

## LISA MAY-ATKINS

**LISA WAS BORN JANUARY 21, 1977, TO HOWARD AND DOTTIE MAY AND RAISED IN DORA, AL.**

Her family knew at a young age that sports would be something she was passionate about.

Lisa is a 1995 graduate of Dora High School where she was a three sport athlete. She lettered four years in volleyball, four years in softball, and two years in basketball. As a freshman she was awarded the Raymond May Award and as a senior the Ivy Paul Andrews Award. These awards were presented to the student athlete who excelled both athletically and academically. In her four years at DHS, Lisa earned MVP, All County, and All State honors in volleyball and softball. During her sophomore year Lisa would help lead the Lady Bulldogs to the AHSAA Softball State Championships. Her senior year, she helped the Lady Bulldogs to a third place finish at the AHSAA Volleyball State Championships.

Receiving a scholarship from Wallace State in Hanceville, AL, Lisa went on to play volleyball and softball in college. As a player at Wallace State, she was named a two time All Conference player in volleyball, and in softball she was chosen as a member of the AJCCC All State Team. Additionally, in volleyball, Lisa was named AJCCC MVP and Player of the Year and was honored as NJCAA All American Nominee during her sophomore campaign. Lisa earned a volleyball scholarship to Jacksonville State University where she finished her playing career earning All-Conference Newcomer of the Year as a junior and All Conference team as a senior along with several other records and accomplishments.

After graduating from Jacksonville State University, Lisa took a coaching position at Wallace State Hanceville. During her six year run as head volleyball coach, the Lady Lions won four Conference, Regional, and District titles and earned four National Championship appearances. Lisa was awarded ACCC Coach of the Year and NJCAA Regional Coach of the Year in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. She also served as the Lady Lions assistant softball coach which was also very successful and earned a Conference and Regional Championship sending them to the NJCAA World Series.

After deciding to leave Wallace State and coaching in 2005, Lisa moved to Northport, AL with her husband Mark. Their son Travis was born in 2009. She is a member of the Junior League of Tuscaloosa and volunteers regularly at American Christian Academy where her son attends school. Lisa co-founded the Capstone Sports Foundation along with her son Travis in 2017. The foundation's mission and focus is collecting and recycling used sports equipment and donating it to deserving children in the Alabama area. Lisa now enjoys playing competitive tennis for Northriver Tennis Club and watching her son compete and grow through his passion for athletics.

