

David Palmer



Born and raised in Santa Barbara, David Palmer, Jr. grew up playing ball with his older brother and friends. He was part of the Santa Barbara High School Dons basketball team that brought that school their 1991 CIF title after their last appearance in the finals since 1935!

Dave followed that huge win by bringing a State Championship to Ventura College's Pirates in 1995.

After college, David played for Fuerza Guinda Nogales, Mexico before returning to Santa Barbara to begin his coaching career.

He worked for Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant at their respective local camps while building his Santa Barbara Vipers Basketball Club.

“To watch this organization grow from the ground up has been a very humbling experience for me. I strive to teach the kids the fundamentals of the game so they can grow into serious high school players, and good young men and women. To see it all come together has been a wonderful experience personally and for the teams year after year. I couldn't be more proud of my players and this organization. Coaching, you really don't do it for the money, you do it for the love, or for the community, and for the kids.”

David dedicates this award to the mentorship and loving guidance of his father, David Palmer, Sr.