Shavonne Hannum Mitchell’s (’83) contributions to Buffalo athletics spans the roles of athlete, coach, parent, and official. As an athlete, Shavonne excelled in gymnastics, basketball and track. As a coach, her long career helped produce some of the best gymnastics teams in school history.

As an athlete, Shavonne played on winning Buffalo basketball teams and was recognized as 1982 Miss Hustle. As a runner, she was named team MVP in 1983 and placed 5th at the 1983 state track meet in the 100 meter hurdles. As a gymnast, Shavonne was a member of the first-ever (1977) SC gymnastics team and qualified for the first-ever state gymnastics meet in 7th grade. She qualified for the state gymnastics meet in the 7th, 9th, 10th and 12th grades and was honored as team MVP. Shavonne was an active student, serving as a cheerleader, football statistician, and writer for the Buffalo Reporter. She was also 1982 Homecoming Queen, a member of NHS, and participated in chorus, oral interpretation, and journalism club.

Shavonne assisted Cliff Jorgenson as SC gymnastics coach from 1985-1995 and was head coach from 1995-2000. In that time period, Stanley County was state runner-up four times (1990,1993, 1994 and 1995). She coached state champions JuJet Larson, Kristie Hallock and Shelly Scheinhost and all-state athletes Lacey Fravel and Lindsay Stoeser and many state place winners. Shavonne’s support for gymnastics has been lifelong. She’s received the Judges Leadership award (2013), National Federation Officials Association award (2013), SD 20 year judging award (2020), and Pete Torino Award (2022). She’s served on the SD Gymnastics Advisory board, Official’s Advisory board for SDHSAA, and as a SD Cheer and Dance judge.

Shavonne and her husband Pat live in Fort Pierre and raised four children who participated in Buffalo athletics.