

Keani Albanez



Born and raised in Santa Barbara, she is the daughter of George Albanez and Ronda Albanez and has a total of 5 siblings. She spends her free time Golfing, training the youth, through her basketball academy and hanging out by the beach with loved ones. Her basketball career started taking off in high school, thanks to her father who trained her with his boys travel team 805, up until high school.

She Attended Buena high school in Ventura, Calif...was rated No. 72 overall in the class of 2011 by ESPN HoopGurlz and was widely considered one of the top guards in the nation...nominated for the 2011 McDonald's All-America team...as a senior led Buena to the CIF-Southern Section Division 2AA and CIF Division II SoCal Regional finals...averaged 21.6 points, 5.6 rebounds, 2.9 steals and 2.7 assists per game...named Star's Girls Basketball Player of the Year 2011.

Keani then went on to accept a full athletic scholarship to Gonzaga University, where her team achieved multiple top-25 rankings with appearances in the Sweet 16 2x and Elite 8. They won West Coast Conference title all four years she attended. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Sports Management and a double Minor in Public Relations and Communications.

In her four years as a Zag, Albanez appeared in 132 games, which is sixth all-time in program history. She started 68 consecutive games. She started all 34 games her Senior year. She tallied 1,038 points during her GU career, which is 20th all-time in program history. She averaged a career-best 13.1 points per game in 2014-15.

Albanez was named All-West Coast Conference second team this season. In her GU career, she had seven 20-point games, with six coming in 2014-15. The Santa Barbara, Calif. native is fifth all-time in program history with a career 80.6 free-throw percentage. Proving she is a defensive threat as well, Albanez has totaled 180 steals in her career, which is eighth on the Gonzaga all-time list. She is third all-time at GU with 164 made three-pointers in her career.

After graduating from Gonzaga, she was scouted by several agencies and had the opportunity to go play overseas. Her first experience was playing in China for the USA Net Scouts team. She then went on to sign her first contract with Panathinaikos, in Athens Greece. She would play for the two other top teams in Greece, Athinikos and Paok. Each year she would bring her team to the championship and Greek Cup finalist. In 2017 she was named Co Guard in Greece and led the league in steals. She also played in Switzerland and ended her last year in Egypt where she won her last Cup in 2018.

Despite being busy with her playing career, Albanez has found time during her Pro career to build a successful basketball training academy called KA Academy, training kids all over the 805.

She had her first training/ coaching job at Mamba Academy 2018

Worked with National Basketball Players Association, running camps and started a Virtual training camp and Training program during COVID. 2018-2020

Coached and Directed Boys and Girls Snow Valley camps 2020,21

Directed her own KA Academy camps and clinics through Page Youth Center, where she became the Program Director 2021-22. During that time ran the biggest youth basketball league with over 860 players involved.

She accepted the Santa Barbara City College Head assistant coaching position in 2019 and coached her first full season 2020-21. She's the second female assistant on a men's basketball squad in the Western State Conference, one of only a handful in state history. The first Woman at the collegiate level to coach men in Santa Barbara's history.

She is currently the Head Coach of the Oaks Christian girls program. Assisted by her Father George Albanez and big sister Eilse Albanez.