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PERSONAL
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EDUCATION
Alma Mater: Arkansas, 2002 (B.A.)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE
1998-99 Tyler Junior College
1999-2002 Arkansas

COACHING EXPERIENCE
2010-12 Houston Baptist, assistant coach (men and women)
2012 Baylor, assistant coach

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE
2012 NCAA Ann Arbor (Mich.) Regional (11th); assistant coach, Baylor
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ALL-AMERICANS

BAYLOR
2015 Kyle Jones
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TEAM TITLES

BAYLOR
Date Tournament Score
Sept. 5, 2011 Turning Stone Invitational 282-281-290=853
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Sept. 8, 2014 Gopher Invitational 289-283-290=862
Feb. 10, 2015 Oak Hills Invitational 284-288-278=850
March 14, 2015 Border Olympics 283-284-285=852
Feb. 9, 2016 Oak Hills Invitational 291-284-288=863
March 12, 2016 Border Olympics 277-279-556
Oct. 25, 2016 Royal Oaks Intercollegiate 339-344-351=1,034
Feb. 10, 2017 All-American 284-288-836
March 21, 2017 Linger Longer Invitational 274-276-281=831
May 17, 2017 NCAA Stanford Regional* 277-285-281=823

*All scores listed are 36-hole scores, as the NCAA Stanford Regional was held on April 3, 2017.