

## Outstanding Alumni: Mrs. Jennifer Chandler Stevenson '77



**Jennifer Chandler** is a retired American diver who won the gold medal in the women's 3 metre springboard event at the 1976 Summer Olympics. She also won a gold medal at the 1975 Pan American Games and a bronze medal at the 1978 World Aquatics Championships. She is also a seven-time national diving champion.

Jennifer started diving when she was nine. When she was 12 she went to the junior Olympics. In 1975 she won the AAU national indoor 1-meter springboard event. In 1976 she won the national indoor 3-meter springboard championship. She retired when she was 21 due to back injuries.

Jennifer was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame (ASHOF) in 1985. She was also inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1987. She has done work as an expert commentator for several national television networks. She became the Educational Outreach Director for ASHOF in 2003. She now works for the Lakeshore Foundation, a world-class rehabilitation and athletic training facility located in Birmingham, Alabama, as their Development and Special Events Coordinator.

She earned a BFA in drawing and painting from The University of Arizona. She is also a painter with work on display through the Art of the Olympians organization.

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