

BARONS 2020 REFLECTIONS



ALEX LEE #1

VISTA DEL LAGO HIGH SCHOOL

It all started 8th grade year when I moved from the Bay Area to Folsom. I was asked to join the Barons after a parent from my former team, the Associates, who coincidentally knew Tyler's mom. At first, I was reluctant about the idea of joining another team, thinking about how awkward it would be playing against my former team. But after my dinner with Aaron and Tyler's family, I changed my mind. At the dinner, their first impression to me was goofy. I remembered them giggling so much and necking each other every chance they got. That made me scared that I would become one of the victims of this necking battle in the future... but I loved it because it made me realize that this Barons team is special in that it is not just a basketball team, but it extends beyond basketball where teammates become lifelong friends and family.



My time with the Barons has gone by way faster than I would've liked. It seemed just like last month when Coach Jeff was so passionate teaching us the right way to play defense. He taught us the importance of communicating on defense and talking on the court. I will never forget that one time when I didn't talk on defense and Coach Jeff asked me "do you even speak?" But thanks to him, now I am willing to talk on defense and understand that communication is important for us as a team to be on the same page and help each other. Being on Barons also helped me realize how lucky I am to be able to have this family who I can always count on. I am grateful to have this opportunity that I almost threw away. You guys accepted me as one of you even though I wasn't here from the start. I was quiet and introverted, but you guys always made me feel at home. I really feel blessed to have this experience with my

Barons teammates and I am so glad that you guys took me in this team and organization.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who made my journey as a Baron so great and well rounded. First of all, I want to thank Coach Jeff, Coach Ben, and Coach Jess for taking the time out of your day to come coach us at games and practices. You guys were patient with us and tolerated us. I also want to thank Rod for making everything possible – the organization, the tournaments, the events, and Barons Camp. You made everyone one of us feel at home. I also want to thank everyone in the Barons organization who made everything so easy and making Barons camp so vibrant. Lastly, I want to thank my teammates for being so accepting, helping each other along our journey and making sure no one is left behind. Thank you all.



KAINOAH HERNANDEZ #2 PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

What does being a member of the 2020 Barons team mean to me? I can answer that question in many different ways, one reason is Barons was not really an organization I mean it is but it feels like a big family. At first, you do not know anyone at all except your team but going to the Barons camps and all the socials you start to meet kids from the older or younger teams. But at Barons camp, you meet a whole bunch of people and it is a pretty fun experience without any of our phones just all of these kids getting together and just someone to talk too. But that is how most of the Barons teams are kinda dominate in all classes. When I first started Barons I didn't even know that it was going to be Barons we were called the squires and to me, it was just another basketball team to play for. But what I did not know is that you turn into a Baron after 8th grade and you are a Baron for 5 years, I was just trying to play basketball but here my mom comes telling me all these activities that the Barons organization is hosting like I did not know we were doing all of that so to me I just thought this team was different. Most of the other team bonded our team didn't really bond that much or I just was not there half the time haha. But probably the best part about being a member of the 2020 Barons is going to Barons camp even though I only went 2 times I still had a fun time but the only thing is sad is the last day at Barons camp because you sometimes build a bond with some people at Barons camp since you are not always by your phone, and since you have that bond you just can't wait to come back next year and bond with your family again. All of the activities that we do in Barons camp are all fun and some people are really competitive so they really make it a competition and you don't want to lose so you're also very competitive. Barons camp is a fun place to get to know new faces and play basketball and a bunch of other things to do and mainly you're usually having a great time. In conclusion, being a member of the 2020 Barons team, it is a pretty fun ride.



AARON MURATA #3

OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

My Barons journey started dissimilar compared to most. It began at the age of 3 when my parents would drag me, my DS, and all 147 of my Pokémon along to watch my sister and the '09 Lady Barons compete at the various Asian league tournaments. As the years went on and my knowledge of the Barons organization grew, my urge to finally becoming a Sacramento Baron was growing. From the age of three, I knew it was only a matter of time where I

would soon pave my own unique Barons path. And so, I did. The past six years as a Sacramento Baron has inspired me to become a leader, created numerous memories/relationships, and taught me the importance of team/family first, whilst also indoctrinating the essence in self-confidence.



