

# CHATting WITH HALL OF FAMER JONES

Former Carver and Wake star baller Porsche Jones is now a Hall of Famer. She was recently inducted into the Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County High School Hall of Fame.

That's not the reason that I chose to talk to her this week. I interviewed "P-Butta" because she's one of my favorite former female ballers. And, I simply like talking to her. She's cool as they come. Jones is also serious as they come. She doesn't play. That was evident during her playing days. She was strictly about business on the court — especially at Carver, where she set the school's single-season scoring record and helped the Yellowjackets to a state title in 2001. She's actually accredited with turning things around at Carver.

"She resurrected the basketball program at Carver," said Winston-Salem Sportsmen Club president Robert Wynn. "The (Carver) basketball team didn't win many games before she arrived. Carver was 2-70 before she arrived. They were 50-1 with her. They turned into a powerhouse with her."

She and talked a little basketball on Tuesday evening. We also discussed her AAU team (Team B.O.N.D.), her new nephew, Tony Parker, Louis Lowery and seafood. I also asked her what's good with her love life. Take a look at what she said during a very cool interview earlier this week.

**Anthony:** Sorry it took me so long, but I have been at a press conference. They announced the MEAC tournament was coming to Winston.

**Porsche:** That's OK.

**Anthony:** OK. What's going on with you Miss Jones?

**Porsche:** Nothing much. I'm about to take me a lil nap before I head to a meeting. That's about it.

**Anthony:** I don't think I've had the chance to speak to you since you were inducted into the hall of fame. Give me your thoughts on having such an honor bestowed upon you.

**Porsche:** Of all the awards and recognition that I've received from basketball, this is above them all. It didn't really hit me until that night. That was a major night.

**Anthony:** And, you gave the best speech. One of your relatives told me that you basically freestyled that speech.

**Porsche:** Yeah. People that know me know that I'm kind of soft spoken. I really don't say much. I'm a person of a few words. I figured I would just speak from the heart, and just let it flow. That's what happened.



Local legend Porsche Jones receives her Hall of Fame medal from her grandmother.

**Anthony:** What was going through your mind before you actually had to speak?

**Porsche:** I was definitely looking through the crowd and seeing some of the people that used to come to my games. Coach Poe was actually out there crying. I had so many things going through my head.

**Anthony:** OK. Your AAU team is doing big things. You're presently 26-4?

**Porsche:** Right.

**Anthony:** First year, and you're headed to the national tournament. How excited are you about that?

**Porsche:** Everything is still happening kind of quickly. We're doing better than I even expected. But they're learning things, and doing some of the things that I've learned through the years. I want to prepare all of them to be able to go on and get scholarships when they get older.

**Anthony:** You've coached JV and varsity basketball. But do you enjoy coaching 10 year olds more?

**Porsche:** I actually enjoy giving back, period. Whether it's coaching, holding a camp or doing anything. (Porsche pauses.) Hey, Phyllis. But I would say this 10-year-old team is my bread and butter. That's what I want to put my stamp on. These girls are ready to learn. And, they're very talented. Carver is my heart. But Team B.O.N.D is my bread and butter.

**Anthony:** Do your younger girls look up to you?

**Porsche:** Well, their parents know more about what I've done than they do, obviously. They were all born in like, '98. So they don't know anything about me, as far as seeing me play. But they

challenge me a lot in practice. They want to race me, and play me in horse.

**Anthony:** (Both laugh.) How's the fundraising going? I know you all had a car wash over the weekend?

**Porsche:** My car wash went pretty well. It actually rained a little bit. That kind of slowed us down. We're out here getting it the best way that we know how. We'll take all of the help we can get to take us to the next level. If anyone wants to help us, please do.

kids in school. I help mentor and keep them focused. And, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, I have basketball practice. It's kind of a busy day. I work 10-12 hour days.

**Anthony:** So, what else has been going on?

**Porsche:** I've been spending a lot of time with my family. My sister just had a new child, so I have a new nephew. I also just moved to Kernersville. I'm just living life, and taking it one day at a time. Trying to experience bigger and better things. Maybe



**Anthony:** What do people need to do to help?

**Porsche:** You can call me at 336-995-8718 or email me at bondskills@hotmail.com. There's actually nothing on the website about how people can help.

**Anthony:** Um, don't you think that needs to be available?

**Porsche:** I would do it if I knew how. Scott Abdul, with Scott Cares, is supposed to be updating my site. Make sure you put that in there.

**Anthony:** (Laughs.) Aight. What does a normal day in your life consist of?

**Porsche:** I work for Advanced Placement. I'm contracted through the school system. I work with two or three

one day I'll be able to start a family in the next couple of years.

**Anthony:** (Smiles.) I hear that. Have you been watching any of the NBA playoffs?

**Porsche:** Yeah. I'm a big Tony Parker fan. But I was cheering for Chris (Paul) during that series. I haven't really been watching it since the last series because I don't think the Spurs will get past the Lakers. But I still love Tony Parker.

**Anthony:** But, is Chris the best point guard in the league?

**Porsche:** Definitely.

**Anthony:** Aight. What was the last movie you went to see?

**Porsche:** I went to see "Iron Man" with my nephew and one of my players.



Jones

**Anthony:** If you could play anyone in one-on-one who would it be?

**Porsche:** I would say, Louis Lowery. (Giggles.) My record against him is 12-2. Put that in there.

**Anthony:** (Laughs.) If you could visit any place for a vacation where would it be?

**Porsche:** It would probably be Paris, France. I've never been there. If anyone wants to take me to Paris give me a call.

