

Jade Davis

Voted by her senior classmates as “Most Likely to Make it to the Olympics,” Jade Davis was one of the most well rounded athletes to ever walk the halls of Columbia High School. The 2007 graduate may have never competed in the Olympics but she won two gold medals at the state track meet in Austin and her name still has a place in Columbia High’s record books today.

Jade broke her own school record in the 100-meter hurdles at the 2007 Class 3A state track meet with an amazing time of 14.40 seconds. Columbia High School’s previous school record in the 100-meter hurdles was 14.51 seconds, set by none other than Jade Davis in her sophomore year at CHS.

Jade placed an emphatic exclamation point on her high school track career when she closed out her senior year by adding a second gold medal at the state track meet in the long jump. Her first place finish in Austin with a leap of 18 feet, 11.5 inches proved to be the best in Class 3A in 2007. That was her third consecutive year to compete in multiple events in Austin. As a sophomore in 2005 Jade Davis competed in a remarkable five events for the Lady Roughnecks. And in 2006 Jade competed at the state track meet in the 100-meter hurdles and the 400-meter relay.

She improved on her fifth place finish in Austin in 2006 in the 100-meter hurdles by taking her place on the gold medal stand in the same event in 2007. Jade finished eighth in that event as a sophomore.

She finished third at state her sophomore year in the four-by-100 meter relay, running with Kiara Bonner, Kennetra Jones and Alyssa Gerbich. That same quartet of Lady Roughnecks placed fifth in 2005 in the four-by-200 meter relay at the state track meet.

Jade also finished fourth at state in the long jump and sixth in the high jump when she was only a sophomore.

But getting better each year at whatever sport she was participating in was Jade Davis’s trademark while wearing the maroon and white and a trait passed on to her by her parents, Kevin and Sheila Davis, who both excelled in athletics during their careers at Columbia High School.

Jade was a four-year letter winner as a varsity basketball player for Coach Patrice Ward. The Lady Roughnecks had not won a district championship in 28 years and had not participated in the playoffs in 18 years until Coach Ward’s teams did so when Jade Davis was their primary spark that kept the competitive fires burning. Jade helped lead the Lady Roughnecks to back-to-

back district championships as a junior and senior. She led the team in scoring with a 28.5 point average her senior season at Columbia High.

Jade Davis earned Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-State and All-Region honors, District MVP and All-Brazoria County MVP honors as a junior Lady Roughneck. She was named co-District 25-3A MVP as a sophomore after averaging 21.8 points per game.

Jade began her high school basketball career as the district's "Newcomer of the Year" her freshman season, got progressively better each year and finished with a bang. In addition to her two gold medals at the state track meet and being named the district's MVP in basketball, Jade Davis was also a three-time all-district selection in volleyball, garnering offensive MVP honors as a senior.

In addition to her year around devotion to athletics while attending Columbia High School, Jade was also a varsity cheerleader for three years.

Jade gives much credit to God, her family and to her coaches from her younger years, her AAU basketball coach Calvin Ward, his wife Patrice Ward who coached Jade in high school basketball, her volleyball coach Tracy Gregory as well as her Columbia High track coach Katherine Carr. Jade would also like to thank her late grandmother, Johnnie Mae Farris, who was a big supporter of Jade's when she was alive.

Jade played four years of college basketball for Coach Robert Robinson at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, played semi-pro basketball for the Houston Jaguars in 2014 and more recently was the only girl playing in a men's church basketball league in Angleton.

Jade was named Southland Conference Women's Basketball "Player of the Week" twice her junior season in Corpus Christi, the second time after posting her second 30-plus point effort of the 2010 season with the Islanders. Her first "Player of the Week" honor that season came in late 2009 when she scored 29 points in a overtime win for her team over SEC opponent Alabama that boosted Texas A&M-Corpus Christi to the Holiday Inn Emerald Beach Tip-Off Tournament championship. Our former Lady Roughneck was named the tournament MVP!

Jade began her senior season in Corpus Christi by being named first team preseason All-2010-2011 Southland Conference guard.

A former special education teacher in the Fort Bend school district, Jade Davis presently works with Children's Protective Services and resides in Rosharon.

She and her fellow 2017 Hall of Honor inductee Jordan Barrett are achieving this honor in their first year of eligibility.

