



DR. THOMAS ALAN COX

CLASS OF 1983

A lifelong Tallahasseean, Dr. Thomas Alan Cox has dedicated his career to education, athletics, and community leadership. After graduating from Leon High School in 1978, he earned degrees from Tallahassee State College, Florida State University, and the University of South Alabama, culminating in a Ph.D. from FSU in 1992. His professional journey began in high school education and coaching, eventually leading him to serve as Principal of Chiles High School and later as Assistant Superintendent for Leon County Schools until his retirement in 2023. Alongside his educational career, Cox founded Alan Cox Aquatics, a thriving business that has trained thousands of lifeguards and swim instructors across North Florida for over four decades.

Cox's impact has been recognized through numerous honors, including Principal of the Year, induction into the Leon High School Football Hall of Fame, and leadership roles in statewide health and education organizations. His legacy is cemented in awards and facilities named in his honor, such as the Dr. T. Alan Cox Fitness Center and Athlete of the Year awards at Chiles High School. Outside of work, he is an accomplished endurance athlete, having completed five Ironman races and major marathons, including Boston and New York. He and his wife, Laurie, a fellow TSC Hall of Fame member, share a family that includes their son Lee, daughter-in-law Kate, and two grandchildren, Shepherd and Faustelle.