



# BTI NATION

## NEWSLETTER

### 64 BTI ALUMNI CURRENTLY PLAYING COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Dear BTI Family,  
Happy New Year  
and Welcome to  
our winter edition  
of the BTI NATION  
Newsletter. The  
NCAA College  
season is underway  
and I am excited to  
announce that BTI  
has sixty-four  
alumni currently  
playing at the D1,  
D2 and D3 levels.



Nik Khamenia



Caedin Hamilton



Adam Hinton



Evan Manjikian



Malik Messina- Moore



Landon Lewis

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### JASE HARRISON

In 2011, Jase Harrison was a skinny 6'2" sophomore from Palmdale with a 4.3 GPA. He played on an outstanding BTI 16U team that featured Jordan Hill (Wisconsin), Bryan Alberts (Gonzaga), and Clinton Hooks (Washington University in St. Louis). After a spectacular team performance in July at the King James Chicago Showcase, Jase's life was turned upside down. As we headed home to prepare for the summer's final tournament, Jase was informed that his father, a devoted firefighter, had suddenly passed away. Jase and his family were devastated, and the entire BTI family was heartbroken as well.

The final week of the season was emotional for all of us. Despite the circumstances, Jase made the courageous decision to play in the last tournament of the summer in Las Vegas, the same city where his father had passed. In his first game of the tournament, Jase knocked down his first four three-pointers. It was a defining moment, one that revealed the strength of the man he was becoming. He later went on to become a Division III standout under Eric Bridgeland at Whitman College, helping lead the program to the NCAA Division III Final Four. While in college, Jase discovered his second passion: sports psychology. After his college career, he played professionally in England while simultaneously earning his master's degree in sports psychology. During that time, he was also hired as a mental performance coach. At the conclusion of his playing career, Jase was hired by Derby University in England as a full-time mental performance coach. Most recently, he partnered with BTI Assistant Director Mike Teller to create Secret Trainer Sports Psychology, a program designed to support high school and college athletes.



### BTI 1998-2026

- Matriculated over 600 athletes to four year colleges.
- 38 Ivy League players
- 12 NBA players
- 3 NFL Players
- 1 MLB Player
- 48 Overseas professionals
- 9 Medical Doctors
- 18 Attorneys
- 56 MBA or Masters degree recipients

## BTI ALUMNI HAVING SUCCESS IN THE NFL

### **Drake London**

Atlanta Falcons star wide receiver Drake London was a three-year standout for BTI. He was a member of our 2018 BTI Hall of Fame team, which also featured Ziaire Williams of the Brooklyn Nets. Drake committed to USC to play both basketball and football. However, after a stellar sophomore season in college football, he declared for the NFL Draft and was selected 8th overall in the 2022 NFL Draft.



### **Bryce Young**

The Carolina Panthers' starting quarterback was a three-year standout at BTI. Young prepped at Cathedral and Mater Dei High School. Unfortunately, he never suited up for either school and only played basketball for BTI. He went on to have an incredible career at the University of Alabama, where he won the 2021 Heisman Trophy. He later became the first overall pick in the 2023 NFL Draft.



### **Colby Parkinson**

The Los Angeles Rams tight end played two seasons for BTI from 2014 to 2016 and was a standout on Coach Julian Andrade's BTI 16U team. Parkinson also played for Robert Icart at Oaks Christian High School, where he developed into a top national football recruit. He went on to play college football at Stanford and was selected by the Seattle Seahawks in the 2020 NFL Draft.



# COACH SPOTLIGHT

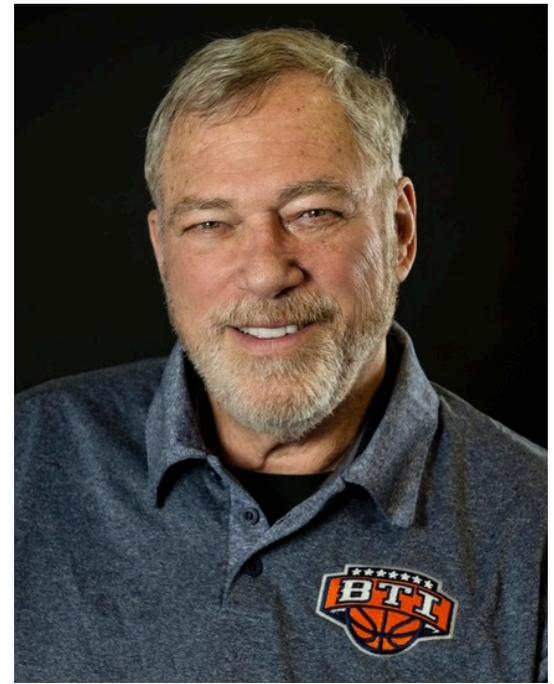
## Lee Garson

Lee and Robert first met in 1996, when they coached an ARC 14U team that featured future NBA All-Star Gilbert Arenas. Since 1998, Lee has coached within the BTI program at every age level. For the past thirteen seasons, he has assisted Coach Mike Teller with the BTI 17U team.

Together, they have formed an exceptional coaching partnership, and our players truly benefit from Lee's knowledge and wisdom.

"Coach Lee has a genuine love for the game. More importantly, he loves being an encouraging and inspiring presence for young people. He has contributed so much to our program, and our players are better men because of him," says Robert Icart.

Lee was inducted into the BTI Hall of Fame at the 25-year Anniversary Gala in recognition of his more than 20 years of service to our players and the BTI program. This season, Lee will return as an assistant to Mike Teller on the BTI United 17U team competing on the Pro-16 Puma Circuit.



## BTI 2018 TEAM TO BE HONORED AT THIS YEARS GALA

The BTI 2018 team will be honored at this year's Gala in July 2026. Widely regarded as one of the best teams in BTI history, this group defeated top programs from the EYBL, Adidas 3SSB, and Under Armour circuits and finished ranked among the top 25 AAU teams in the country.

The roster included Ziaire Williams (Stanford/Brooklyn Nets), Drake London (USC/Atlanta Falcons), Neil Owens (Claremont McKenna/Philippines), Dexter Akanno (Marquette, Oregon State, Utah State), Jordan Jones (Cornell), Mason Hooks (Princeton), Andre Henry (UC Irvine), Bryce Howard (UC Santa Barbara), and Chigozie Achara (Houston Christian).



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