

Collegiate Best: Pole vault (12'5.5")

Regional Qualifications: Pole vault (12'5.5")

FSU School Records: 4th all-time in the pole vault (12'5.5")

Personal Best: Pole vault - Outdoor (12'5.5")

2006 Best: Pole vault - Outdoor (12'5.5") FSU Relays and Reebok Invitational

2006: Outdoor - Regionally qualified at the FSU Relays and the Reebok Invitational... cleared the standard at 12'5.5" (3.80m), her lifetime best mark... finished in second-place at the Reebok Invitational after a jump-off... placed fourth in the FSU Relays, just her second outdoor collegiate meet...her career-best mark ranks her fourth overall and the best freshman vaulter in the league ...moved into fourth-place on the all-time performers list in just her second collegiate meet of the year... second highest vaulter on the team, after NCAA runner-up Lacy Janson, with six of the top ten heights of the season... only the second pole vaulter to regionally qualify in FSU history... won the pole vault at the Golden Twilight... one of 15 regional qualifiers on the team and two in the pole vault... has the eleventh highest vault in the region... scored three points towards the team title in taking sixth-place at her first Atlantic Coast Conference Championships with a height of 12'1.5" (3.70m)... won her first outdoor collegiate competition, in taking the Snowbird Invitational pole vault crown with a height of 11'11.75" (3.65m)... finished in eighth-place at the Texas Relays with the same height. **Indoor** - pole vaulted career best 12'6" at the ACC Championships, finishing in 5th place...placed 10th at the Lobo Invite, pole vaulting 12'00.50 at the Tyson Invite...at the Lobo Invite, Tori placed 7th, pole vaulting 11'11.75"...finished 4th at the Florida Intercollegiate, pole vaulting 11'5.75"... at the Clemson Opener, Tori pole vaulted 10'11.75, placing 4th...**Prep:** 2005 graduate of Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis, Ind.... only female pole vaulter on an all male track and field team, until she successfully spearheaded a Title IX lawsuit that led to the introduction of girls' pole vault at the high school level in Indiana... 2003 Indiana High School State Champion and 2004 state runner-up... member of the junior world championships team... won a gold medal in climbing at the Gorge Games in July, 2001... at the age of 13, only female climber to hold all four major domestic competitive titles in rock climbing... youngest female climber to ever summit the Nose of El Capitan (2001)... 2002 Speed Climbing Champion at the ESPN X-Games... youngest ever X-Games champion and set a new competition record in the process... Junior Olympic Pole Vault Champion... Personal: Born in Auburn, Ala., but moved to Benin, Africa when she was four with her parents on a Christian Mission... daughter of Shawntel Allen... has her own signature rock climbing doll... motivational speaker... released a motivational book entitled "Life Rocks!", which encourages and empowers children to take responsibility for making positive choices in their lives... started an organization called FREAK, which encourages young female athletes to exhibit sportsmanship... 2005 recipient of the Cosmo Girl Born To Lead Award for creating a sportsmanship program.

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PROFILE

▶ Class: Sophomore	▶ Event: Pole vault
▶ Hometown: Indianapolis, IN	
▶ High School: Lawrence Central	

Tori Allen grew up climbing trees with monkeys in the jungles of Africa. She now lives in the United States - but she's still one of the best climbers and she still hangs out with monkeys.

When Tori Allen was four years old, she moved with her parents to Benin, a small country in Africa, because her parents were working in a Christian mission. While she was there, Tori began climbing trees and soon adopted a mona monkey named Georgie who followed her into the trees everywhere. Before Tori Allen and her family returned to the United States, Georgie was bitten by [a snake](#) and died. While Georgie went to monkey heaven, Tori went to Indiana and started climbing on climbing walls when she was 10. A month later Tori Allen entered her first wall climbing competition and won.



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Since then, Tori Allen has been a climbing machine. She is now one of the top ranked climbers in the United States. In 2000, Tori Allen became the youngest person to climb a route with a 5.13a

(out of a 5.15a) degree of difficulty on a first try. She also won a gold medal in climbing at the Gorge Games in July, 2001. Tori Allen's success comes from her flexibility and the use of her monkey-like fingers and toes and her overly long arms. Sometimes Tori hangs from a rock using nothing more than the ends of two fingers. It also helps that her parents own a climbing gym near their home in Indiana.



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It was the monkeys in Africa that first taught Tori Allen how to climb and she's never forgotten them. She has a collection of more than 200 toy monkeys and at competitions she throws out tiny monkey dolls to the crowd. Not surprisingly, Tori Allen always climbs with a tiny Curious George doll to remember her first climbing partner - Georgie, the monkey in Africa.