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HOUSTON BASKETBALL

- University commitment to Tier One status, placing UH among institutions known for world-class research, academic excellence, exceptional student body and the highest levels of innovation, creativity and scholarship
- One of the nation's most ethnically diverse research universities
 - 667-acre campus abounds with parks, fountains, plazas, sculptures, trees and recreational fields
 - Faculty members who hold the Nobel Peace Prize, Pulitzer Prize, Tony Awards, the National Medal of Science and numerous national and international awards



UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

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- 37,000 students attend 12 academic colleges and the multidisciplinary Honors College
- Offers 120 undergraduate majors and 116 minors
- Awarded more than 250,000 degrees with more than 80 percent of alumni remaining in the Houston metropolitan area



- Founded in 1927

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

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- *Recently awarded the highest classification given to research universities by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching*
- *One of only three public Carnegie-designated Tier One research universities in the state of Texas*
- *One of only 109 Top Tier universities in the nation*
- *The University's elevation to Tier One status is estimated to create \$129 million in wages to the regional economy and more than \$202 million in local sales*

A TIER ONE UNIVERSITY

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- Newest 984 beds residential facility
- Offers loft-style living with an urban feel
- 10,500 square-foot retail center includes a mini-market and a bookstore



CALHOUN LOFTS

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- Fourth largest city in the nation
- Top attractions include Space Center Houston, the Houston Zoo, Downtown Aquarium, The Galleria, Museum and Theater Districts, Moody Gardens, Minute Maid Park, Toyota Center, Reliant Stadium and the Galveston Strand
- Leading city in energy, medicine and aerospace industries
 - More than 300 days of sunshine annually
 - Average high temperature in winter – 66 degrees
- Named best city for young professionals (*Forbes.com*, 2010)



THE CITY OF HOUSTON

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JAMES DICKEY

Head Coach

Second Season at Houston • 12th Season Overall

176-141 Overall Record

Central Arkansas '76

• Eighth head coach in Houston history

- 10-year head coaching career at Texas Tech
- Led 1996 Texas Tech team to 30-2 record, 16-0 Southwest Conference record, SWC Classic championship and a No. 7 national ranking.
- Member of coaching staff on 12 NCAA Tournament squads (1 Final Four, 1 Elite Eight, 4 Sweet 16)
- Guided 25 players who played in the National Basketball Association
- Six NABC District and conference Coach of the Year awards
- 17-year assistant coaching career in stints at Oklahoma State, Texas Tech, Kentucky, Arkansas, Central Arkansas and Harding University
- 1976 graduate of Central Arkansas with a degree in education
- Wife Bettye, daughter Lauren and son Jared



JAMES DICKEY AT A GLANCE

Full name: James Allen Dickey
Hometown: Valley Springs, Ark.
Birthdate: April 2, 1954

EDUCATION

- Harding University • master's in education • 1977
- University of Central Arkansas • bachelor's in education • 1976
- Valley Springs High School • 1972

FAMILY

Wife: The former Bettye Fiscus
(all-time leading scorer at the University of Arkansas)
Children: Daughter Lauren Brooks, son Jared Allen

COACHING CAREER

2002-08 • Oklahoma State • assistant coach
1991-01 • Texas Tech • head coach
1990-91 • Texas Tech • assistant coach
1985-89 • Kentucky • assistant coach
1981-85 • Arkansas • assistant coach
1979-81 • Central Arkansas • assistant coach
1977-79 • Harding Academy • head coach
1976-77 • Harding University • assistant coach

HEAD COACHING NOTES

- 176-141 record in 11 seasons at Texas Tech and Houston
- Two NCAA Tournament appearances (1996, 1993)
- 1 NIT berth (1995)

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1996 SWC Classic Champions
- 1995-96 Southwest Conference champions
- 1994-95 Southwest Conference champions
- 1993 SWC Classic Champions

COACHING HONORS

- 1997 NABC District 7 Coach of the Year
- 1996 NABC District 7 Coach of the Year
- 1995 NABC District 7 Coach of the Year
- 1992 NABC District 7 Coach of the Year
- 1992 Southwest Conference Coach of the Year

