



Jessica was a Tribe field hockey player from 1999-2003 and with her outstanding play helped lead the team to two NCAA appearances during her career. She was diagnosed with stage III colon cancer in November of 2006 at the age of 25. She underwent six weeks of chemotherapy and radiation to prepare for surgery to remove a large segment of her colon. After taking two months to recover she was back at work and starting to feel like herself again. She followed up with more chemotherapy to make certain there were no other cancer cells milling around.

However, three months later, in November of 2007, her follow up scans brought more bad news. The cancer had spread. They discovered three enlarged lymph nodes in her chest, two spots on her lungs, and a lesion on her liver. She is back on chemotherapy and fighting the cancer one day at a time.

Jessica is not sure if or when she will return to work as she has decided to put all her energy into getting healthy again. It is our hope to bring together alumni and the local community to help this incredible woman who has been and continues to be an inspiration to her friends and former teammates. Through everything, Jessica forever makes people laugh and above all is a sincere and charismatic individual.

For more information on Jessica's story please visit www.stixfornix.org