I would say that our team has undergone a fairly well-rounded barons experience. The flaws in our perfection is what has transpired into the beauty of our team. From Coach Jeff comparing us to Drew Barrymore in the Adam Sandler movie "50 first dates movie", to Dennis Murata calling us all princesses after every practice and game, our willingness and drive to surpass all expectations met an all-time high. We had gone from constantly getting third place in 8th grade, to consistently winning championship every tournament in 9th. Though, the following year came with some tough losses, we learned the essence in humility. Despite the obvious negative in losing, our tenth-grade season was the necessary turning point our team needed in order to glue as 1 unit, instead of 9 individuals. The satisfaction in winning, hand in hand the dissatisfaction in losing has created the perfect mold, mentality, and bond for this group of boys. This eleventh grade season is what I would say was our best yet, despite our win loss record. Our undeniable faults and priceless success is what has and will continue to bring this team together as one.

To my HaNdsOMe Teammates:

To this day, I still continue to think about all of the Barons that came before me, and how I'm inspired to be just like them. Though, it hasn't truly hit me till writing this, that you men and I have been living what I once inspired to become. These past six years as a pre-~~Baron~~ Squirrel (Squire) and Sacramento Baron has been one for books. With our endless inside jokes, innumerable battles with the Ninjas, and countless moments of pure happiness, I wouldn't want to share this never-ending high with any other group of boys (ps can't forget our undefeated season *dab*). Although you may not have known it, each one of you has inspired me to thrive on and off the court, whether it be pushing me to give 110% on defense or aiding me in keeping my Barons values prevalent within my daily lifestyle. The privilege to call myself a Baron has been an honor in itself, but to share it with you other seventeen amazing (wo)men is what has and will continue to make my Barons experience as memorable and golden as it is. Throwback to 8th grade when none of us could sing the littlest line into a microphone for camp introductions. Fast forward to Barons Camp 2019 where no one was scared to dance, act, or give a 10-word statement to 1234 word speech. Every one of you has made me proud with the maturity and growth you've shown as a friend, teammate, and leader. Without every one of your distinct beautiful characteristics and personalities, the class of 2020 wouldn't mean sh*t to me. Without the class of 2020, my Barons experience would be forsakenly non-existent.

To the 2020 LAdy baRoNs:

Thank you guys for talking, hyping up the team, and always bringing positive vibes whenever our team lacked it. Your nonstop ruckus and yelling during our heated battles against the Ninjas in Reno is one thing that solidified our family-like bond. Thank you for giving me 9 more "sisters" because sometimes I really can't stand my real one :)

To aMazINg 2020 Parents:

Not to sound like a broken record, but this journey truly wouldn't be possible without your unconditional love and support for our team. You guys have supplied us with the variables in order to become not only a competitive basketball team but a family. Your guys non-stop motor has helped engrain the necessary skills in order for our immature developing minds to become the wisER young adults we are today. Thank you truly, for all you do in order to make this team one cohesive unit.

To Coach Jessica :

Whether it be aiding us in acting as a team in public, or reteaching the fundamentals needed for success on the court, thank you truly for laying the foundation for our team,

To Coach Ben :

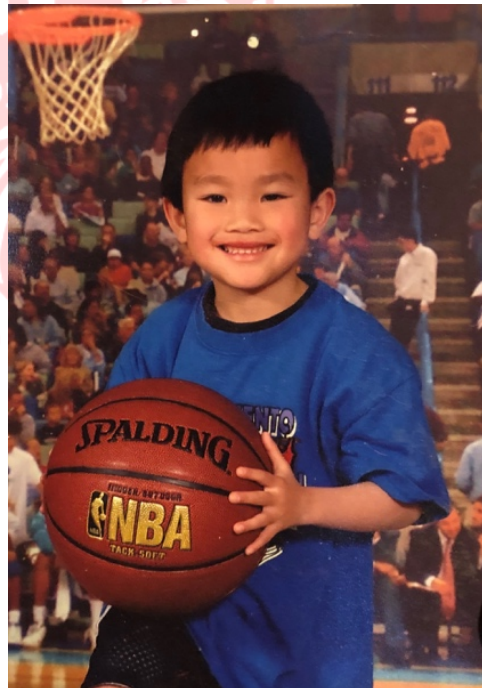
Thank you for being the older brother that we could always relate to, and being the brother, we never wanted, but always needed. Your combination of humor and discipline is what has driven us to become a closer-knit unit.

