

Hello All,

I know that there has been a significant amount of speculation on the future of Consol's XC and T&F programs and whether or not I would be returning next year. The truth of the matter is very complicated and I have been doing a lot of soul searching on how I would be able to remain here in good conscience. With how the culture and environment has changed so drastically and how the sports of Cross Country and Track have been seriously devalued in favor of an emphasis on only one thing, I have made the decision to leave A&M Consolidated and move on down the road. I will be the first Head Cross Country Coach at Bridgeland High School.

I planned on writing this very long and detailed letter which would give you a better picture of the last 3 months and how I have been fighting to keep the athletes safe and healthy and how I have been met with resistance up to the point of demotion but none of that matters. We will all believe what we want to believe and I walk away knowing that I did everything I could to keep our sports moving in a positive direction and my conscience is completely clean. (I will be happy to discuss this with any of you in person in detail if you would like to get the complete picture.)

For the past 4 years you all have been my family and I truly respect and care deeply for each of you. When I arrived here, this was my dream job. I planned on staying here for the rest of my career because of how much tradition and excellence the programs have. I took being only the 3rd Cross Country Coach in the history of A&M Consolidated as an honor and a privilege and gave everything I had to continuing the tradition of excellence here. So, this decision is not one that I wanted to make in any way shape or form. Please understand that I had to make this choice to remain true to myself without compromise.

As for the future, I have no idea who your next coach will be. I do know that I have given Coach Wilson everything I have to be successful and I am sure she will help in the transition. You can always contact me by phone or by email at watersxctf@gmail.com

It has been a wonderful ride and I will always cherish my time here at Consol. Many thanks to you all for believing in me and supporting what we were trying to do.

Be well

H2Os