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LEANDER GLENN GRIZZLIES COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

The Leander Glenn Grizzlies Embrace Their Hometown Like None Other

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CONNECTING WITH
Coach Brandon Krauskopf

Q. Who is your Community Connector? How are they involved with the program/community?

"Lara Mandrell is who we selected as our Community Connector. She is our football booster club president, which most know is a role that comes with very little praise and a lot of selfless works."

Q. What do you talk to your team about when you talk about representing your community and how is your team involved in the community?

"We always speak about serving something greater than ourselves in the way that God has instructed us to do. We do these events, so these young men know the joy of serving their community and know the good that they can bring to the world no matter their status. You will find the Grizzly Football team serving our feeder schools, local churches, community outreach programs, and whenever the call is needed."

Just as Optimum has been a source of keeping the community connected through its award-winning high-speed internet, Dave Campbell's Texas Football has been a "bible" source for millions of football fans across the Lone Star State.

During this year's Texas high school football season, Optimum is keeping score on local individuals who are making a difference in their community. As a result, Optimum is proud to have partnered with Dave Campbell's Texas Football to do so. Leveraging Dave Campbell's insight and expertise in scouting, Optimum's partnership with Dave Campbell's Texas Football is nothing short of a "winning connection." The partnership enabled the creation of the Community Connector Award in order to celebrate the achievements of community difference makers year-round – both on and off the field.

Optimum is proud to recognize

Lara Mandrell

for her contributions to the community

Optimum is a proud founder of this award as it celebrates committed students, teachers and parents who stay connected in their community and honor them for their generous hard work and support to make their community a better place.

Q. Why is it important to teach your young men about giving back and being good stewards?

"These skills will translate into all phases of their lives- from being great fathers and husbands serving their families, to being great members of society. We pray that all our players find success in their lives but most importantly, we pray that they live a life of significance. Time will erase our names but if we made the world 1% better, than we did what God wanted us to do."

Q. What is unique about your school and community?

"We have a very diverse and resilient community that always rallies together when the time comes. So many of our kids from different backgrounds, belief systems, and life stories but the way they all come together is a testament of how they were raised and the fortitude of their character."

Q. What does staying connected to the community mean to you?

"I have loved this school and this community since the very beginning, which is the reason I've been here all 10 years. There isn't a better group of kids, parents, and community in the state of Texas as there is right here. Go Grizzlies!"



Q&A

WITH

Lara Mandrell

Q. How did you get involved at Leander Glenn High School?

"I got involved when my son joined the football program as a freshman, serving as the freshman parent in the booster club. It was a great opportunity to learn about and support the program before stepping into the president role this year."

Q. What makes the Leander Glenn community special to you?

"The Glenn community is special because of the tradition and spirit we've built in just 10 years. Our community rallies behind the Grizzlies and takes pride in being part of something that continues to grow."

Q. What is your proudest moment as a part of the Leander Glenn community?

"My proudest moment was seeing how the Glenn community responded after the Texas flooding tragedy in July 2025. The outpouring of support and the willingness to help without hesitation showed the strength and heart of this wonderful place."



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