

## 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame Honoree



### ANNETT BUCKNER DAVIS

*CLASS OF 1991*

The St. Anthony High School 1991 yearbook features senior Annett Buckner as more than a Volleyball superstar. The yearbook also predicted she would be St. Anthony's "next Olympian". The yearbook writers were correct when they wrote those words for, in fact, Annette did go on to participate in the 2000 Olympics as a Beach Volleyball player. She was also a UCLA All-American.

At St. Anthony, Annett Buckner was 2-time CIF Player of the Year (1988-89) and a member of the 1988 CIF Championship Team. She went on to attend UCLA where she quickly garnered honors as the 1991 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year. She was a member of the 1991 NCAA National Championship Team and All-League Pac-10 in 1993 and 1994, as well as the 1994 Pac-10 Player of the Year. And on the 1994 NCAA All-Tournament Team.

In 1993-94 she was 1<sup>st</sup> Team NCAA All-American and has been named as one of the greatest 25 players in UCLA volleyball history. Annett is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> all-time with 1956 career points. During Annett's senior year at UCLA, she led the Bruins in points, kills, aces and solo blocks.

Annett's professional career spanned 18 years, including international competition. She was the Bud Light Pro Beach Volleyball Rookie of the Year and Sportsmanship Award Winner in 1995 and the Bud Light Pro Beach Volleyball League MVP and Offensive Player of the Year in 1996.

In 1997, Annett began her professional beach volleyball career and long-time partnership with Jenny Johnson Jordan. She competed two seasons on the four-person circuit where she teamed with Johnson Jordan, Gabrielle Reece and Stephanie Cox to lead the United States to the four-person title at the 1997 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships in Los Angeles.

In 1999, she partnered with Johnson Jordan again to win their first two career titles in Muskegon and Portugal. Their season earnings were the most of any U.S. team (men or women). In 2000, Annett won four titles on three different tours. She qualified for the 2000 Olympics with the second highest ranking worldwide, and placed fifth in the Sydney Games. She was named as the BVA Best Offensive Player. In 2002, Annett was named the AVP Best Server and received the AVP Special Achievement Award, and then in 2004, Annette and Johnson Jordan became the U.S. team with the most career tournaments played together. In Huntington Beach they played their 100<sup>th</sup> event together, a feat which only one other team in the world had accomplished.

Annett won the Queen of the Beach event in Honolulu, defeating Kerri Walsh in the finals, and then in 2009 the pair became the second American women's team to earn over \$1M in career domestic earnings as a partnership.

Family and fitness-oriented, Annett Buckner Davis is a dedicated wife to Byron and mother to son Mya, born in 2001, and daughter Victoria, born in 2005. Sports seems to run in the family, as Byron was a 12-time All-American swimmer and Annett's father, Cleveland Buckner, is a former NBA player who remembers playing with Wilt Chamberlain in the game where he scored 100 points.

When asked why Annett never pursued basketball, she says, "In my family, I'm considered short."