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1972-76 University of Central Arkansas
1970-72 Valley Springs High School

COACH JAMES DICKEY

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NBA PLAYERS COACHED

- Cory Carr, Texas Tech
- Tony Battie, Texas Tech
- Darvin Ham, Texas Tech
- Mark Davis, Texas Tech
- Jason Sasser, Texas Tech
- Andre Emmett, Texas Tech
 - Chris Mills, Kentucky
 - LeRon Ellis, Kentucky
- Rex Chapman, Kentucky
- Winston Bennett, Kentucky
 - Kenny Walker, Kentucky
 - Andrew Lang, Arkansas
 - Byron Irvin, Arkansas
 - Scott Hastings, Arkansas
 - Darrell Walker, Arkansas
- Alvin Robertson, Arkansas
 - Joe Kleine, Arkansas
 - Tony Brown, Arkansas
- Tony Allen, Oklahoma State
- James Anderson, Oklahoma State
 - Joey Graham, Oklahoma State
- Stephen Graham, Oklahoma State
 - John Lucas III, Oklahoma State
 - Ivan McFarlin, Oklahoma State
- JamesOn Curry, Oklahoma State

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT JAMES DICKEY

"Everyone has only had wonderful things to say about Coach Dickey. He is a great coach, an outstanding recruiter and an inspiring role model for our student-athletes."

*Dr. Renu Khator, University of Houston system chancellor/
University of Houston president*

"The more people I spoke with during our coaching search, the more good things I heard about James, his character and the quality of program that he leads. Winning basketball programs, with first-class student-athletes on and off the court, have followed James throughout his career, and that is certainly no coincidence. He is an exceptional leader and mentor of young men. We are excited to have James lead our basketball program."

Mack Rhoades, University of Houston director of athletics

"I am happy to hear of James Dickey's selection as the new men's basketball coach at the University of Houston. I have known Coach Dickey for 20 years, and he is a great motivator with proven leadership skills. Coach Dickey will not only coach his players at the highest level, but he will prepare them to be successful in life."

Kent Hance, Texas Tech chancellor

"What I value in a coach is someone who has a good work ethic. Someone who is honest. Someone who cares about the players. Someone who tries to educate his players. Someone who pushes his players and challenges his players, yet at the end of the day they know he cares about them and loves them. You're going to get all of that with James. If I were Houston, I'd feel pretty good about James Dickey coming to work."

Mike Holder, Oklahoma State director of athletics

The University of Houston is extremely fortunate to get a man in Coach (James) Dickey who is an excellent coach and recruiter who knows the State of Texas very well. He will be a valuable addition to the Houston Athletics Department."

Big 12 Conference associate commissioner John Underwood

"James is one of the best assistant coaches I ever had. He is simply a great person, who recruits complete student-athletes. He is a tremendous recruiter and will find excellent talent in Texas. James will be a winner at the University of Houston."

*Eddie Sutton, legendary head coach and eighth-winningest coach
in NCAA Division I history*

"The University of Houston hired one of the most respected and quality people in our business. He is an unbelievable coach, recruiter and mentor. Kids will want to play for him, and parents will want their kids to play for him. He has had great success with Texas kids, and no one will be surprised with the future success that the University of Houston will soon encounter."

Doc Sadler, University of Nebraska head coach

"James Dickey is a terrific communicator and basketball coach. He is a man who will work tirelessly to teach the game as well as prepare young men for life after college. His brand of basketball is an exciting one that begins on the defensive end. Players will enjoy playing for Coach Dickey and fans will enjoy watching his teams play. This is a great hire for Houston."

former Kentucky standout and current Denver Nuggets vice president of player personnel Rex Chapman

"I am very excited for Coach Dickey. I know how much he loves the game and how compassionate he is about tutoring young kids and being a mentor, helping them not only athletically but academically as well. If those kids can get from what him what I received from him as a mentor and a father figure, they will be in great hands."

former Texas Tech standout and current New Jersey Nets player Tony Battie

"This is a great hire for the University of Houston. Coach Dickey is going to do an excellent job at Houston. He brings an understanding of every players' potential, and then the team will gel based on this understanding. His teams always progressed every year and got better once the players bought into his system."

