



Victor "Coach J" Junious- Program Director

Coach J is a 1996 graduate of Mt. Carmel High School. As a freshman he led the Caravan in scoring and that created the opportunity for him to play on the varsity level during his sophomore year. After a successful high school career he went to Dominican University located in River Forest, IL on a 4-year basketball scholarship. Coach J entered the starting line up as a freshman. Many thought that his performance on the court had earned him Freshman of the Year honors within the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) but that honor was not granted. For the remaining 3 years Coach J left no doubt about his abilities. He was a three-time All-Conference Selection, three-time Most Valuable Player, and two-time Arthur Ashe Jr. Scholarship recipient. Coach J placed his name in the record books at Dominican University while leading his team in scoring, rebounding, and blocked shots.

After leaving Dominican University Coach J pursued a professional career and entered the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) and traveled to Fort Wayne, IN (Fury), Gary, IN (Steelheads), Grand Rapids, MI (Hoops), and Rockford, IL (Lightening).

During the 2005-2006 school year Coach J began his coaching career. He spent several seasons coaching at local schools. In the summer of 2009, Coach J started to coach independently through his preexisting non-profit organization. The *Panthers Basketball Program* was created to be a positive pro-social activity for youth ages 10-17. The program has taken the sport of basketball to reach the minds of the youth in our surrounding communities. While on the basketball court players are taught the fundamentals of the sport, sportsmanship, healthy living and discipline.

