

Kory Douglas was an outstanding football and baseball player at Belton H.S. and (as a junior) was one of four Tigers named all-state in baseball in 1999. He was an outstanding scholar-athlete graduating Summa Cum Laude and 4th in his class of 350. As a senior he won the "Big Stick" award from Coach David Tidwell who achieved his 400th career win with the 1999 Tiger baseball team.

Kory Charles Douglas was born on Aug. 27, 1981, in Temple TX to Chuck and Janice Douglas and was the second of three children (Jeffri, Kory, and Jillian). His parents moved to Belton in 1971 to teach and coach. Kory attended Central Elementary, Belton Jr. H.S. and BHS. His mother coached the Tiger volleyball team from 1971-1976 and has taught at BHS since 1971. His father was Belton's head baseball coach in 1973-1983 and assistant football coach before serving as principal at Belton Jr. H.S. from 1997-2001 and was appointed assistant athletic director in 2001.

Kory's two main sports at BHS. were football and baseball. He was a starting wide receiver as a soph in 1997 on the 9-1 Tiger JV football team. As a 5'10" & 165 lb. junior in 1998 he was a starting wide receiver on the 8-5 Tiger varsity team that defeated Austin Travis 14-12 in bi-district, Hays Consolidated 28-21 in the region, and lost 16-14 to Alice in the state QF's. Kory had 21 catches for 345 yards (#11 in TX) and 2 TDs and was named 25-4A 2nd team all-district.

In Douglas' senior year the 1999 Tigers were 11-2 (and ranked #6 in TX), won District, defeated Austin McCallum 42-14 in bi-district and lost to Hays Consolidated 19-10 in the Area. Kory, known as "The Playmaker," had 35 receptions for 769 yards and 5 TDs (#6 in TX) for the season. His "highlight game" was the 23-22 victory over Leander in which he had 5 receptions in the last 3 minutes in the come-from-behind victory. He was named 1st team all-district and All-Centex honorable mention and all-district and Super-Centex all-academic.

Kory's baseball career began in Little League T-ball and continued through high junior league. He played on several youth all-star and select teams and his 1997 High Junior League team was State Champ in the Texas Teenage Baseball League. As a soph in 1998 Kory started at SS/2B for the 21-2 Tiger JV team. As a junior in 1999 he started at 2B for the Tiger varsity and batted cleanup for the team that was 26-6 on the year and undefeated (10-0) in District. For the year Douglas had a .416 batting average with 27 RBIs, 10 doubles, 5 triples (tying a school record set by Jason Regan in 1993 & 1994), 4 HRs and 3 stolen bases. Kory was named 1st team all-district, 2nd team All-Centex, and all-state by the Texas H.S. Baseball Coaches who also named Thomas Melvin, B.J. Soto and Josh Harris to the all-state team. As a senior in 2000 Kory was the starting second baseman and lead-off hitter for the 25-12 (9-3) Tigers who lost in the regional semi-finals. The 51 victories in 1999-2000 is the second best 2-year total in school history. Despite a broken wrist, Douglas hit .302 for the year with 23 RBIs, 12 doubles, 1 triple, 1 HR, and 15 stolen bases. He was named 1st team all-district and was recruited by Baylor University, Temple College and UMHB for baseball but

surgery on his left wrist (from a fall 1999 football injury) ended his playing career.

Kory Douglas' achievements at BHS were not limited to athletics as he was active in SADD, FCA, Spanish Club, NHS, the Marching 100 band, and the Student Council. He was named to Who's Who Among HS Students and was a Boys State Rep and a KWTX Channel 10 Classroom Champion. He was a junior and senior National Merit Math Scholar and received the junior AP English award. His senior essay on The History of Bell County won 1st place in Temple College's Bell County Sesquicentennial Essay Scholarship Contest.

In 2009 Kory Douglas, 28, was a Ph.D. student in genetics-DNA research at Texas A&M. He received a BS in biology and forensics from Baylor University in 2004 and a MS in biology-genetics in 2007 from Baylor.