To Coach Jeff,

Despite all of the running, yelling, and frustration... On behalf of the whole team, I can say that we are so fortunate to have you as our coach. You were the fire that ignited our teams' success and cohesion on the basketball court, constantly making sure we were communicating and unselfish. Though, as well as off the court. You may not know it, but the team bonding trip to the movies that you planned in 10th grade, was the turning point that transformed us from a team, into a family. This activity is what truly put the puzzle pieces together, and the memory and bonds created that night is what will stay in my heart forever. Thank you truly, for being the underlying factor for our team's overall success, I wouldn't have wanted to tackle this past 6 years with any other coach.

To the rEal WORld:

We may just look like a group of dorks, but let me tell you, we are a group of dorks that aspire to inspire before we expire. Watch out, we'll be seeing you real soon.

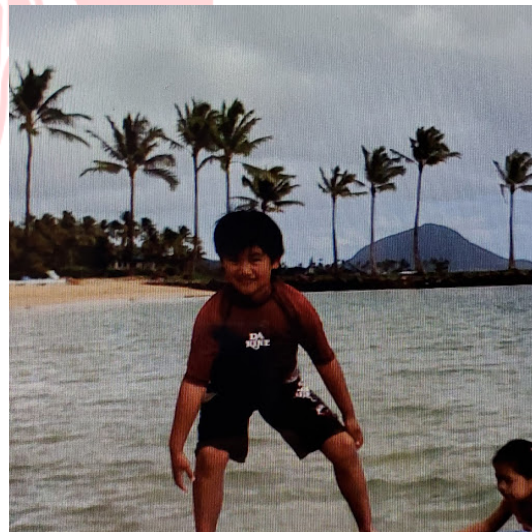
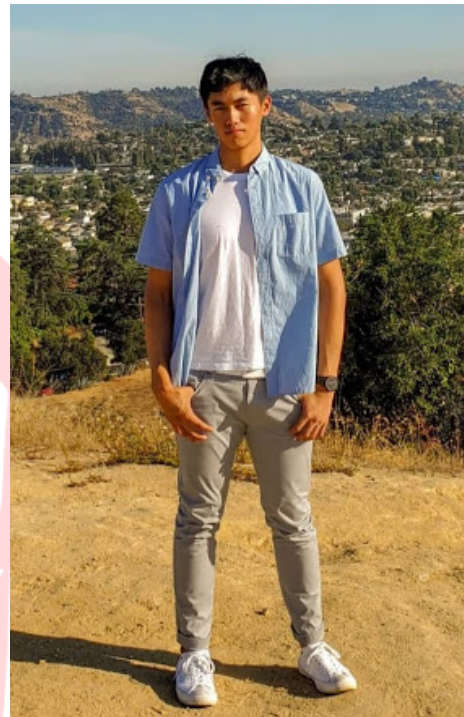


HUNTER LEONG #5

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL

I remembered how I became a Sacramento Baron. In 6th grade, I was asked to play with the rising stars for the organization. I knew everyone: old teammates and former church league rivals. We got along very quickly. I had no family members, friends, nor people that I knew that were a Baron; becoming one is a social and cultural shock. From 6th to the end of 7th grade, our team name being the Squires, I thought our team is competitive, wanting to win every tournament and get better. We worked hard, practice two times a week for two hours or more, giving up our Friday nights, run numerous lines, and play against older Barons and adults. We, and our coaches focused on our game, but we weren't the Sacramento Barons yet. In 8th grade, our team went to our first Barons Camp, and we were officially called a Sacramento Baron. I had no clue what the point for this camp was, taking up my Labor Day weekend vacation. At camp, it was a learning experience of being part of the Barons family. It wasn't only about winning tournaments, but it was about building connections.

Thank you, Rodney Kunisaki, Jeff Ota, Ben Quincy, Jessica Kunisaki, and the organization for shaping who I am today, a Sacramento Baron.



TYLER TAKAHA #6

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

I was introduced to the Barons organization around 6th grade when a bunch of my church teammates (Lucas, Riley, and Aaron) decided to make a Barons team. However, they were guaranteed a spot because their dads played Barons whereas my dad played Zebras, so I had to try out for a spot on the team. The tryouts lasted for almost a year with having workouts with coach Jeff twice a week. It was a long process and hard work. I was extremely happy when I finally made the team and this team was probably the best thing that I have been a part of. Being a Baron has created lifelong friendships and connections with not only my teammates, but also players from different age groups. These kids on my team are always going to be some of my greatest friends because of how well we all get along.



