

## KDS Alum Inducted into Marshall County Sports Hall of Fame

Kimberly “Kimi” Nedeau was born in 1979 in Lafayette, Louisiana. After her family moved to Alabama in 1989, Kim enrolled at KDS DAR Elementary in 1990 when her mother, Tina Warren, was hired as the Elementary Librarian and Media Specialist.

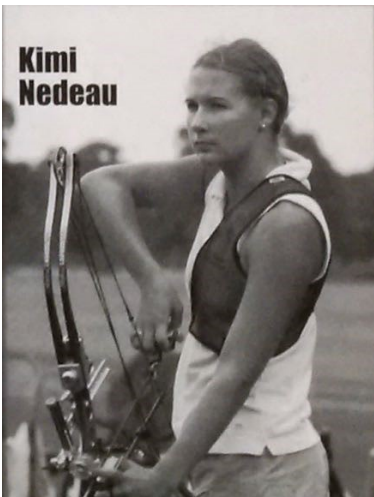
At KDS DAR High School, Kim excelled in both academics and sports. She gives credit to then KDS DAR Track and Field Coach Diane Myers for her coaching and motivation. Kimi qualified for the Alabama State Track and Field Meet five years in a row and set school records in both the 400 and 800 meter runs. Her awards include All-Marshall County Track in 1995 and 1997 and Track MVP in 1993, 1994, and 1995. In addition to track and field, Kimberly was also a junior high and varsity cheerleader. She was selected most School Spirit in 1996 and 1997.

In addition to athletics, Nedeau was also selected to participate in the Marshall County Youth Leadership Program, Girls State, and was a People to People Student Ambassador to Europe in 1997. She was ranked third in the KDS DAR graduation class of 1997 and received a Dredla-Sanderson Scholarship in addition to a Texas A&M Leadership Scholarship. Kimberly used these to study International Business and Pre-Law at Texas A&M.

In 1999, Kim was taking an elective physical education class in archery, taught by Texas A&M archery coach Frank Thomas. Coach Thomas thought that she had good potential for the sport and offered her a scholarship to be on the Women’s Archery Team. She went on to be a two-year varsity letter-winner and part of two indoor and two outdoor National Championship Teams at A&M. In the outdoor Nationals held in 2000, Kimi placed tenth and the team won the National Championship.



*In this photo of the 1994 Lady Patriots Track and Field Team, Kim Nedeau is shown on the bottom right, and Coach Diane Myers is on the top left.*



During the 2001 Championships, she finished fifth nationally and added another National Championship to her credits. She also won first place in the Texas State Field in 2000 and was the Texas State Archery Association Compound Archer of the Year in 2001.

As a student at Texas A&M, Nedeau was on the Dean’s List, The Aggie Bonfire Crew, The Century Club, and was the Legett Hall Traditions Chairman in 1998-99. After graduation in 2001, she moved to Florida to work in the construction field and is currently the Director of Purchasing for Pulte Homes, the third largest residential construction company in the U.S. Kimberly has continued her education, receiving a Master of Science Degree in 2007 from the University of South Florida and a Juris Doctorate from Stetson University of Law in 2015.

Kim and her husband Paul continue to enjoy running together by participating in a variety of national and international running events, including marathons. In her spare time, Kimberly has volunteered with Guardian Ad Litem as a child advocate in court and in the DART animal shelter. She also teaches a second grade Sunday School class at her church.