



# SANTA BARBARA COURT OF CHAMPIONS

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“Big Al,” also known as “Big Sauce,” was a three-time First Team All-Big West player at UCSB (2013-14-15).

- He led the Gauchos in rebounding all four seasons and finished with a school record 1,125 rebounds, second highest in Big West history.
- He scored 1,731 points, second all-time at UCSB.
- He averaged 17.3 points and 11.8 rebounds per game his senior year, leading the nation in rebounding for the second straight year. (He averaged 11.5 rebounds as a junior.)
- He twice had 20 or more points and 20 or more rebounds in the same game.
- He blocked 218 shots, second on UCSB’s and the Big West’s all-time lists.
- He was selected MVP of the Great Alaska Shootout and named a First Team Mid-Major All-American by Collegeinsider.com.
- Passed over in draft, he played for the Houston Rockets in the NBA Summer League at Las Vegas and earned Second Team honors.

- He joined the Qingdao DoubleStar Eagles of the Chinese Basketball Association and went on to average 20.8 points and a league-leading 15.4 rebounds per game.
- He signed a 10-day contract with his hometown Phoenix Suns and made his NBA regular-season debut on March 16, 2016. After his deal was upgraded – contingent on his making the team the following season – he had his first NBA double-double of 14 points and 12 rebounds against the Clippers in the season finale.
- He was an All-NBA Summer League First Team honoree in 2016 after averaging 11.8 points and a league-leading 11.2 rebounds for the Suns.
- Phoenix fully guaranteed his contract on September 1.
- Used sparingly in the first four months of the season, he came off the bench to post 14 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks in the Suns’ 115-97 win over the Chicago Bulls
- When the Suns went to Mexico City to play a pair of NBA Global Games in January, he was their ambassador to the fans because of his fluency in Spanish.
- He went on a tear in March, beginning the month with five consecutive double-doubles: 16 points and 12 rebounds against Charlotte; 14 and 13 against Oklahoma City (he also blocked three shots in the win over the Thunder); 11 and 15 against Boston; 15 and 10 against Washington; and 16 and 10 against the L.A. Lakers.
- The Suns put out a press release that stated: “The 24-year-old undrafted big man out of UC Santa Barbara has caught on as a fan favorite with his wonderful ‘Big Sauce’ nickname and being extremely animated on the bench since signing with the team late last season, but now he’s getting attention for his play.... His activity breaks any sort of gauge for a player’s motor.”