The Barons experience has taught me that creating connections and friendships with others is more important than basketball. When I first joined the team, I thought it was only about basketball; however, when tournaments and activities like Barons camp started, it quickly changed my mind. The Barons experience mixes being social and having fun, while competing and winning games. Being a part of Barons has created so many enjoyable memories from going to Barons camp to six of us finding ways to sleep in the same hotel room at a tournament in San Francisco. I will always remember when we went to Hawaii for the Ikaika tournament. Our room had trash all over the place and the whole room was rearranged. We had an encounter with jelly fish at Lanikai Beach and roamed the streets of Waikiki. I'll never forget going 5-0 against Hawaii teams being carried by Alex and Noah every game. I would like to thank my teammates for always having my back and never creating any drama between us. Our friendship will not end here.

Thank you, Coach Jess, for giving us pointers and not letting anything little slide during practice. It helped us grow better as players. Thank you, Coach Jeff, for sticking with us since 6th grade pushing us to be the best basketball players we can be, and for always helping me with my jump shot during workouts at your house. Your tough practices and correcting our mistakes drove us to become better and grow as a team. I remember our first practice as the Squires. You told us "Enjoy this time. It will go by fast." That was good advice. Thank you to Coach Ben for being our older brother that we could joke around with but got serious when it was time. You helped our team grow extremely close together as brothers. You made being a part of our team a lot more enjoyable with your constant jokes and your inspirational quotes. Lastly, thank you to the Barons Organization for giving me these lifelong experiences and friendships I will cherish for the rest of my life.



RILEY ONODERA#7

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

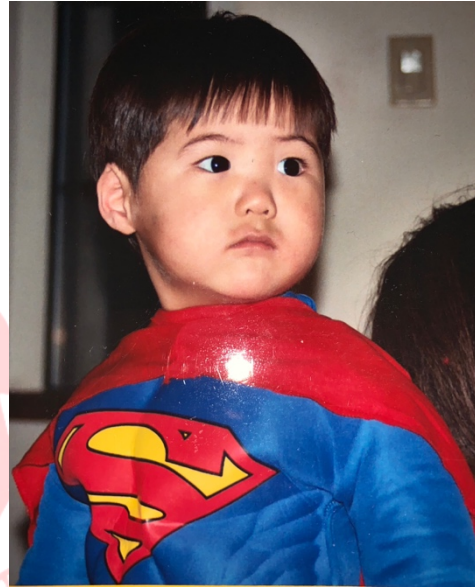
Throughout the years of playing for the Barons, I came to the realization that I'm extremely fortunate to have been a part of the organization. Not only was I given the chance to become close with my brothers on the 2020 boys team and the girls on the 2020 Lady Barons team, but also others on the younger and older teams.

I remember when our team practiced together for the first time. It was divided into two cliques and we didn't know each other well. However, through time we learned to trust each other on and off the court and eventually grew close. Without Barons, I never would have met many of the people who I can trust to be there for me through thick and thin. I look back and think about the fond memories that were created with these special people in my life. When other people told me "Enjoy high school because it's going to go by fast", I believed them, but I never truly realized the little time I had left in high school and my supportive friends around me. I always thought to myself "I have next year", but now that it's my last year of high school I can't say that anymore. It made me think about how much I've grown as a person. From being a shy and quiet kid to an outgoing and confident young adult, I'm proud of who I am and grateful to the people around me who have shaped me to be the person I am today.



Thank you to Coach Jeff and Ben for sticking with us all the way to the end. I truly believe both of you have impacted my life in a very positive way, and the amount of respect I have for you guys is tremendous. I also want to thank my parents for the countless sacrifices they have made for me, and the amount of the time they spent focusing on the activities going on in my life. I love them both more than words can

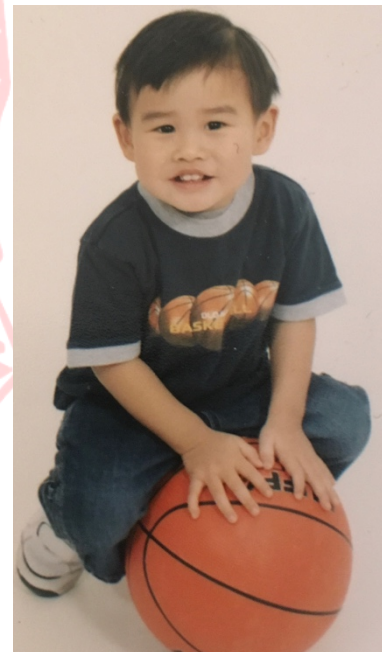
describe, and I'm filled with endless gratitude. Last but not least, I want to thank my brothers: Aaron, Tyler, Lucas, Noah, Kai, Kainoa, Alex, and Hunter. You guys made this wild journey the best it could possibly be, and it wouldn't have been the same without y'all. After this year, everyone's path will diverge and we'll all be going our own direction. However, we'll always be family and I'm confident the future has great things waiting for us in whatever we choose to pursue.