former Texas Tech standout Jason Sasser

COACH JAMES DICKEY

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**ALVIN
BROOKS**

Associate Head Coach

Second Season at UH

29th Season Overall

Lamar '82



**DANIYAL
ROBINSON**

Assistant Coach

Second Season at UH

12th Season Overall

UALR '99

- Guided 16 players who competed in the National Basketball Association with another dozen who played professionally overseas

- Veteran of 17 postseason tournaments as a coach and player

- Five regular-season and conference tournament championships as a coach

- 1982 graduate of Lamar with a degree in life and earth science with minor in physical education

- Wife Richelle, daughter Andree, sons Casey, Julian, Vincent and Alvin III

- Son Alvin III is an assistant coach at Sam Houston State

- Mentored Craig Brackins , who was selected with the No. 21 overall pick in the 2010 NBA Draft

- Coached 15 players who played professionally overseas

- 2007-08 Sun Belt Conference West Division champions

- Member of UALR staff that improved from four wins in 1999-00 to 18 wins in 2000-01

- 1999 graduate of UALR with a degree in health education with emphasis on community health and health promotions

- Wife Kim, daughter Devyn, sons Reece and Reid



COACHING STAFF

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**ULRIC
MALIGI**

Assistant Coach
Second Season at UH
6th Season Overall
Howard '06



**MICHAEL
YOUNG**

Director of Operations
14th Season at UH
14th Season Overall
Houston '02

- Mentored two players who competed in the National Basketball Association
- Veteran of two postseason tournaments in three seasons as an assistant coach at Stephen F. Austin
- Three division, conference and tournament championships
- 73-23 combined record in three seasons at Stephen F. Austin
- 2006 graduate of Howard with a degree in exercise physiology
- Engaged to Courtney K. Brown

- One of the greatest players in Houston history
- Holds the school career record with 16 NCAA Tournament games played
- One of only five players to have his jersey number retired
- 1984 All-American who played in the NBA for three seasons
- 2002 graduate of Houston with a degree in education
- Wife Tina, sons Michael Jr., Joseph and Jacob, daughters Mayorca and Milan
- Son Joseph is a member of the 2011-12 Cougar team



COACHING STAFF

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ELMER REDD STRENGTH & CONDITIONING CENTER

- Provides a competitive, emotionally charged and hard-working environment for Cougar student-athletes

- Conveniently located next to Sports Medicine and team locker rooms

- Located on the first floor of the Athletics/ Alumni Center



- Covers nearly 17,000 square feet with more than 50,000 pounds of equipment

- Upgrades have brought state-of-the-art equipment from PowerLift and a new Infinity Performance floor system

- Available to all Cougar student-athletes

- Named after Elmer Redd, a 17-year veteran of the Houston Football coaching staff who was renowned for his recruiting abilities



**AL
JAMES**

Assistant Director of Sports Performance
Seventh Season at UH
7th Season Overall
Houston '04

- Creates and supervises workout routines for the men's basketball program throughout the season

- Award-winning member of the Cougar football team from 2000-03

- Certified as a National Strength and Conditioning Association Strength and Conditioning specialist by the USA Weightlifting Sports Performance

- Member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and the USA Weightlifting Association

- 2004 graduate of Houston with a degree in kinesiology

- Wife Felicia and daughter Ebony



**TARA
BOENING**

Performance Nutritionist
First Season at UH
4th Season Overall
Texas A&M '06

- Involved in nutrition education and program operations for all 16 athletics teams

- Educates student-athletes through grocery store tours and cooking demonstrations

- Assist with menu planning, food service operations, catering for team travel and pregame meals

- Perform body composition testing and assessment

- Received bachelor's degree in nutritional science in 2006 and earned master's degree in kinesiology in 2007 from Texas A&M

