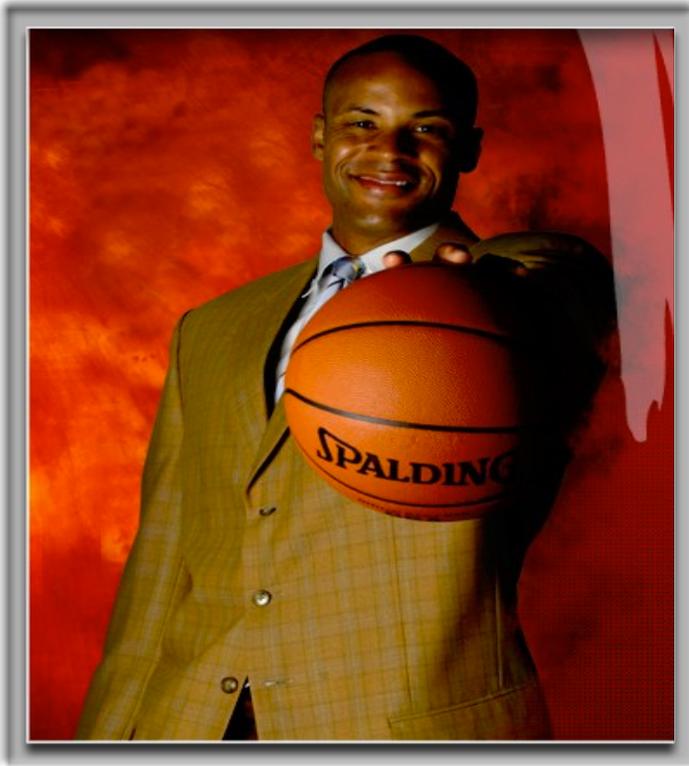


ABOUT LAWRENCE & LFYO

Biography and Background Information



Lawrence grew up in extreme poverty. He was born and reared in the Sullivant Gardens Housing projects in Columbus, Ohio, on welfare in a single-parent home. Abandoned by his father at an early age, Lawrence gravitated to academics, sports, and entrepreneurship to keep his mind away from the “streets.”

A three-time All Big Ten performer, dean’s list student, and magna cum laude graduate in Business Finance at The Ohio State University, Lawrence was selected by the Sacramento Kings in the second round of the 1994 NBA draft. He played professional basketball for eleven years from 1994–2005, with eight in the NBA and three overseas.

In 2007 Lawrence completed his Master’s in Business Administration (3.75 GPA) from the University of Phoenix, as well as executive education programs in risk management of various investment alternatives at Stanford and Columbia, respectively. He successfully completed the educational requirements for The Accelerated Certified Financial Planner Program at The Ohio State University in 2008, passed the grueling Certified Financial Planner (CFP) exam in March of 2009, and received authorization to use the CFP marks in June of 2010.

While completing the CFP process, Lawrence worked as a financial planner for John Sestina and Company in Columbus, Ohio, a fee-only financial planning firm. He started his own financial planning firm, Funderburke Financials, in July of 2010 to work with low-to moderate-income individuals and families (www.FunderburkeFinancials.com). Mr. Sestina personally served as an invaluable mentor (and still to this day) to Lawrence’s efforts in financial planning.

As Founder and Executive Director of the Lawrence Funderburke Youth Organization (LFYO), Lawrence oversees operations that assist at-risk youth through financial planning and economic empowerment, career role models, and educational field trips (www.LFYO.org). On behalf of LFYO, he received the first-ever NBA’s Hometown Hero of the Month Award and the National Silver Medallion Award by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America for his outstanding service and devotion to inner-city youth.

Lawrence is a living testament that faith, perseverance, and vision work regardless of one’s life experiences. Young people from similar backgrounds can relate to Lawrence’s story while being attracted to his celebrity status as a former NBA player. A deeply religious and family man, he has used his resources and expertise in financial planning and personal development to empower disadvantaged young people to fulfill their vast potential in every area of life. Lawrence has authored two books, Hook Me Up, Playa! and The Triangle Formula of Success. He and his wife Monya have two children, Lawrence Elijah and Nyah.

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