



# SANTA BARBARA COURT OF CHAMPIONS

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### HIGH SCHOOL (1984-1988)

Lucius C. Davis III grew up in San Jose, Ca where he lived with his father, Lucius C. Davis Jr., his mother, Addie Davis, and sisters, Regina and LaFawn Davis. He went to high school at Piedmont Hills High School in San Jose from 1984-1988. He worked for NASA in an internship program for students looking to get into the engineering field in 1987. He Played basketball all 4 years and was selected Santa Clara County Player of the Year and was an All-State Selection his senior year. He maintained a 3.83 grade point average and was a member of the National Honor Society. He was selected to the Piedmont Hills High School Hall of Fame in 2008!

### UCSB (1988-1992)

Lucius came to UCSB in 1988 and immediately started contributing. In 1988-89, he came off the bench for a team that opened the year with a school-record winning-streak of 11 straight games and ended the season with a berth in the National Invitation Tournament. As a sophomore, Davis was selected as the Big West Conference's Sixth Man of the Year after helping the Gauchos to another 21-win season, an at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament and a first round win over the University of Houston.

In 1990-91, the San Jose, Calif., native became UCSB's leading scorer at 16.0 points per game and was chosen All-Big West. In his senior campaign, 1991-92, he guided the Gauchos to a 20-win season and another spot in the NIT. That year, Davis averaged 22.2 points per game, the second highest total in school history, and was selected Big West Player of the Year, First Team All-Big West, All-District, All-Region and Honorable Mention All-American.

A member of the UCSB Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame, Davis joins Brian Shaw, Carrick DeHart, Eric McArthur and head coach Jerry Pimm as men's basketball team members whose banners adorn the walls of the legendary Thunderdome as a "Legend of the Dome."

Lucius completed 4 years of a mechanical engineering degree while playing Division 1 basketball on scholarship all four years. He was selected as team captain for both his junior and senior year and was named a then record 4 times as Big West Player of the Week in 1992.

### PROFESSIONAL CAREER (1992-2005)

Lucius' professional career began in 1992 in Greece and concluded in 2005 in Cyprus. Before beginning his professional career, he married his college-sweetheart and UCSB graduate, Tara Davis. Tara was a UCSB cheerleader and founder of the Skyline Dance Group that performed around the UCSB campus and at UCSB games. While overseas, they had their daughter, Taja, who is also a UCSB graduate and current TV news reporter and Jalan, who will soon graduate from UCSB in June!

#### *The teams Lucius played for were as follows:*

Apollon Patras Basketball Club in Patras, Greece from August 1992-May 1993

- First year abroad and first of two seasons living in Greece. Started learning the Greek language to help better relate to teammates and management.
- Was the 2nd leading scorer in the country at 23.6 ppg and was voted to the All-Star team. Kept team from being relegated to the second division

Deportivo Roca in General Roca, Argentina from August 1993-May 1995

- Lived and played in Argentina for two seasons. Had to familiarize my family and I with the Argentinean culture and people.

Was semi-fluent in Spanish (Castellano) and was able to extensively communicate with people.

- Was leading scorer the first year at 27.1 ppg and second leading scorer the second year at 26.3ppg.
- Was voted as top 5 best extranjero (foreigner) in the country.

Papagos Basketball Club in Athens, Greece from August 1995-May 1996

- This was the second of two seasons played in Greece. Was familiar with the Greek culture and people from my first season playing aboard.
- Was second leading scorer in the country at 25.6 ppg and voted an All-Star. Kept the team from being relegated to the second division.

Men's Sana Basket Siena in Siena, Italy from August 1996-May 1997

- Played in and lived in Italy for 1 season. Had to live and adapt to Italian culture. Became able to speak in Italian in basic sentences and words. Did a live TV interview in Italian.

- Was in the top ten in scoring in the country at 19.8 ppg. Helped qualify team for the Euroleague.

Isuzu Motors in Tokyo, Japan from September 1997-April 2002

- Played and lived in Japan for 5 seasons. Had to adapt to and function in the Japanese culture.

- Was a team leader on a championship team. Had to make sure our team chemistry was conducive to winning championships and that issues between players would be resolved in the best way possible.

- Won three league championships and three All-Japan Cups! Was voted league MVP and top five for all five years.

Maccabi Rishon in Rishon, Israel from September 2002-May 2004

- Played and lived in Israel for 2 seasons. Had to adapt to and function in the Israeli culture. Had to make sure living situation was suitable for my family.

- Was team captain and leader and had to bring together the American players and Israeli players to work together.

- Was voted to all-star team and was voted as one of the top 5 players in the country. Helped save the team from relegation

Keravnos Basketball Club in Nicosia, Cyprus from September 2004-April 2005

- Played and lived in Cyprus for one season and had to manage and deal with different personalities as the team captain and leader.

- Was the team's leading scorer and we won the Cyprus Cup!

#### *Who I would like to thank...*

I would like to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus for blessing me with the talent and strength to have had a wonderful and successful career playing basketball.

I would like to thank my parents for doing the best they could in raising me and having me focus on books and basketball.

I would like to thank the many coaches over my career that instilled discipline, hard work, dedication, and motivation for me to continue to improve and strive to be the best I could be.

I would like to thank my wife for being my partner throughout my basketball journey.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the many teammates that I had through my career knowing that any accomplishment that I had was due to them being partners in setting team goals and working hard to accomplish them.