LUCAS MATSUURA #10

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

My Barons journey started in 6th grade when the team was formed and we were named the Squires. We were decent and got better with time. But Barons for me wasn't really all about basketball. Yea winning tournaments was cool and stuff but the best part was staying out late on Saturday night in each others rooms until our parents got mad and made us go to bed. We had our ups and downs but 10th grade year was our best; we went undefeated in the season which was great but what was even better was that we did it while also having fun at tournaments. All of my years of being a Baron, it just seemed like it was a long way until it was even close to over, but it came faster than I thought. Not only did it come faster than I had thought, but it also hit me harder than I believed it would. Now that it's my last year I realize that everything will change after this year ends, no more tournaments, no more practices, and no more Barons camp. Another thing that hit me was that most of us will go to college and won't see each other that much anymore. I will really miss everyone on our Barons team from Tyler's threes, Alex carrying us to a ship, Noah's missed dunks, Riley's occasional 20 point games, Fidel's lobs, Hernandez's long-armed steals, and Aaron's connection he had with falling on the floor. This team was like no other and I want to say thanks to my teammates for making these last years something I won't forget. I would also like to thank coach Jeff for being the coach that could teach us things on and off the court unlike any other coach. I would also like to thank coach Quincy Truth Miller for being the brother I didn't want but had lots of fun with on and off the court. Nothing will ever replace the this team and the memories made whether it was on or off the court. This last year is gonna be a good one. Once a Baron, always a Baron.



