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AMY FRANKLIN DEPARTS NC TENNIS

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After 20+ years of service to the North Carolina Tennis Association (NCTA) and the North Carolina Tennis Foundation (NCTF), Amy Franklin is making a life change and relocating out of state.

Franklin began working with USTA North Carolina in 1996. Her primary responsibilities included serving as a state league coordinator for Junior Team Tennis and some adult leagues, providing internal and external trainings as well as leading outreach and inclusion efforts.

In her most recent role, as the Director of Development & Programs for the NCTF, Amy brought the community together to support tennis.

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She raised awareness for the NCTF Foundation, supported under-resourced programs, participants, and families, as well as adaptive tennis programs, and collaborated with the National Junior Tennis & Learning chapters across the state. She also oversaw grants and development for the NCTF.

NCTA Executive Director Kelly Gaines said Franklin was her first hire in 1996 and has helped grow the sport across the state.

"She is able to see many aspects of tennis and how the sport impacts people's lives," Gaines said.

Franklin has served as a Master Trainer for USTA's Adjunct Faculty Program and facilitates sessions throughout the country on Board & Volunteer Development and Strategic Planning. She is certified by the Professional Tennis Registry as a Tennis Professional and National First Volley instructor for the Orthotic and Prosthetic Activities Foundation. She previously served on the board of directors for the Orthotic and Prosthetic Activities Foundation (OPAF), volunteers for Time Out Youth (TOY) and is a member of the NC Coalition for Afterschool Programming (NC CAP) Advisory Board.

"Amy has been one of the most consistent people in my adult life," Gaines said. "I will miss her but more importantly, North Carolina tennis will miss her."

Kelly Lombardino will join the NCTF as its new Director of Development and Programs on January 4, 2021.