- Husband Barry

SPORTS PERFORMANCE

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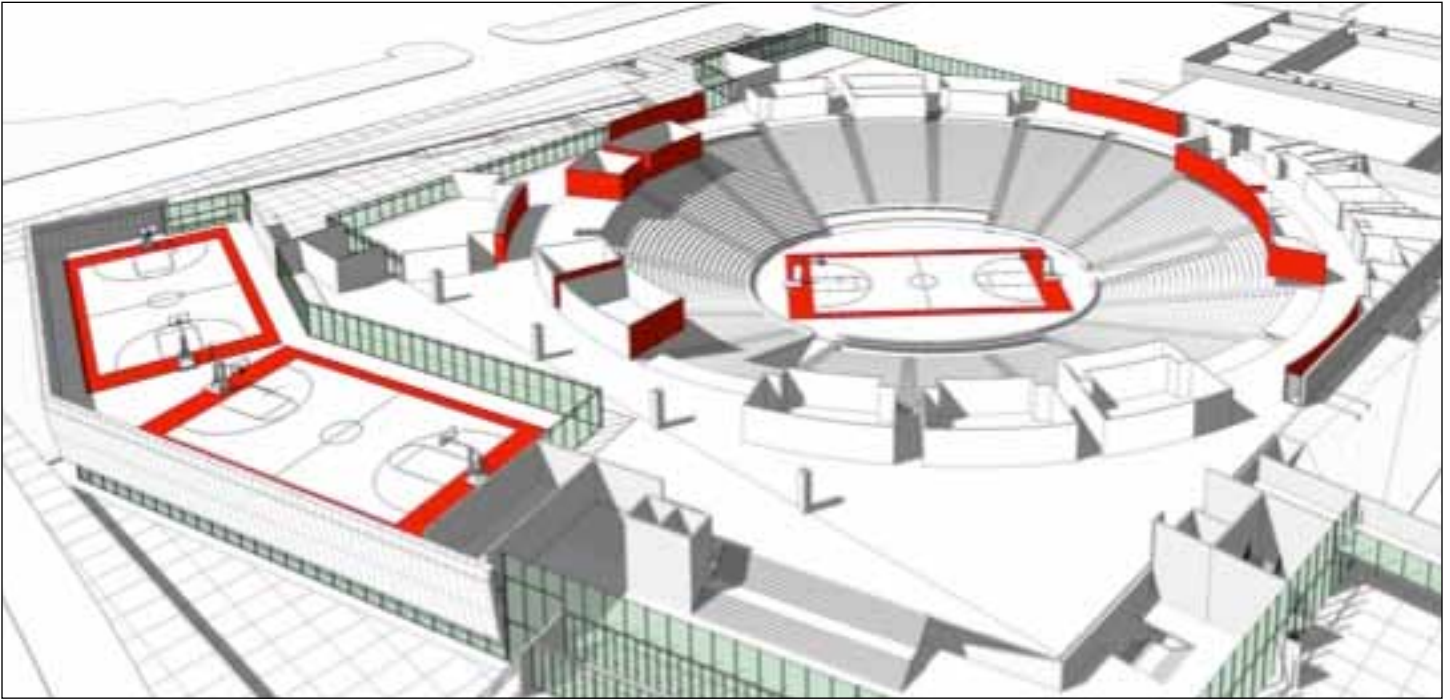
HOFHEINZ PAVILION • EXTERIOR



HOFHEINZ PAVILION • THE ARENA

THE FUTURE

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HOFHEINZ PAVILION • CLUB VIEW

