BIO - Beth (LaGrone) Fulton

Beth (LaGrone) Fulton played tennis at KC for the 2000-2001 season under coach Chris Blair.

In 2000, after graduating from Kilgore High School as number nine in her class and a four-time All-District tennis player who had also achieved a USTA Top-50 Singles ranking for her age division in Texas, Beth thought she had retired from tennis. Her plans included attending Kilgore College for one year before transferring to the University of North Texas in Denton.

However, her plans changed a few days before the fall semester began when Chris Blair, who had been her private tennis coach growing up, called and asked her to join the team as a walk-on as he had just lost one of his players and they had a match that weekend. As a favor to him, she agreed. So much for retirement!

During her year at KC, she was named a Rotary Scholar Athlete, had a 15-3 record for regional match play and became an All-American player by winning NJCAA Division II Nationals in singles that year. Her singles ranking was 32nd in the NJCAA national rankings. She did this while maintaining Dean’s List, serving Student Government as Representative to the KC Athletic Committee and lifeguarding at the Parks Fitness Center 15 hours a week.

After a memorable freshman year, Beth then stuck to her original plans and went on to the University of North Texas as a sophomore where she graduated in 2004 with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. That same year, she married fellow UNT alumni, Kenneth Fulton.

They currently reside in Austin where Beth is the Director of Marketing and Analytics for The Zenith – a premier workers’ compensation insurance company and Kenneth teaches Architecture and Animation at Westwood High School in the Round Rock school district.

They have two daughters, Audrey (10) and Ellie (5) who Beth would love to someday turn into future tennis players.

Today we are pleased to induct Beth LaGrone Fulton into the KC Athletics Hall of Fame.