

Debbie Freeman was a Jacksonville High School girl's track and field star in the mid-1970's. One of East Carolina University's all-time women's basketball standouts and a member of the ECU Sports Hall of Fame. She still holds the ECU single-game rebounding record of 26 she set in 1977 against UNC-Greensboro. As a basketball coach, she made Jacksonville a top program in the Mideastern 4-A Conference and state playoff contender in the 1980's.