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Olympian Tianna Bartoletta Visits Butler County Schools Motivational Message Inspires Students

Butler County School System students welcomed Tianna Bartoletta, a two-time Olympian with three gold medals who specializes in the long jump and short sprinting events, to their schools on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. Ms. Bartoletta visited students, especially those involved in the Track and Field Programs, at Georgiana School and Greenville High School.

Ms. Bartoletta's message to the students was very positive with an emphasis on being perseverant. She encouraged students to continue to work hard to meet their goals in life and to not be discouraged by obstacles they may encounter.

Mrs. Bartoletta won nine state championships in high school and was the 2003 Gatorade High School Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year. She also won the World Championship long jump in 2005, and won the World Indoor Championship the following year. While at the University of Tennessee, she became an NCAA Champion, All-American and SEC Academic All-American.

She won gold and set a world record with teammates in the 4x100m in the 2012 Olympics in London. She was named to the U.S. National Bobsled Team in 2012 and finished third in her first World Cup event. In 2016 she again claimed a gold medal in the long jump at the 2016 Olympics in Rio. She later picked up a second gold as part of the 4x100m relay.

Since the 2016 Olympics, Mrs. Bartoletta has focused much of her energy on serving as a volunteer and positive role model for young people throughout the country. She is the founder and president of Club 360, a program helping young women build successful lives by enabling them to broaden their experiences and make educated decisions. Superintendent John Strycker stated, "Butler County's students look forward to additional visits from Mrs. Bartoletta in the future."

Please call John Strycker, Superintendent, regarding any questions or concerns at (334) 382-2665.