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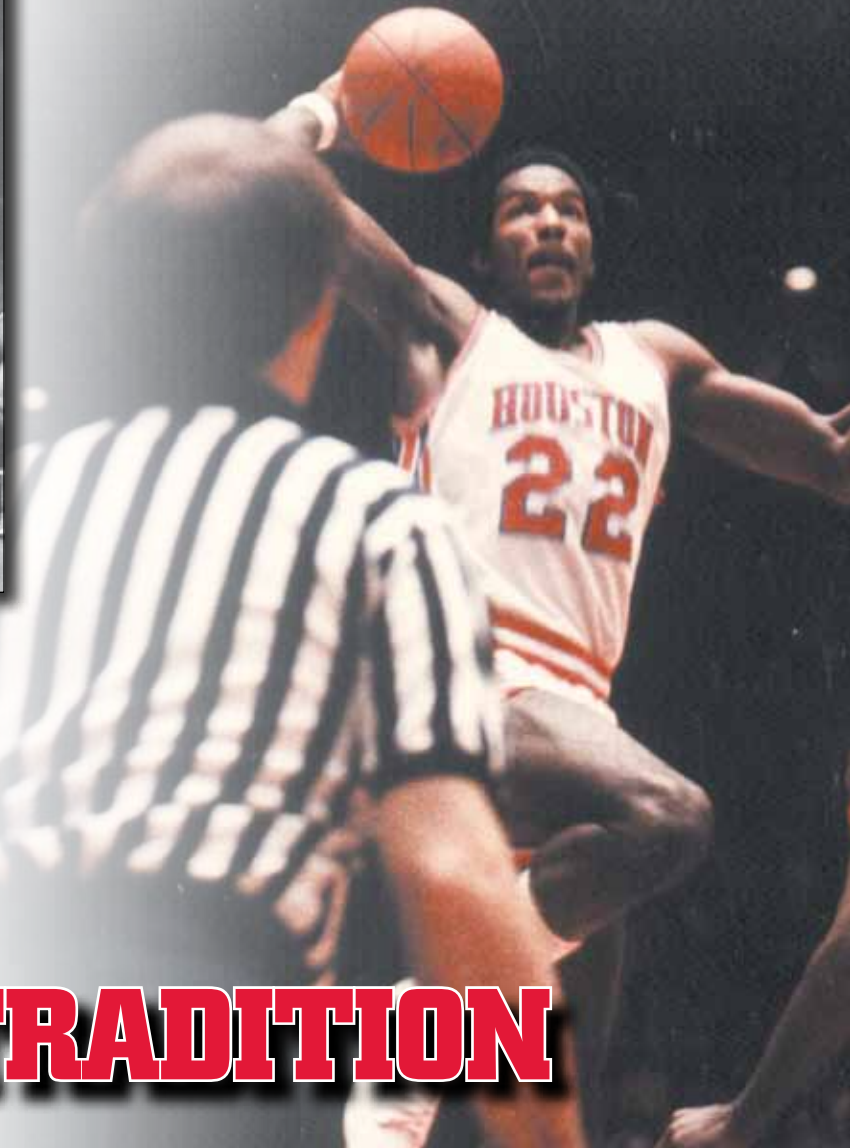
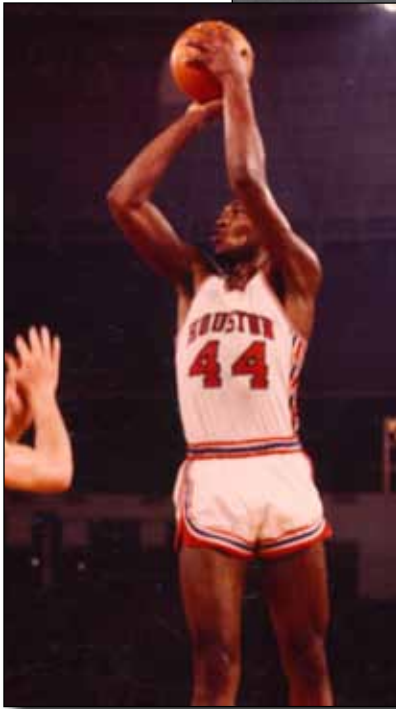
- 19 NCAA Tournament Appearances
- 30 Postseason Tournament Berths
- Five NCAA Final Four Appearances
 - Two NCAA Finalist Teams
- Seven Conference Championships
- Six Conference Tournament Crowns



A HISTORY OF SUCCESS

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- Three Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Inductees
 - Three of the NBA's All-Time Top 50 Greatest Players
 - Two National Players of the Year
 - Seven All-America First-Team Honorees
 - Seven Olympians
- 11 First-Round Selections in the NBA Draft
 - Two No. 1 Overall Picks in the NBA Draft



A RICH TRADITION

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2011-12 RETURNING LETTERWINNERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown
1	Mikhail McLean	F	6-8	205	So.-1L	Houston, Texas
2	Alandise Harris	F	6-6	230	So.-1L	Little Rock, Ark.
11	Darian Thibodeaux	G	6-3	175	Sr.-1L	Dallas, Texas
32	Kirk Van Slyke	F	6-9	225	Jr.-2L	The Woodlands, Texas



