# VITA FOR Aaron James

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STATUS: Married, Mrs. Abigail D. James, Asst. Principal Lincoln Parish School Board

(Two Adult Children: Tiffiani and Brandon)

#### FORMAL EDUCATION:

**Grambling State University** 

Bachelor of Arts in Health and Recreation, 1974 Master of Science in Sport Administration, 1983

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:

1999 – Present Assistant Professor, Department of Kinesiology, Sport, And Leisure Studies, and Assistant Bayou Classic Committee Coordinator, Grambling State University, Teach in the Department of Kinesiology, Sport, And Leisure Studies

While serving as the Assistant Bayou Classic Committee Chairperson – Serving as Interim Bayou Classic Committee Chairperson when needed

1977 – 99 Athletics Liaison, Office of Development, Grambling State University, Served as link between the GSU Athletic Department and the GSU Sports Foundation

1998 – 94 Head Men's Basketball Coach, Grambling State University Took over as coach of the Tigers, handling on – court coaching duties, Travel coordination and recruiting

1995 – 88 Assistant Women Basketball Coach, Grambling State University

Served as assistant coach of the Lady Tigers, handling on - court coaching Duties, traveling coordinating and assisting the head coach with Recruiting

1983- 85 Head Men's Basketball Coach and Health & Physical Education Instructor, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas Served as head coach of the men's basketball team, handling all Coaching, Scheduling, travel coordination, etc.., while also serving as a Teacher in the Health & Physical Education Department

1980 – 83 Professional Basketball Player for Manilla in Phillippines

1979 – 80 Professional Basketball Player for Sienna Basketball Club in Italy

1974 – 79 Professional Basketball Player with the National Basketball

Association's New Orleans Jazz, First – round pick in the NBA draft by the New Orleans Jazz in 1974

### PROFFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Louisiana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Member of the Recreation Section, August 1998 – Present

Louisiana Recreation and Park Association, August 1998 – Present

Fred Hobdy Day Committee May 1999

Grambling State University Faculty Senate, Senator, August 1999 – Present

Boy Scouts Committee, September 1997 – Present

Technical Assistance Conference Committee, October 2000

Bayou Classic Committee Member, 1995 - Present

Eddie G. Robinson Museum Committee, December 2000- Present

Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Peer Review Committee,

August 1999- Present

Grambling State University Service Committee, December 2000-

Grambling State University College Fund/UNCF, Infrastructure -

Development Annually, June 1999

Port City Therapeutic Recreation Fall Conference Committee, May 2000

Black Empowerment Apprenticeship Program, Department of

Psychology and Sociology, August 1999 – Present

Creating Alliance and Expanding Harrison's TR in the New Mill,

Grambling, LA; March 2001

Bayou Classic Assistant Coordinator, \$4 million event, sell

Quadrants, luxury suites, and provide students a chance to work at

the game and gain experience in Sport Management

### RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES:

(2007) AAHPERD National Conference, "Hiring Practices of African Americans in the National Football League, "Baltimore, Md.

LRPA Presentation Title Express yourself – Nov. 2007 - Monroe, LA

Building Course in Black Board, PowerPoint Presentation,

Workshop Microsoft 2007

Louisiana Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Fall

Convention, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Presenter, "Park &

Recreation needs Assessment, "May 2000

Academic Advisor, Leisure Studies, April 2001

Annually Historically Black Colleges and University

Conference Army ROTC in Grambling, LA; April 1999

Sport Leadership Conference, Grambling LA, August 1997

Roundtable Annual Conference, Shreveport, LA March 2000

Presented the Little League Baseball, Grambling, LA: June 2000 Present

The Knuckle Ball; A Pitch for Life, The Niekro Foundation 2009

Brotherhood Crusade Jim Cleamons Books and Basketball Camp 2009

Louisiana Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Fall Convention, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 2009

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHPS:

American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD)

Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (LAHPERD)

NRPA National Recreation and Park Association

### ADVISEMENT:

Coordinator of Advisement

## **INSTUTION SERVICE:**

Member, GSU's Hall of Fame Committee, Athletic Category Bayou Classic Committee Faculty Senator Peer Review Committee Library Committee

### OTHER INFORMATION:

Member, Elizabeth Robinson Alumni Chapter, Grambling State
University Hall of Fame
National Basketball Legends Commemorative Team
Award Feb. 2008 New Orleans, LA
Inducted into The NELA Pro- Athlete Sports Gallery May –
2008 Monore, LA
Honorary Educator Walter L. Cohen High School Feb. 2008
New Orleans LA