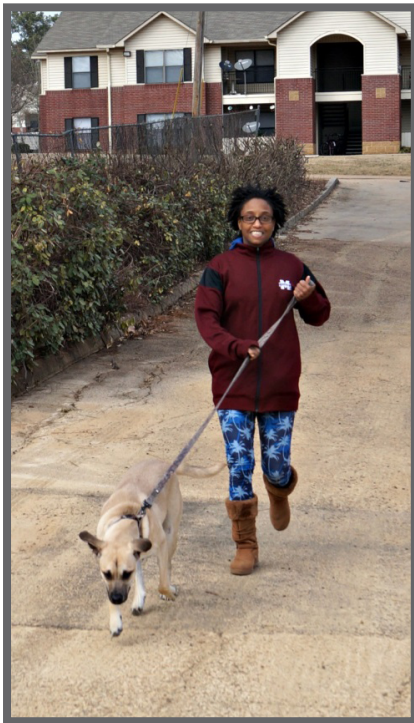


CELEBRATING

Mississippians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Kisha Morgan



Kisha Morgan grew up in Quitman, Mississippi, and attended school there, but after learning of the great strides being made for people with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD), Kisha's parents helped her move to Brandon, MS and she entered a program at Hudspeth Regional Center. At the age of 20, Kisha had an apartment in the community and began her life as an adult in a supervised living plan.

Shortly after moving to Brandon, Kisha obtained an administrative assistant job in an early intervention center answering phones. Then she found her dream job working as a records clerk at a state agency where she does everything from helping to organize and file records, answer the phone, run errands, and any other duties asked of her. Kisha says she would like to do this until she retires. Kisha's colleagues think the world of her and know she is extremely dependable.

Kisha, now 42 years old, has a big life outside of her work. She lives independently in an apartment in Brandon. She and her boyfriend of almost twenty years sometimes discuss marrying, but neither wants to rush into anything. "We are enjoying our lives how they are very much." For now, Kisha loves coming home to her German Shepherd/Lab mix dog, Bully. According to Kisha, Bully is super smart and keeps her in shape during the winter months when the two of them run together. Running is important to Kisha because she is a natural born athlete. She also enjoys bowling, basketball, and track and has medaled in all three. Kisha also enjoys equestrian events. In 2016, Kisha was named Mississippi's Capitol Region Female Athlete of the Year by the Special Olympics. Her successes with the Special Olympics have garnered her an appointment as a Help Messenger for the program. Kisha also loves to watch the Mississippi State Bulldogs play sports. You won't find a much bigger fan!

Kisha says that if she were elected President of the United States, she would "change the way people with IDD are treated, because we are just the same as everyone else!"



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