#2 ALANDISE HARRIS

Sophomore Forward

- Ranked among the Conference USA individual leaders in rebounds and blocked shots
- Attempted 20 free throws against Conference USA-rival Marshall, becoming only the sixth player in school history to reach that total in a single game



#11 DARIAN THIBODEAUX

Senior Guard

- Finished second in Houston single-season history with his .440 3-point percentage in 2010-11
- Ranked among the Conference USA individual leaders in 3-point field goal percentage, 3-point field goals per game and minutes played per game



#32 KIRK VAN SLYKE

Junior Forward

- Scored a career-high 17 points in wins against No. 19/18 UCF and against Louisiana-Lafayette

THE CURRENT COUGARS

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#4 LeRON BARNES

G • 6-6 • 195

Freshman-HS

Stonewall, La.

North DeSoto HS

Honors & Notes

- 3-star recruit by *Rivals.com*
- 2-star recruit by *Scout.com*
- Class 3A All-State First Team
- All-Area Most Valuable Player
- All-District 1-3A First Team
- Competed in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game
- Finalist for McDonald's All-America honors
- Two-time Athlete of the Week selection by local television stations
- Recorded four games with at least 40 points
- Chose Houston over Colorado State, Providence, Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisiana-Monroe, Northwestern State and Tulane

Stories about LeRon Barnes

- [University of Houston Player Bio](#)
- [LeRon Barnes Joins the Cougars](#)
- [Rivals.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [Scout.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [ESPN.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [Barnes Makes All-State Team](#)
- [Barnes Honored as KTBS Athlete of the Week](#)
- [Barnes Honored as KSLA Athlete of the Week](#)
- [Signing Announcement at North DeSoto High](#)



#15 LEON GIBSON

F • 6-9 • 245

Junior-JC

Downey, Calif.

Navarro JC • Serra HS

Honors & Notes

- Region XIV All-Conference Honorable Mention as a sophomore in 2010-11
- Averaged 10.8 points and 7.9 rebounds per game to lead team to 20-win season
- Ranked sixth in Region XIV with his rebounding total
- Averaged 19.5 points and 9.0 rebounds per game to be named Region XIV Player of the Week in mid-January
- Helped lead Bulldogs to the NJCAA Final Four and the second of back-to-back Region XIV championships as a freshman in 2009-10
- Chose Houston over Long Beach State and Iona

Stories about Leon Gibson

- [University of Houston Bio](#)
- [Gibson Signs with Cougar Basketball](#)
- [Cougars Sign Another Navarro College Product](#)
- [Rivals.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [JucoJunction.com 2011 Top 150 Prospect Rankings](#)

2011-12 NEWCOMERS

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**#55 J.J.
RICHARDSON**
F • 6-8 • 245
Junior-TR
Missouri City, Texas
Pittsburgh • Hightower HS

Honors & Notes

- Spent two seasons at Pittsburgh before transferring to Houston
- Will practice with the Cougars in 2011-12 but not compete in any games... Will have two years of eligibility remaining starting in 2012-13
- Competed in the NCAA Tournament in back-to-back seasons
- Member of the 2011 Big East Conference regular-season champions
- Was a Big East Academic All-Star as a freshman in 2009-10
- Helped lead Hightower High to a 28-10 overall record, a 13-0 league mark and a 20-game winning streak as a senior in 2008-09.
- Considered Minnesota, Oklahoma State, San Diego, Santa Clara, Tulsa, Utah and Wichita State out of high school

Stories about J.J. Richardson

- [University of Houston Bio](#)
- [Pitt Transfer Joins the Cougars](#)
- [Richardson Makes Most of Playing Time](#)
- [Pittsburgh Player Bio](#)



**#23 JONATHON
SIMMONS**
G • 6-6 • 195
Junior-JC
Houston, Texas
Midland JC • Smiley HS

Honors & Notes

- Competed at Midland Junior College during the 2009-10 season
- Member of WACJAC and Region 5 All-Conference Teams
- Ranked as the No. 19 player in the country by *JucoJunction.com*
- Most Valuable Player of the Holiday Hoops Classic in Las Vegas
- Member of the All-Conference Team as a freshman at Paris College
- Honored as the District 21-4A Co-Most Valuable Player as a senior at Smiley High in 2007-08
- Chose Houston over Cincinnati, Oklahoma, Utah, Wichita State and New Mexico State

