



**POWER***forward* is dedicated to inspiring underprivileged children to achieve excellence in education and athletics.

Our objective is to provide the resources and support to empower students and stimulate communities both locally and globally.



### Why Haiti?

Like the 47 Haitian students he has brought to the U.S., Founder and CEO, Pierre Valmera, shares a common journey of hope, perseverance, and triumph.





Since 2008, **POWER** forward has organized annual sports camps and community initiatives in Haiti.

1 camp costs approximately \$14,000.00 to execute.







The most recent camp was held December 2018 in Port-Au-Prince – over 400 children attended this 2-day basketball camp.

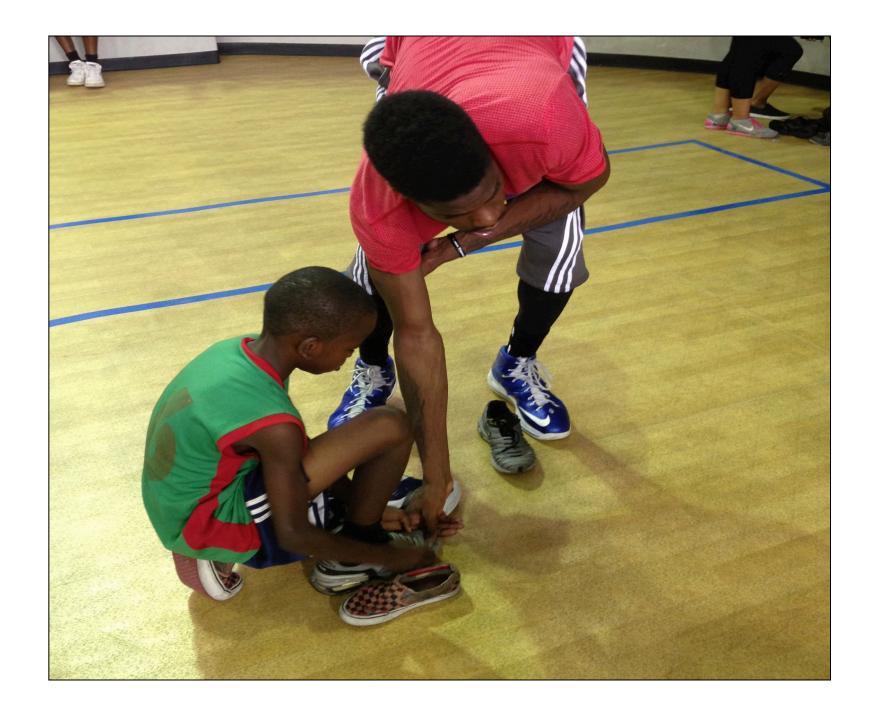
POWERforward was able to provide campers with elite basketball instruction from former pro- and collegiate basketball players and coaches, a pair of basketball sneakers, nutritional meals, and most importantly hope for a brighter future.





Gross average annual income in Haiti is \$1730.

59% of Haitians live on less than \$2/day. 25% are living in extreme poverty on less than \$1.25/day.





30% of children attending school will not make it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 60% drop out by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.





51% of the Haitian population is unable to read or write





50% of primary school age children are not enrolled in school.

1/3 of girls over the age of 6 never go to school.





Our students are identified at our annual camps and community initiatives. Many know it is their opportunity to be noticed and included in a U.S. education program.

It takes approximately 6 months to 1 year to bring an identified **POWER** forward student to the U.S. Of the students **POWER** forward identifies, we must provide means to prepare their immigration paperwork, transport them to and from the Embassy for their appointments, and transport them to the U.S.

This initial preparation cost is approximately \$1,500.00.



However, preparation is more than just paperwork.

**POWER** forward commits to mentally preparing the student from Day 1 for the challenges they will face in the U.S.

**POWER***forward* tailors the preparation of each child to his or her special needs based on an assessment of the child's family history, educational pursuits, and athletic ability.



Each **POWER** forward student is placed with a host family.