KAINOA FIDEL #11

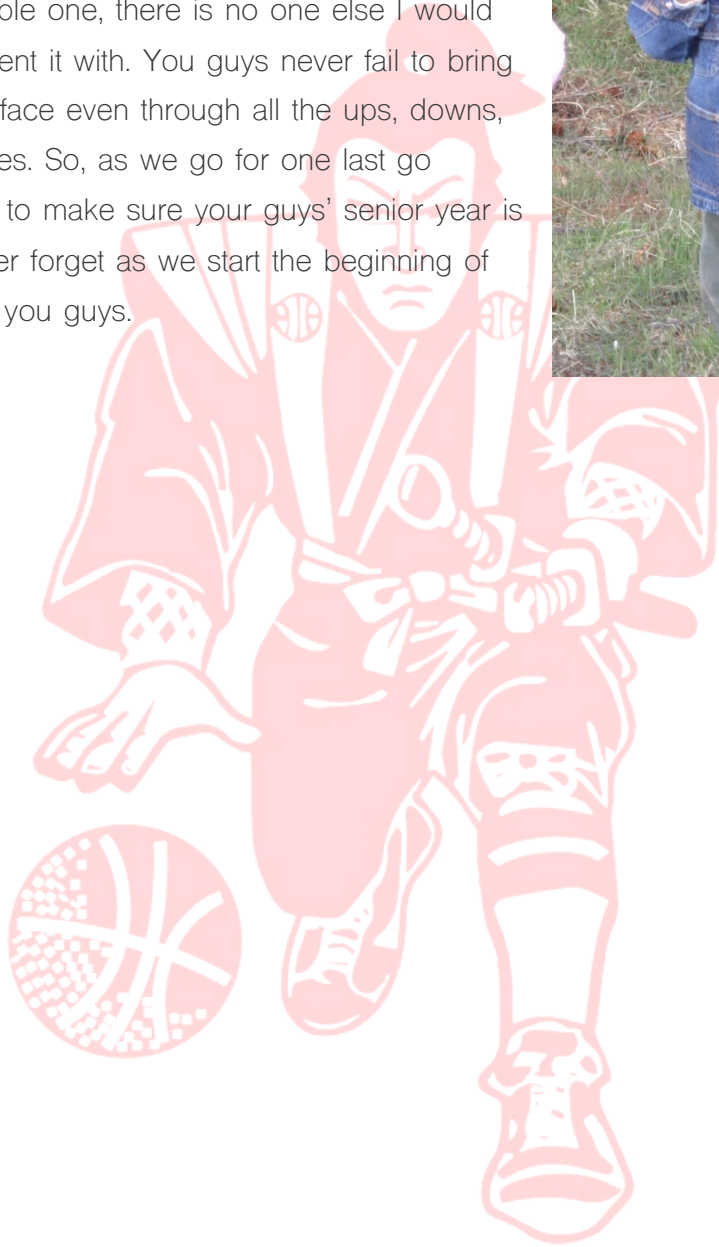
FLORIN HIGH SCHOOL

I first got introduced to the barons in the 5th grade when I was invited to play for this newly formed team of kids I used to play against in church ball. I didn't know anyone on the team at the time, but most of the other kids had known each other their whole lives. I expected to be treated as an outsider and I was completely wrong, all of my teammates had accepted me with open arms and made sure I got comfortable. I would soon realize that this team would really become my second family and I found myself always anticipating the next time I would be able to spend time with all of them. Being a part of the 2020 Barons boys team has truly been a blessing and such an amazing experience. I can say that I have met a group of lifelong friends in both our girls and boys team together, blood couldn't make us any closer.



A huge thank you goes to my three coaches: Coach Jess, Coach Jeff, and Coach Ben. Thank you Jess for starting our Barons journey for us before moving onto bigger and better things, I'm really happy for you. Thank you to coach Jeff for being so committed to our team and for being so hard on me. I know you would only yell at me because you knew I could do better and was capable of more and I truly appreciate the tough love. And Lastly to Ben, thank you for just being a brother to all of my teammates and me. It's been so fun having you around because at times you can be a kid just like me and that's what I love about you the most is that I can really relate to you. Thank you to all of our Barons parents and friends who pour their time, money, and effort into our team so that they can see us succeed, I can't thank you enough.

And the last thank you goes to my brothers Noah, Aaron, Riley, Tyler, Kainoah, Alex, Lucas, Hunter, Peter, and Robert. You guys are the reason I even wanted to be a baron. My love for you guys is unconditional. Thank you for making these 6 years run a memorable one, there is no one else I would have rather spent it with. You guys never fail to bring a smile to my face even through all the ups, downs, wins, and losses. So, as we go for one last go around, I want to make sure your guys' senior year is one you'll never forget as we start the beginning of our end. Love you guys.



NOAH WAGNER #21

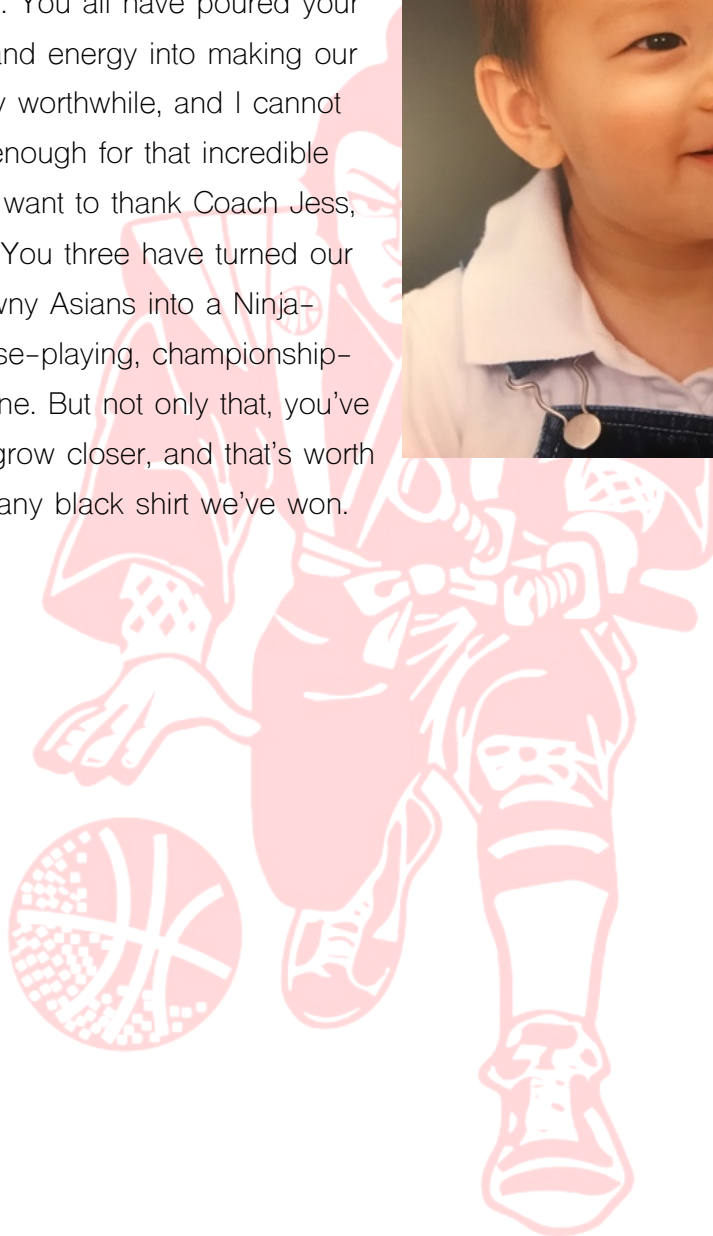
PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

