

My name is Vickie M. Jolly (maiden name is Vickie M. Buford). I attended Tuskegee Institute from August 1980 through May 1984. I graduated in 1984 as All-American in Track and Field. The reason for this e-mail is that I would like for my accomplishments while at Tuskegee to be acknowledged and archived so that my family and others can view them accordingly, without me having to reiterate them.

I am the second of six children born to the late (Retired) SGM Isaiah Buford and late Annie Doris Buford. My Father served in the United States Army for 30 years.

As a Military Brat, my family traveled extensively. I was born in Fort Knox, KY, and graduated from Osterholz American High School in Osterholz, Germany. I can recall my family and I traveling through Alabama and I say the Tuskegee Institute sign. I told my parents that I would attend that college. However, little did I know, those words would become a reality.

I was an avid athlete. I played Volleyball and Basketball to keep in shape for my favorite sport, Track and Field. In my Junior year of high school, I started forwarding various articles of my accomplishments to the late Coach Tiny Laster, the Women's Track and Field Coach at Tuskegee. During my Senior year, I was named the Female Stars & Stripes Athlete of the Year (see attached document), and Coach Tiny Last offered me an Athletic Scholarship to Tuskegee.

Upon my graduation from high school in June 1980, I traveled to the United States and became a Freshman at Tuskegee Institute. Since my father had not completed his overseas obligation, the rest of my family stayed in Germany. As a Freshman/Sophomore, I ran Track at Tuskegee. As a Junior I played Volleyball and ran track for Coach Laster. My most productive track year was during my Senior year of college. I was the SIAC Champion in a variety of events and went on the the NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships in Cape Girardeau, MO, to complete in the Triple Jump and 800 meter run. I

placed second in the Triple Jump, with a jump of 40-5 1/2. I placed seventh in the 800 meters with a time of 2:10.6. Thus, I became an All-American in both events (see documents attached).

After college, I married my college sweetheart, Michael Jolly, also a Tuskegee graduate. Michael was in the United States Marine Corps. We traveled extensively and completed two tours, 6 years in Okinawa, Japan. We have one Son, who is also attending an HBCU and will graduate in May 2021. Michael retired from the Military after 22 years. I worked for the Federal Government for 34 years and retired in April 2018. I was awarded the Meritorious Civilian Award upon my retirement.