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Brittany Wagner

Brittany Wagner is a nationally-respected athletic academic counselor and life coach. She was the “mother” to the most dominant junior college football program in the United States – the East Mississippi Community College (EMCC) Lions. During her eight years in the junior college ranks, she helped over 200 football players and over 50 men’s basketball athletes reach the next level, while also counseling baseball, softball, women’s basketball and rodeo student-athletes.



Ms. Wagner recently garnered world-wide fame as the television star of the hit Netflix documentary series, “Last Chance U”. Known for giving “troublemakers” their last chance at making it to the NFL, Ms. Wagner is the vivacious, mentor and mother-figure to these men – often times the driving factor behind their future successes. Her common question, “Do you have a pencil?” has become a phenomenon across the world since the show’s debut.

For the past year, Ms. Wagner has traveled all over the United States as a motivational speaker. This fall she launched her own company, 10 Thousand Pencils. Through 10KP, Brittany is able to work individually with high school and college athletes, administrators, counselors and teachers on academic success and life skills. Recently, Ms. Wagner partnered with media mogul Cadence 13 to develop her own weekly podcast “Sharpen Up with Brittany Wagner” which launched last month.

She earned her undergraduate degree in sports communications from Mississippi State University, followed by her master’s degree in sports administration. Ms. Wagner currently resides in Birmingham, Alabama, and is the proud mom to one daughter, Kennedy.