

## **Kym Michelle Hampton**

Kym Hampton has lived one dream through basketball and continues to pursue others.

Having completed a 15 year professional basketball career not only in the WNBA, but Spain, Italy, France and Japan, the transition should be a natural one. The multi-talented Ms. Hampton currently works in community relations for WNBA team, the New York Liberty. She also serves as an ambassador for the WNBA, NBA and New York Knicks.

A high school basketball and track star from Louisville Kentucky, Ms. Hampton was inducted into the Dawahares KHSAA Hall of Fame in 2005. She attended Arizona State University on a full athletic scholarship and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Kym will go down as one of the most decorated players to ever wear a Sun Devil jersey. To date, she remains the all-time leading scorer and rebounder (male or female) in ASU history.

During Kym's 12<sup>th</sup> season in Europe, the WNBA was formed. Ms. Hampton was the 4<sup>th</sup> pick in the Elite first round draft, by the New York Liberty. Kym was voted starting center in the WNBA's inaugural All-Star game. During Kym's three year tenure, she started every game for the Liberty until a knee injury curtailed her career.

Ms. Hampton has also remained close to the sport as a Color Analyst and Motivational Speaker. She has shared her inspirational message with children, adolescents as well as adults. Her mission is to show others (especially girls and youth) the powerful effect sports can have on one's life.

Since leaving the sport as a player, Ms. Hampton has augmented her motivational speaking career by working as professional plus model, actress and singer.

She currently resides in the New York metropolitan area.

