

Bryant Wright is one of the most accomplished and respected cross country coaches in Midwest history, having constructed an unmatched championship dynasty at Festus High School (Missouri). Over a stellar 24-year career as head coach of the boys' program and 21 years leading the girls' program, Coach Wright engineered a system of sustained athletic excellence. Under his leadership, Festus secured 13 overall State Championships—including 11 boys' titles featuring an astounding eight consecutive crowns from 2014–2021—and achieved an unprecedented 17-year streak (2009–2025) of placing either first or second at the Missouri State Cross Country Meet.

Inducted into the Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2019) and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame (2024), Coach Wright is a multi-time National and State Coach of the Year. Beyond the cross country course, he is the co-author of the leadership book Built Wright: What It Takes to Build Something That Lasts, seamlessly translating athletic culture breakthroughs to corporate executives, chamber of commerce events, and premier sports clinics nationwide.