





Tiffany Daniels January 6, 1985- Present Nationality: American Started Racing in 2001

**Origins:** Born in Smithfield, VA to Charlie and Wanda Daniels, Tiffany grew up around racing. Her parents founded Charlie Daniels Racing in 1986 and her father earned five victories and a championship during his nine years as a NASCAR Late Model stock car owner/driver.

**Early Influences:** Tiffany started out as a crew member on a Bandolero at the age of 13. She learned the intricacies of timing and mechanics as she worked on chassis setup and repairs. Daniels finally jumped behind the wheel in fall 2001, racing in the Legends class. She recorded her first victory less than a year later when she won a Lions division race at Langley Speedway (Hampton, VA) in August 2002.

## **Racing Accomplishments:**

- Between 2002 and 2004 Daniels earned 3 wins, 15 top-five, and 35 top-10 finishes while racing as a Legends Semi-Pro driver.
- In 2005, became the highest female finisher in Lowe's Motor Speedway Summer Shoot-Out Series with her Legends Pro 3<sup>rd</sup> place final points standing. She would also finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in that year's Lowe's Motor Speedway Winter Heat Series.
- Tiffany finished within the top-10 in every race of her 2006 season. Throughout 2006 and 2007 Daniels accumulated 20 top-10 and 8 top-five finishes in Limited Late Model Stock Cars.
- Since 2008 Daniels has competed in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series, off-road races, late models series, the NASCAR Camping World East Series, and Limited Late Model Series.
- In late 2009 Tiffany was invited to South Africa to compete in the first-ever ASA Transcontinental Free State 500. She finished the January 31, 2010 race in 7<sup>th</sup> place.

## **Interesting Fact:**

- Cliff Daniels, Tiffany's younger brother, is also a racer and competes in the NASCAR Late Model Series. Both Daniels siblings are managed by their father Charlie.
- Tiffany works as a support engineer at Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates, on the #42 NASCAR Sprint Cup Car.

Life off the Track: In 2007 Daniels graduated Magnum Cum Laude from University of North Carolina-Charlotte with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (concentration in motorsports) and a minor in public relations. In the time not spent racing, she enjoys go-karting with her brother and competing with her Ganassi Racing co-workers in recreational volleyball and softball leagues. Tiffany now lives in North Carolina and continues to pursue her goal of becoming a NASCAR Sprint Cup winner and champion.

## **Achievements and Awards:**

- 2003 Recipient of the Alan Kulwicki Memorial Scholarship from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte's Motorsports Engineering program.
- Voted *Speed51.com*'s Most Popular Legends Pro Division Driver in 2005.
- Selected to participate in the 2007 NASCAR Drive for Diversity Combine
- Completed Phase I and II of the Women in the Winner's Circle Driver Development Academy in 2007.
- 2008 Recipient of the Women in the Winner's Circle Kara Hendrick Spirit Award for "displaying outstanding spirit and talent."
- Selected as a 2010 NASCAR Drive for Diversity candidate

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