**Anthony:** (Smiles.) I hear you. Since you're calling out people. What's up with your love life? What's good with that? Hmm?

**Porsche:** (Laughs.) My love life is just like my career. It's headed in the right direction. It's an uphill race, but I will get there one day. I'm going to leave that up to God.

**Anthony:** Good answer. Who are the best players you've seen?

**Porsche:** I would have to say Ivory Latta and Alana Beard were the toughest I've played. Candace Parker is good too.

**Anthony:** Yeah, Candace is a monster. Did you know that Camille and Ivory Latta play together again?

**Porsche:** I didn't know that.

**Anthony:** Yeah, they both play for the Atlanta Dream now.

**Porsche:** I didn't know that, but that's what's up. Hopefully they'll be on another level in the next couple of years.

**Anthony:** What do you see yourself doing in the next couple of years?

**Porsche:** Well, I have my hand in a couple different things. I'm trying to start a chain of group homes. I would also like to be a head coach one day. I'm also doing camps. My second annual camp will be in August. Everything is kind of surrounding kids and giving back — and basketball. Basketball is a pathway to reach kids in a lot of ways.

**Anthony:** When was the last time you talked to J-Ho (Josh Howard)? How's he doing?

**Porsche:** I talked to him two

days ago. He's doing good. He's vacationing and chilling. He's actually the sponsor of my team. We thank him for everything that he's done, even though a lot of negative things are being said about him. People fail to look at all the positive things that he's done and will continue to do. So, shout out to J-Ho.

**Anthony:** That's what's up. If someone wants to take you out where would they need to take you?

**Porsche:** Let's see. You can take me to The Seafood Shack in Walkertown. They've kind of claimed me. It's real cheap.

**Anthony:** (Smiles.) Oh, you're an good date.

**Porsche:** I'm a great date.

**Anthony:** Aight. If you could date any celebrity who would it be?

**Porsche:** Oh, Lord. There's so many. Can I give you my top 5?

**Anthony:** Sure.

**Porsche:** Nah, just leave it at Tony Parker.

**Anthony:** (Laughs.) OK. I'm not going to say anything about you not naming any dark brothers. That's going to upset some folks.

**Porsche:** I know. Don't even put that in there.

**Anthony:** Whatever. (Both laugh.) Let's finish with free association. Um, Porsche Jones.

**Porsche:** Great person.

**Anthony:** Team B.O.N.D.

**Porsche:** New AAU organization.

**Anthony:** 10U National Champs.

**Porsche:** Team B.O.N.D.

**Anthony:** Josh Howard.

**Porsche:** Big Cuzzo. One of the best players to come out of Winston-Salem.

**Anthony:** Wake Forest.

**Porsche:** A great school.

**Anthony:** Coach Derrick Speas.

**Porsche:** (Laughs.) No comemnt. Nah, he's good friend, coach and trainer.

**Anthony:** Margaret Harvey. (Forsyth Country Day senior).

**Porsche:** Great player. I think she will do well at Wake.

**Anthony:** Last question. Do you think FCD should be allowed to play in the Mary Garber?

**Porsche:** I don't mind. Not at all. But they're going outside of the public school rules. They're bringing in girls from overseas. They've got a little prep school. That would be the only problem. I wouldn't have an issue if I were playing. As a coach, that's different. You know what I'm saying?

**Anthony:** I got you. We're done. I will talk with you later.

**Porsche:** OK. Thank you, Ant.

## Saint Augustine's Kindred wins High Jump at Nationals



Joe Kindred

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Joe Kindred of Saint Augustine's College (Fuquay-Varina, NC) won the men's high jump title last Friday (May 23) during the NCAA Division II National Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Mt. San Antonio College.

Kindred, the top seed in the event, cleared 6-11 3/4 to beat Craig Saalfeld of Emporia State, Corey Reynolds of Missouri Southern and Desi Burt of Cal State LA, whom all jumped 6-10 3/4. Clarence Taylor of Virginia State jumped 6-8 3/4 to finish seventh.

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Kindred is the 2008 Division II national men's field athlete of the year. Kindred finished second in the long jump on May 22. He leaped 24-5 3/4 to finish behind winner David Registe of Alaska Anchorage. Registe won with a jump of 24-8 1/2.

As for the team, Saint Augustine's College mounted a furious rally but Abilene Christian held on to win the men's national title last Saturday evening (May 24). Abilene Christian also won the women's crown while Saint Augustine's tied for sixth with South Dakota.

The Abilene Christian men outlasted Saint Augustine's College 108.5-102 to claim its sixth championship in seven years and 17th overall. The Falcons, who last won a men's title in 2001, took second for the third straight year. The margin was the closest since 2006 when ACU nipped Saint Aug 80-77.5.

Ashland was third with 55 points and Adams State was fourth with 51 points.

ACU led Saint Aug 88.5-56 with seven events remaining but the Falcons' Dennis Boone swept the

100 and 200 and the Falcons' 4x400 relay team of Josh Scott, Chris Cox, Antonio Abney and Randy Curry captured first place in the final event.

In the women's division, Barbara Pierre defended her crown in the 100 and helped the 4x100 relay team including Erica Young, Sheena Johns and Treva Hutchinson finish second for the Lady Falcons, who scored 37 points. ACU easily won with 76.5 points followed by Adams State with 55 points and Lincoln (Mo.) with 54 points.

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