the Texas Sportswriters. In Aug. of 2005 the Killeen Daily Herald named Brad Bartz as 2nd team DB on its All-Time Centex team.

Bartz was recruited by Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Air Force and SWT and signed with SWT. He was redshirted his first year (1999) with the Bobcats and saw limited action as a soph in 2000 after being moved to LB. He decided to forego his football scholarship his last two years to concentrate on his education and upcoming marriage. Brad graduated from Texas State (SWT) in 2004 with a major in sociology and was a teacher/coach at Covenant Christian

Academy in Colleyville for four years. As the Defensive Coordinator, Bartz' Covenant Christian football team was the TAPPS (Div. 4) state champion in 2006 along with semi-final appearances in 2005 & 2007. In his years of coaching at Covenant Christian Academy, he coached 7 all-state defensive players and sent 6 players off his defenses to play college football.

In 2009, Brad Bartz, and his wife, Brooke, lived in Keller TX where Brad worked for Fidelity Investment.