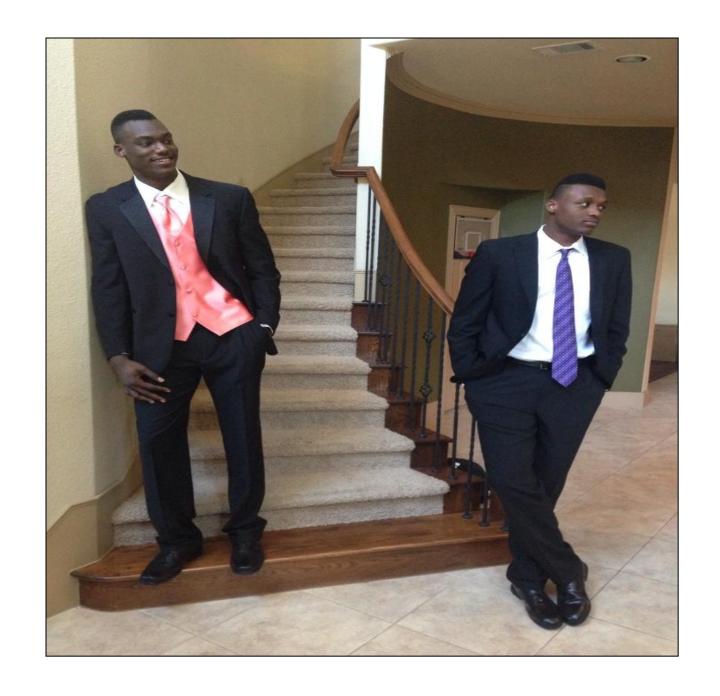
We select host families who are not only able to support each student's understanding of new experiences and adjustment and functioning in a new culture, but who are also able to foster an atmosphere of belonging and inclusiveness so each student can grow and succeed.







POWERforward wants each child to feel as if he or she is home and a part of a true family: a child flourishes when he or she feels connected and loved.





Each **POWER** forward student attends an institution of higher learning that nurtures both personal and educational growth and success.

For **POWER** forward junior high and high school students, they must attend a private institution due to immigration constraints.

The average cost of tuition for **POWER** forward junior high and high school students is approximately \$15,000.00 per year.



**POWER** forward has placed 36 students in the U.S.

Here are a few present and future **POWER** forward students.







**Skal Labissere**NBA Draft 2016
Sacramento Kings







### **Skal Labissere**

School: Evangelical

**Christian School** 

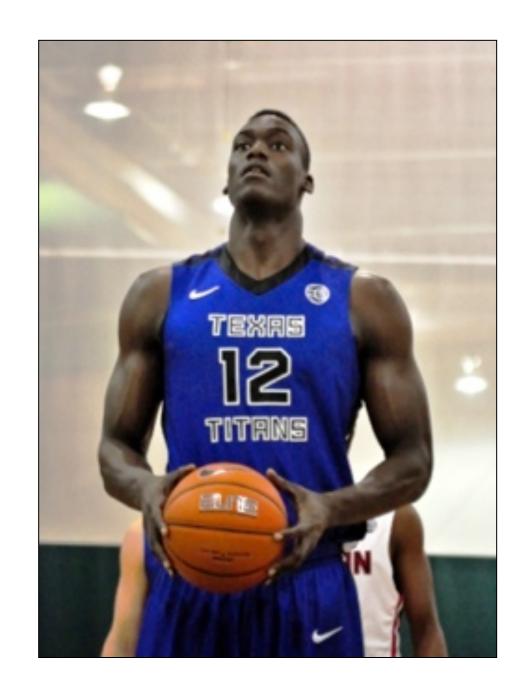
Class: Senior







# **D'Jery Baptiste**School: Vanderbilt Future Profession: Haitian Diplomat





**D'Jery Baptiste**School: Prestonwood
Christian Academy







### **Schnider Herard**

College: Mississippi

State





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The future of **POWER** forward is bright. However, hope alone cannot sustain the mission of **POWER** forward. It can only continue it's work with the generosity of donors.

**POWER** forward is a U.S. recognized 501(c)(3). Donations are tax deductible.



## **POWER** forward camps per year: \$56,000.00

**POWER** forward student in the U.S. for 4 years: \$149,305.00

**POWER** forward students in the U.S. per year: \$306,440.00



**POWER**forward's work in the local and global community – **PRICELESS** 

