Bio for Leah Wright, Wake Monarch Academy



Leah Wright graduated from Meredith College with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and certification in Elementary Education. A National Board Certified Teacher, Leah retired in 2018 after 30 years in the Wake County Public School System.

Motivated by lived experience with her teenage son and driven by her faith, Leah founded a recovery high school to provide a safe, sober, and academically rigorous environment for students in recovery from substance use.

Established as a nonprofit in late 2018 and approved as a 501(c)(3) organization in 2019, Leah led a passionate team that spent two years researching best practices and developing a program. Opening in August 2021, Wake Monarch Academy became the first and only recovery high school in the Triangle area, offering a college-preparatory education for 9th-12th grade students aged 13 to 21.

Leah is dedicated to recovery, supporting families, and raising awareness to break the stigma of addiction. She emphasizes the importance of never losing hope and the beauty of recovery.