Stories about Jonathon Simmons

- [University of Houston Bio](#)
- [Cougars Ink Four during Early Period](#)
- [2009-10 Midland College Game-by-Game Statistics](#)
- [Rivals.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [Scout.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [Simmons Named to All-Conference Team](#)

2011-12 NEWCOMERS

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#21 JHERROD STIGGERS

G • 6-5 • 210

Freshman-HS

Terrell, Texas

Terrell HS

Honors & Notes

- 3-star recruit by ESPN and *Rivals.com*
- No. 39 shooting guard nationally by ESPN
- No. 29 player in Texas by *Rivals.com*
- District 15-4A Most Valuable Player in 2010-11 after averaging 18.4 points per game
- All-District First-Team wide receiver on the football team
- Chose Houston over UTEP, Iowa, Colorado, Wichita State, North Texas, and San Jose State

Stories about Jherrod Stiggers

- [University of Houston Bio](#)
- [Cougars Ink Four during Early Period](#)
- [ESPN.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [Rivals.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [Stiggers Named District Most Valuable Player](#)



#35 TaSHAWN THOMAS

F • 6-8 • 215

Freshman-HS

Killeen, Texas

Killeen HS

Honors & Notes

- 3-star recruit by ESPN, *Scout.com* and *Rivals.com*
- No. 22 player in Texas by *Rivals.com*
- No. 27 power forward nationally by *Scout.com*
- No. 32 power forward nationally by ESPN
- All-Area Most Valuable Player in 2010-11
- Two-time District 25-4A Most Valuable Player
- Scored 16 points with eight rebounds during the THSCA All-Star Game
- Two-time *KDHpressBox.com* Player of the Week as a senior
- Chose Houston over Alabama, Memphis, California, Colorado, Colorado State and Temple

Stories about TaShawn Thomas

- [University of Houston Bio](#)
- [Cougars Ink Four during Early Period](#)
- [ESPN.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [Rivals.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [Thomas Talks with Sam Khan following the THSCA All-Star Game](#)
- [Thomas Leads North Team to Win at THSCA All-Star Game](#)
- [These Eyes Say Roos' Thomas Underrated as Prospect](#)
- [KDHpressbox.com Player of the Week for Dec. 12-18](#)
- [KDHpressbox.com Player of the Week for Nov. 28-Dec. 4](#)
- [All-District and All-Area Most Valuable Player](#)

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#3 J.J. THOMPSON

G • 6-0 • 185

Freshman-HS

Irving, Texas

Irving HS

Honors & Notes

- 3-Star recruit (*Scout.com*)
- 3-Star recruit (*Rivals.com*)
- 2-Star recruit (ESPN)
- No. 18 player in Texas (*Rivals.com*)
- No. 44 point guard nationally (ESPN)
- Chose Houston over UTEP, Colorado, Nebraska, UNLV, Wichita State, Texas Tech and Iowa

Stories about J.J. Thompson

- [University of Houston Bio](#)
- [Cougars Ink Four during Early Period](#)
- [ESPN.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [Rivals.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [Thompson Commits to Houston](#)



#0 JOSEPH YOUNG

G • 6-3 • 185

Redshirt Freshman-RS (10-11)

Houston, Texas

Yates HS

Honors & Notes

- 4-Star recruit (*Rivals.com*)
- 3-Star recruit (*Scout.com*)
- No. 23 shooting guard nationally (*Rivals.com*)
- No. 29 shooting guard nationally (*Scout.com*)
- No. 30 shooting guard nationally (ESPNU)
- No. 93 player nationally (*Rivals.com*)
- No. 98 player nationally (ESPNU)
- 2010 Parade High School All-America Third Team

Stories about Joseph Young

- [University of Houston Bio](#)
- [ESPN.com Recruiting Profile](#)
- [Young Learns New Role with Veteran Help](#)
- [Former Yates Star Enrolls at Houston](#)
- [Meet PARADE All-America Team](#)

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