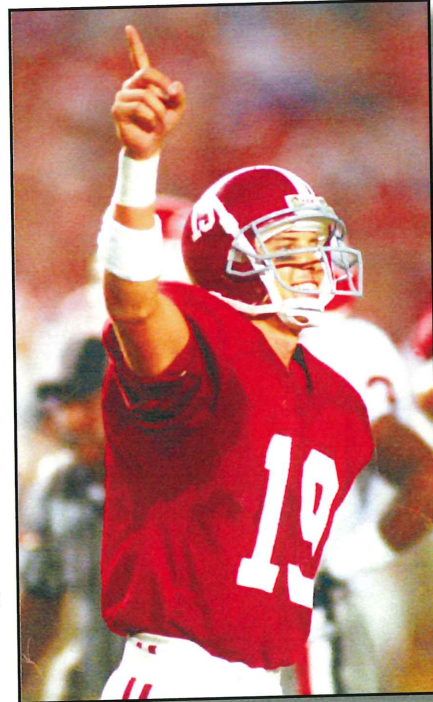


CHAD KEY

O N JANUARY 18, 1973, CHRISTOPHER CHAD KEY WAS BORN IN JASPER'S PEOPLE'S HOSPITAL TO THE LATE

Arnold C. Key and Judy Williamson Key of Cordova. Growing up in Walker County, Chad took an interest in sports and as a youth, dreamed of playing sports as long as he was able. In middle and high school, he played football, basketball, baseball, ran track/field and received many awards along the way. Chad graduated in 1991 and was later inducted into the Walker High School Hall-of-Fame and selected as one of the top 50 athletes in the last 100 years at Walker. After high school, he faced a difficult decision, was he to accept offers of scholarships to play football and basketball at various universities or fulfill his dream of playing football at The University of Alabama. After weighing his many options and deciding to accept one of the scholarship offers, he came home and had a conversation with his mother that would forever change his life. His father was employed by Alabama Power and his mother was a school teacher, so he knew that college would place a huge financial burden on his parents. Before telling his mother his decision, he ask her for the last time what he should do. She told him, Chad..do what YOU want to do. Irregardless of ANYTHING else, you do not want to live the rest of your life thinking 'What if'. With those strong and convincing words he packed his bags and walked-on for The University of Alabama football team. After just the first year, Chad was awarded the Paul "Bear" Bryant Most Valuable Walk-On Award and Coach Gene Stallings granted him a full scholarship. In hindsight, he wouldn't have changed a thing because it simply reinforced the values that he was taught by his parents and coaches, "that something earned with hard work is far more appreciated than something that is simply given." It also proved that with a relentless work ethic, unquenchable desire and most importantly with God, ALL things are possible.



While at Tuscaloosa, he was a member of the 1992 National Championship team, a three year letterman, Academic All-SEC and a member of the oldest FCA chapter started by a university in America. Trying to live out the scripture, "To whom much is given, much is required" while playing at 'Bama and since his playing days, Chad has traveled around the Southeast speaking at various schools, churches, organizations and banquets trying to do two things: (1) Attempting to leave a legacy of a man after God's own heart, not just a man with a championship ring, crimson jersey, invaluable lessons and many fond memories. (2) Attempting to pour positivity into all people in a world that so desperately needs it. Ultimately, he owes not only his athletics, but more importantly, his life achievement to God, his family, his coaches, mentors, trainers and fellow teammates. He quickly reminds people that he would not be close to where he is, if it were not for any and all of them.

Chad is married to Krystle Channel Key and they have four beautiful children: Anna Kathryn (23), Gracen (19), Colby (14) and Cameron (9).