

Jerome "JYD" Williams



Born and raised in Washington Metropolitan area of DC, this Georgetown University graduate learned at an early age that hard work pays off. Jerome "JYD" Williams is considered one of the greatest role players to ever pass through the NBA. In 2000, Jerome led the league in rebounding percentage and was ranked 3rd overall in offensive rating. He also collected three NBA Community Awards throughout his career. Whether on the court, in the community or in the classroom, he provided 100% effort and now inspires people around the world to do the same.

It was during his 9 -year NBA career that he thrived in his roles as a starter, a rebounder, a cheerleader, a community advocate and NBA Players Union representative. In 2000, Jerome was selected by other NBA players to serve an executive role as their union vice-president. Despite, never becoming a superstar player, Jerome cultivated a starring role as NBA Cares ambassador, NBA TV correspondent, NBA Fit spokesman and NBA Goodwill Ambassador to South Africa, Israel, South America, Shanghai China, Philippines, Beijing China and Bahrain. His community efforts gained him national media exposure, community service awards and 2 special invitations to dine at the White House during the George W. Bush administration. "JYD" is retired from grabbing rebounds and exciting NBA fans on the court but , Jerome remains busier than ever as the Toronto Raptors Legend Ambassador as well as running both an automotive magazine publication and much needed children's charity. His passion for both cars and motivating people has spawned the theme, "preparing people along the road to the workplace".

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