

REGGIE PARKER

REGGIE WAS BORN IN LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS ON OCTOBER 5, 1968 TO ALICE

Faye Steele and Lawrence A. Parker, Sr.

Reggie is the youngest of three siblings, Anthony (Amp) Parker, and his late sister Alice Parker Ookeditse. Reggie attended Dora High School where he was a two sport athlete. Reggie began his varsity football career playing for Don Flippo. During his freshman campaign, Reggie started as a cornerback, led the team with 7 interceptions and was third in the state. At the conclusion of his freshman year, Reggie was named honorable mention to the All-County team. During Reggie's sophomore year, he took on more responsibilities and transitioned to tight-end on offense and defensive end on defense. During Reggie's football career at Dora, he was named to the Street and Smith All-American team as a tight-end and a three-time All-County performer. Reggie was also part of two State Championship runner-up teams during his high school tenure. After suffering a major shoulder injury, Reggie began to focus on basketball. During Reggie's sophomore campaign, he started as a power forward on the team where he began to excel. During his junior and senior seasons, he was named as one of the team captains. During Reggie's senior season, he averaged 19 points a game and was nominated to the McDonald's All-American team, Birmingham Super 12 Team, and All-County.



In 1987, Reggie accepted a basketball scholarship from Jacksonville State University and played for Coach Bill Jones. Reggie was a member of three conference championship teams, two Elite eight teams and a member of one final four team. During the 1990 football season, Reggie also played tight-end on the Jacksonville State Football team coached by Bill Burgess.

Reggie earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Jacksonville State University in Sociology and Corrections. Later Reggie returned to school and received his Master's Degree from Jacksonville State University in Community Agency Counseling. In 2019, Reggie was inducted into the Jacksonville State University Alumni Hall of Fame for Counselor Education.

Reggie began his law enforcement career at Jacksonville State University Police Department in 1993. He is the owner of Parker Counseling & Consulting, LLC and Catharsis, LLC. Reggie is a Licensed Professional Counselor with a background in crisis intervention. Reggie has special interest and experience in grief and crisis counseling. With a background in law enforcement, Reggie has served as a certified hostage negotiator for over twenty years. He also has experience leading professional seminars and therapy groups. Reggie is a member of the American Counseling Association, the Alabama Counseling Association, Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

One of the highlights of Parker's law enforcement career was being named the City of Hoover spokesperson when the city hosted President George W. Bush.

Reggie is married to Leslie Taylor Parker and they have two beautiful daughters, Jordan and Alyssa Parker.