

# Dana Birnie – Class of 2001

## Honors & Involvement at Wesleyan

- Member of the volleyball, basketball, golf and soccer teams
- Chorus
- Student Council VP of junior class
- Serve-His League
- National Honor Society
- Mission trip to Honduras
- Volleyball school record holder in single season & career kill percentage
- 3<sup>rd</sup> all time in single & career season kills and blocks
- Volleyball: All-State – 2000
- AJC All State Basketball Honorable Mention 2000 - (First Wesleyan player to earn All State honor)
- AJC All State Basketball First Team – 2001 (First to earn First Team All State)
- Associated Press Basketball All State – 2001
- Member of North team in GACA Basketball All Star game 2001 - (First Wesleyan player named to this team)
- Member of Georgia team in Georgia/Tennessee Basketball All Star game - 2001
- Basketball All Region – 2000, 2001
- Gwinnett Daily Post All County Basketball – 2000, 2001
- AJC All Gwinnett County Basketball First Team – 2000, 2001
- Gwinnett Tipoff All County Basketball First Team – 2000, 2001
- First Wesleyan player to score 1000 career points, finished with 1,366 career points, 4<sup>th</sup> All time
- 724 career rebounds, 2<sup>nd</sup> All time
- 341 career assists, 4<sup>th</sup> All time
- 83 career blocked shots, 4<sup>th</sup> All time
- 585 points scored senior season (2000-2001), 5<sup>th</sup> All time
- Only Wesleyan player to average double digits in rebounds per game average in a season (10.9 rpg in 1999-2000)
- 54.5% field goal average in 2000-2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> All time
- 2001 Most Valuable Senior Female Athlete

## **Postgraduate Honors**

- 1<sup>st</sup> full scholarship awarded to a Wesleyan athlete in basketball to Presbyterian College
- SAC Freshman of the Year at Presbyterian College
- Masters Degree in Counseling at Denver Seminary

## **Story**

“Dana started at point guard standing 5’1 in our first ever varsity basketball game vs. AIS and scored 22 points after breaking her wrist during warm-ups. We won that game but then went on to a 4 – 16 record. Four years later she ended her career standing 6’0 and starting in the state championship game vs. Jefferson scoring 16 points and bringing home our first State Runner-Up trophy. We ended that season with a 31 – 2 record and our first region championship. Dana was a well rounded athlete excelling in basketball, volleyball, soccer and golf. She was a huge part of the first Final Four volleyball team. Dana was a leader in setting the athletic foundation at Wesleyan.” – Jan Azar