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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**

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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](#)

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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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