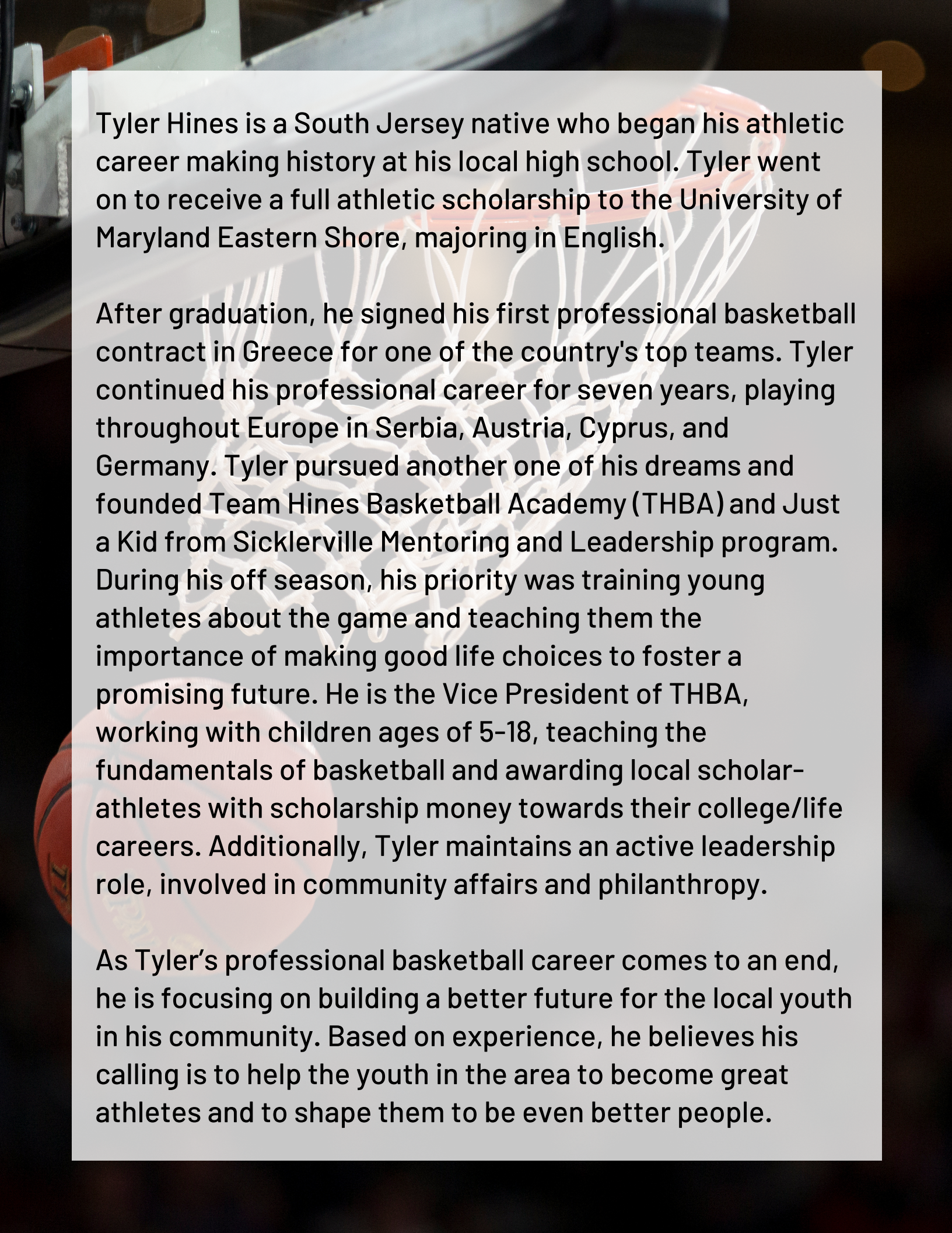


A group of approximately 20 diverse students and one adult male mentor are gathered in a classroom. They are all smiling and holding white certificates or diplomas. The students are dressed in casual attire, and the mentor is wearing a light-colored sweater. The background shows a green chalkboard and a blue wall. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an indoor setting with overhead lights.

# Just A Kid From Sicklerville Mentoring & Leadership Program

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Tyler Hines is a South Jersey native who began his athletic career making history at his local high school. Tyler went on to receive a full athletic scholarship to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, majoring in English.

