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Tasha Danvers, 2-time Olympian and 2008 Olympic Bronze Medalist is a woman of many talents. She was born and raised in London, England where she lived until she was recruited to run track at the University of Southern California, in the fall of 1996.

From the beginning it was clear Tasha was destined to become one of USC's true track stars, competing in the 400m hurdles, 100m hurdles, High Jump, and 4x400m relay. From start to finish her career at USC flourished not only on the track, but in the class room, with top placements at PAC-10s, NCAA Championships and on the Dean's List at the Thornton School of Music. USC's head coach referred to Tasha as being 'arguably USC's greatest ever all-round track athlete'. Her winning personality, talent, and leadership skills were not only recognized by her coaches but also her peers, when in 1999 as a junior she was first voted Team Captain, and then again as a senior. In 2000, she culminated her career achievements by becoming the PAC-10 and NCAA 400m Hurdles Champion, the highest possible achievement for a collegiate athlete. The year 2000 also saw Tasha break the USC school record and become a Sydney Olympic Games Finalist in both her individual event and the relay.

After graduating from USC with a B.S. in Music Industry, Tasha continued her athletic success as a professional athlete. In 2004, she took time off to give birth to her son Jaden Wayde Smith born December 8. This was the only year in her professional career where she was not ranked in the top 10 in the world. Her dedication continued to amaze those following her career when in 2006 not only was she back to being ranked #1 in Great Britain and 6 in the world, but she became the Commonwealth Games Silver Medalist.

In February 2007 she was awarded her Alma Mater's highest honor, when she was inducted into the U.S.C. Track & Field Hall of Fame. Shortly after she suffered an injury, which took her out of training for 2 months, but just as with her pregnancy, this did not stop her. Tasha fought her way back to the top, finishing her season again ranked #1 in Great Britain, placing in the top 8 at the World Championships and running an outstanding time of 54.08 (only 6/100ths of a second off her lifetime best).

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So with hard work, persistence, and dedication the stage was set for Tasha to achieve her dream of becoming an Olympic Champion. Unfortunately the 2008 season was riddled with injury and the Olympic dream was beginning to look bleak after she failed to win her Olympic Trials. After long consideration the Olympic Team Selectors decided to bank on Tasha's go-getter personality and history of always performing when it mattered most. On August 20th, Tasha became the 400m Hurdles Olympic Bronze medalist. She is the second British woman in history, not only to receive a medal, but to reach the Olympic final in her event.

Her dynamic personality and her success have seen her receive much adoration and respect from people across the globe. She now uses her success as a platform to help others identify their goals and start... Making It Happen! She strives to ignite the spark in every individual and assist them in maximizing their personal effectiveness and achieving their desired goals using her experiences of both failure and success. Her determination, compassion, and desire to see others succeed make her one of life's winners!

Continue below for stats 😊

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Stats At A Glance

PERSONAL RECORDS

400MH- 53.84 100MH- 12.96 400M- 52.89 300M- 37.80 High Jump- 1.82 (5'11" ³/₄)

AMBASSADORSHIPS

Jaguar Academy of Sport Ambassador
Youth Sports Trust Ambassador
Spirit of London Awards Ambassador
UK Athletics Academy Ambassador
European Athletics Athletes Commission Representative
London Sports Trust Trustee
Connie Henry's Track Academy Ambassador

ACCOLADES

2008 British #1 Olympic Bronze Medalist Ranked #4 in the World Best time 400MH 53.84	2007 European Cup Champion UK National Champion World Championship Finalist World Athletic Finalist Top 8 in the world. British #1 Best Time: 400MH 54.08
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ACCOLADES CONT...

2006 Commonwealth Games Silver medalist Gateshead Grand Prix Champion European Cup Champion UK National Champion European Championship Finalist World Athletic Finalist British #1 Best Time: 400MH 54.82	2005 (Return from pregnancy) UK Nationals Finalist Best Time: 400MH 57.47
2003 World Championship Semi-Finalist Best Time: 400MH 54.02 100MH 12.96 (Lifetime Bests)	2002 Commonwealth Games Finalist Best Time: 400MH 55.68 100MH 13.20
2001 World University Games Champion Best Time: 400MH 54.94	2000 Pac-10 Champion NCAA Champion