

## Sherry Price Bio

-Sherry started playing tennis at 7 years old. Came to Florida at 10 years old and began her junior career here in Bradenton at Nick Bolleteri Tennis Academy with Bob Davis (Black Dynamics) She stayed in the top 10 nationally through the 14s and kept high national rankings until she left Florida at 17 years old for The University of Southern Mississippi.

-Sherry's older sister Shawny also played at Southern Miss where she earned All American as a tennis player.

-Sherry graduated HS a semester early and began her college career in the spring of 2005, where she played #1 singles and #1 doubles, earned conference player awards, student athlete of the week awards and played in NCAA regional qualifiers. She earned a Bachelor of Science in political science.

-Sherry moved to Queens NY at 21 years old and worked as a tennis professional at West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, NY. Whilst she worked on her tennis teaching profession, she played the role of Althea Gibson in the documentary film ALTHEA.

-Sherry was offered a Graduate Assistant position in the fall of 2009 at a small private school on Staten Island called Wagner College. Within a week of being accepted to the school and accepting the graduate position, she was unexpectedly put into the position of interim Head Women's and Men's tennis coach without an assistant coach. Sherry recruited players, held practices, organized team scheduling and matches, budgeted and designed programming for both teams while maintaining and graduating with a 4.0 GPA honors Master of Science in Education.

-Sherry moved to Brooklyn, NY and earned a position with the National Urban League (New York affiliate) in Harlem, NY where she again took an interim position of Education Director and developed, implemented and facilitated curriculum for students in middle and high schools across all boroughs in NYC. The Absolute Success College Access Program (ASCAP) was her main priority, taking a group of young, academically gifted boys to New Orleans, LA to the National Urban League Conference where they participated in a case competition that she prepared these specific students for, for two years. She had the honor of attending this event with her students and participating with former President Barack Obama and many black leaders across the country to achieve the many goals of young people and their communities while in school and once they move into their collegiate careers. She helped plan and facilitate Girls and Boys Empowerment Days and HBCU College fairs and events.

-Sherry decided to step back into tennis and this time took her new skill sets in Education and used them at Advantage Tennis in Manhattan, NY. Sherry was hired on as an assistant director and helped build the junior programs, adult programs and summer camps at Martime College and New York Tennis Club in Bronx, NY.

-After a year, Sherry was promoted to Site Director for The Avenues Global School and education curriculum development team for The United Nations School.

-At the same time, Sherry also worked as a High Performance junior and adult tennis pro for Love and Sudden Death Tennis in Brooklyn, NY and New York Sports Club junior and adult professional.

-At 28 years old, Sherry decided to move back home to Bradenton, FL where she worked as an independent professional at Sarasota Country Club with her own brand Phoenix Rising Academy of Tennis & Education.

-Sherry has been working as a recreation coordinator for Manatee County since May of last year and is looking forward to the future of tennis and education and how she can help develop tennis in and around Manatee County.