



Allan Houston

Biographical Information

Allan Houston is Assistant General Manager of the New York Knicks, General Manager of the Westchester Knicks, and President of Allan Houston Enterprises, a diversified media and apparel firm. A man of faith and strong family values, Allan lives his life with the determination to apply his success as a professional athlete to help others. Since its creation in 2001, the Allan Houston Legacy Foundation (AHLF) has served thousands of participants across the country through programs that promote youth mentoring, responsible fatherhood, and entrepreneurship. In addition, he has served as a spokesperson for the National Fatherhood Initiative, an international ambassador for the NBA, and an analyst for ESPN.

Allan is best known for his years as shooting guard for the New York Knicks, (1996 – 2005). Touted as one of the “purest shooters” in the NBA, Allan finished his career as one of the NBA’s all-time greatest long-range shooters (#11 in three pointers made) and one of the all-time leading scorers in Knicks history (#2 in three pointers, #4 in total points, and #8 in scoring average). Allan is a two-time NBA All-Star, and in his last healthy season (2002-03) finished as the 10th leading scorer in the league. But for all his accomplishments he is especially proud of being named one of the “Good Guys in Sports” four times



by The Sporting News, and helping Team USA bring home the gold medal in the 2000 Summer Olympics games in Sydney, Australia.

Allan's dedication to helping others is demonstrated through the exciting work of AHLF. Foundation programs include "Father Knows Best" Basketball Retreats; the Allan Houston Business Education and Development Program, and his newest program, the Allan Houston Mentoring Initiative (AHMI), launched in 2016. AHLF has used a leadership and relationship development system, FISLL, created by Allan and his family to power its programs.

FISLL is a life learning, development, and coaching system that teaches and actuates 5 essential values of Faith, Integrity, Sacrifice, Leadership, & Legacy as the transformational Fundamentals of Life. FISLL's mission is to provide its teaching and messaging framework through experiential learning to community leaders, parents, coaches, school administrators/teachers as a tool to further equip them to develop deeper level leadership skills that incorporate training in the 3 dimensions of mind, body and spirit. FISLL is being used in schools, community and sports programs, to great acclaim.

In recognition of his committed work to improve the lives of youth, Allan was named "Father of the Year" by the National Fatherhood Initiative in 2007; "Social Entrepreneur of the Year" by Tulane University in 2008, and received the President's Council on Service and Civic Engagement Award from the Obama Administration in 2011. In 2015, Houston was honored by the Tennessee State Legislature for his Foundation's extraordinary work in the community.

"I've been very blessed to have parents who taught me that whatever you do, you have to have a vision, strive for excellence and maintain humility," says Allan of his far-reaching career. "Above all, they taught me to be the best person I can be, to value relationships, and that we can always learn from others. Coaches often say that the players who are listeners - and therefore teachable - are the ones who will progress. Being a coach's son, I've always tried to take that approach; that sometimes you've just got to be quiet and watch and learn."

With a strong entrepreneurial spirit inherited from his parents - Wade and Alice Houston are partners in Louisville-based HJI Inc., a family-owned transportation and logistics company - Allan continues to build and expand Allan Houston Enterprises, which holds interests in such diverse areas as apparel and urban inspirational media content and aggregation. Allan is currently co-producing a film project expressing the values of FISLL through the personal stories of youth and families, and is at work on a memoir.

Allan was born on April 20th in Louisville, Kentucky and holds a BA in African-American Studies from the University of Tennessee. While there, he played for the Vols, for whom his father Wade was head coach. Allan also holds Honorary Degrees from Western Connecticut State University and Dowling College. He and his wife Tamara are proud parents of seven children: daughters Remie, Rowan, Jade, Jodi and Truth and sons Allan III and Asher.