After graduation, he signed his first professional basketball contract in Greece for one of the country's top teams. Tyler continued his professional career for seven years, playing throughout Europe in Serbia, Austria, Cyprus, and Germany. Tyler pursued another one of his dreams and founded Team Hines Basketball Academy (THBA) and Just a Kid from Sicklerville Mentoring and Leadership program. During his off season, his priority was training young athletes about the game and teaching them the importance of making good life choices to foster a promising future. He is the Vice President of THBA, working with children ages of 5-18, teaching the fundamentals of basketball and awarding local scholar-athletes with scholarship money towards their college/life careers. Additionally, Tyler maintains an active leadership role, involved in community affairs and philanthropy.

As Tyler's professional basketball career comes to an end, he is focusing on building a better future for the local youth in his community. Based on experience, he believes his calling is to help the youth in the area to become great athletes and to shape them to be even better people.





## **ABOUT JAKFS MENTORING PROGRAM**

The Just a Kid from Sicklerville Mentoring and Leadership program is geared toward the youth and young adults. The goals of this program are to teach basic life skills, the value of education, and quality life choices, and how to create a thriving future.

Tyler created a structured mentoring program that focuses on at-risk students failing classes and having discipline issues. The mission is to provide the youth of Sicklerville, and surrounding communities, with the tools and opportunities to pursue and accomplish their dreams. Tyler's goal is to show the youth the possibilities that await them as well as the challenges they may face on the road to success. Since 2014, JAKFS Mentoring and Leadership Program has led efforts to improve these communities, as Tyler is 100% dedicated to the community and looks to cultivate confidence needed to succeed.



# TYLER'S WHY

In the 6th grade, Tyler went through one of the biggest challenges of his life - his parents' divorce - which caused him to rebel. His family, teachers, and closest friends saw him slowly fade from being the kid everyone loved. However, basketball kept Tyler motivated, but when his grades and behavior worsened, basketball was taken from him. When he reached the 8th grade, his math teacher, Mr. Frank Lotierzo, wanted to help Tyler, eventually becoming his lifelong mentor and helping him get on the right path. Mr. Lotierzo is the reason mentoring the youth became important to Tyler, as Tyler recognizes the profound value in leadership.



Tyler has worked with over 20 schools, ranging from elementary to college level. He believes it is important for mentors to pass the knowledge he gained throughout his life and give students the edge and support he once needed.



# MENTORING CURRICULUM

Prepared by R. Tyler Hines

## MENTORING TOPICS

The importance of goal-setting

Activity: A letter to your older self

Vision board creation

Activity: Challenges causes change

Career and life planning

The importance of reputation (self-branding)

Improving academic skills and responsibility

Activity: Positive potential

Family task list

Social media/vaping and drug awareness

The importance of giving back

Confidence and consistency

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." - Xunzi





# BHPRSD Peer Mentoring Program





# **PARTNERS/SCHOOLS OF JAKFS MENTORING PROGRAM**

Triton High School  
Timber Creek High School  
Highland High School  
Erial Elementary School  
Ann A. Mullen Middle  
Overbrook High School  
Pennsauken High School  
East Hampton Community School  
Erial Christian Community School  
Kings Christian School  
Camden County College  
Volksschule (Austria)  
Wallin School (New Castle, Delaware)  
Middletown High School  
Bells Oaks Middle School  
Volz Middle School  
Glen Landing Middle School  
CW Lewis Middle School  
Glassboro Intermediate School  
Pedro Plains Infant School (St. Elizabeth, Jamaica)  
& more!





"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." - William Arthur Ward







"The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves." - Steven Spielberg







"One of the greatest values of mentors is the ability to see ahead what others cannot see and to help them navigate a course to their destination." - John C. Maxwell





# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The 2019/2020 school year was the first year JAKFS had the opportunity to partner with the Black Horse Pike Regional School District. In March 2020, the pandemic forced many schools to shut down, and sports, proms, senior trips, and graduations had to be cancelled also. The senior class of 2020 will always be special, so JAKFS decided to award three \$1,000 scholarships to seniors that showed leadership, were mentors to their peers, and had plans to attend college or trade school next year.





Considering today's challenging social climate, respective pressures, and the journey of adolescence, our youth need us more than ever.

Contrary to what people believe about mentoring, a mentor does not assign or command directions. Instead, a mentor provides valuable insight and serves as a positive example, which inspires others to make sound choices, choices that affect their path and goals.

With proper guidance, that path is paved with clear intentions, a strong moral compass, and wise decisions.

Having a mentor has changed the trajectory of my life. I am a product of awe-inspiring leadership. As a result, I humbly invest my time to repeat this fruitful cycle within the very community that developed me into the man I am today.

My goal is simple: expose the younger generation to the game of basketball in a way that enhances their on-court skills, strengthens their character, teaches the importance of life choices, and fosters a promising future.

I look forward to including you on this special journey.



*Tyler Hines*



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