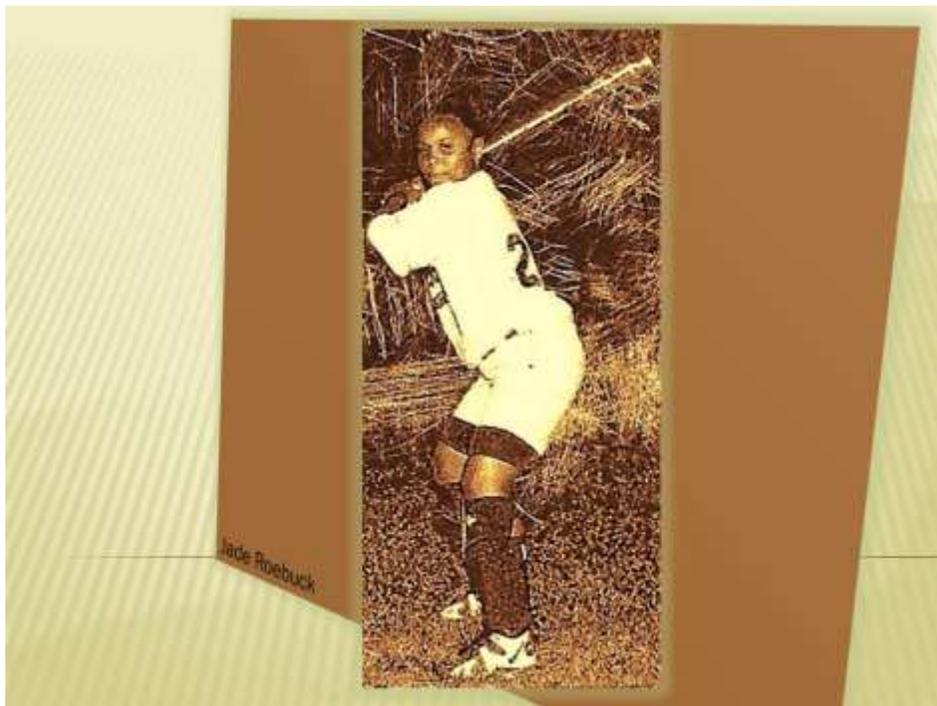


Youth Sports

- **Build Strength in Character**
- Provide guidance in achieving goals and opportunities
- Inspire and shape communities for generations to come



Jade Roebuck, daughter of Arturo and Heather Roebuck, is a native of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Like her sister Natalie Roebuck, Jade's love for the outdoors began with many sun-filled days playing in the Caribbean Sea. She began playing softball at Pearl B. Larsen School in the late 1980s and later at Elena Christian School – both located in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The ongoing support of their parents eventually led Jade & Natalie to become team players in the local *"Pony Little League."*

Jade's father, Arturo Roebuck, made an adjustment from his hectic schedule as Police Corporal to full-time personal coach – supporting both Jade and her sister Natalie in their athletic activities. His decision to retire from the U.S. Virgin Islands Police Department and venture into new experiences that would continue to inspire and shape his community, also gave his two daughters an opportunity to represent the U.S. Virgin Islands and Coach Lisa Thomas. They took the next step, travelling to Normal, Illinois and playing for the All Star fast-pitch softball team.

More adjustments for the Roebuck family meant introducing Jade and Natalie to a new lifestyle by moving to Atlanta, Georgia. The advantages outweighed any disadvantage in leaving home and the Caribbean Sea. Both sisters began new schools, expanding their involvement in sport activities and better opportunities. Jade and her sister kept their focus on education; playing fast pitch softball for the Browns Mill Park travel team; and participating in basketball, as well as track and field, for Columbia High School in Decatur.

Jade Roebuck took a slightly different path to that of her sister Natalie. In 2001 she was given another opportunity to travel. This time with the Browns Mill Lady Jackets (Braves) to participate in the RBI World Series at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida. <http://espnwwos.disney.go.com/sports/fastpitch-softball/> . This tournament became a definable moment. Jade and her teammates emerged undefeated Champions.

Both sisters were fortunate in receiving full fast-pitch scholarships as a result of their athletic achievements – Jade's scholarship took her to Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia. She later transferred to Alabama State University.

Youth sports help to build strength in character. It provides guidance in achieving goals. It offers opportunities for family to share responsibilities and inspire one another. This is a reliable path shaping our youths who are preparing to become the next generation.

Jade Roebuck's athletic achievements include:

2nd base

(2002 – 2004) Morris Brown College Wolverine

(2004 – 2006) Alabama State University

354 batting avg; 4 doubles; 4 triples, 6 homeruns, 30 RBI, 19-5B