



Vickie Buford Jolly

Class of 1984

Vickie Jolly, a native of Columbus, Georgia enrolled at Tuskegee Institute on a four-year scholarship in Track and Field in 1980. She competed in the 400/800 meters, and triple jump. Vickie lettered in all three events for all four years. She competed in the NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships in 1984 and earned All American honors in the 800 meters and triple jump.

As a Business Administration graduate, she appeared in the 1984 Who's Who Among American College Students and in the Outstanding Women of America in 1986.

Vickie's professional career began as a Budget Assistant in the Federal Government and she successfully advanced to the position of Personnel, Policy & Programs Division Director. She completed 33 years of Federal Service and retired in 2018. She was awarded the Department of the Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award in recognition of Meritorious Service which was of high value and benefit to the Navy. Vickie aspired to help others in the Track and Field arena and accomplished that desire when she became an assistant coach for the Havelock Heat Track Club in 2016. She was responsible for the personal development of 23 teenage girls and boys. Twelve of these student-athletes went on to compete at the National Meet. Thirteen of these student-athletes competed at the collegiate level while earning their degrees.

Vickie is actively involved in her community and other organizations. She is the assistant secretary of the Our Hands Outreach Ministry, a substitute teacher at the Emily Lembeck Learning Center, and a Silver Star and Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is also a member of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, and an active Sunday School and Vacation Bible School team member.

Vickie is a supporter of Tuskegee University and has been a consistent supporter of the Tiny Laster Legacy Fund, which provides female athletes with funds to purchase books for school.

Vickie and her spouse, Michael Jolly, (Class of 85) reside in Huntsville, AL. They have one son, Michael II, and a Grandson, Michael III (Mikey).