I luckily stumbled upon the Sacramento Barons organization during sixth grade. I was playing summer league at SASF when Bryan Onodera spotted my tall, athletic, uncoordinated self and saw my potential. He then reached out to the 2020 team manager, Dennis Murata, to come watch me play and later discovered that this kid was the son of his former boss. Knowing my dad prompted him to invite me to try out for the 2020 Barons team because my dad was “the best boss he’s ever had.” So, thanks dad. After many practices, I was informed I made the team and unknowingly dove head first into Asian League and the Barons.



At first, connecting with my teammates was difficult, I almost felt like the outsider white kid. I even remember that in the first tournament I played with them, Kai refused to pass me the ball. However, as time went on, I’ve forged some of the closest friendships I’ve ever had. The memories are infinite. Sleepovers at Aaron’s, swim parties, late-night shenanigans in hotels, our undefeated season, Hawaii, the list goes on and on. I am beyond grateful to have spent six years with these boys, and it’s been unforgettable. One of my biggest takeaways from being a Baron has been growing into a leader. I had an opportunity on the team to step up and become one of the leaders and I took advantage. Basically, our whole team is introverted, so I was able to step out of my comfort zone and cultivate the leadership qualities I had inside me with this team. To me, that’s what being a Baron is: leading. As seniors, we’re presented with a unique opportunity to have a heavy influence on the younger teams. I remember looking up to all the older boys, and I want to be that figure as well. Thanks to teammates and other fellow Barons, I look forward greatly to my last year and hope to live out the Barons values in becoming the best Baron I could be.

Lastly, I have a few thank yous. First, I want to express gratitude toward all of the amazing parents. Without all of the love and support, as cliché as it sounds, our team would not have grown into the family we've become. You all have poured your time, money, and energy into making our Barons journey worthwhile, and I cannot thank you all enough for that incredible journey. I also want to thank Coach Jess, Jeff, and Ben. You three have turned our group of scrawny Asians into a Ninja-beating, defense-playing, championship-winning machine. But not only that, you've helped us all grow closer, and that's worth far more than any black shirt we've won.



COACH

JESSICA KUNASAKI

Dear the 2020 Baron Boys and their families,

Even though it was claimed #undefeatedsincecoachjessleft, I take pride in being an important piece to your growth. I watched timid little 6th grade boys mature into confident and wild young men. In the beginning years, some would cry during games, others would get “stomach aches” because they were so nervous about the big games, and others ran like baby giraffes trying to find their footing. But through the years, it’s been gratifying watching all of your progress from a distance. I know each one of you has worked extremely hard to become the person you are today. Watching the process of success is one of the most rewarding feelings as a coach.

Good luck in your next phase of your life. Soon you’ll have to find your footing all over again. There will be difficult experiences that arise. Yet, I’m confident that you’ve gained the tools necessary to overcome any adversities that come your way.

Thank you to all of the families for committing to the Barons organization. I know that it is exhausting to do all of the tasks this organization asks you to do. Not only do we ask you to commit to attending practices late at night and chauffeuring your son (and maybe a couple other kids) to out of town tournaments for multiple weekends, but we also expect you to have the best concession stand, cater meals at Barons camp, host a jamboree, and much more. I just want the families to know that YOU make the the organization what it is and I truly appreciate your dedication throughout the entire six year journey.

Coach Jeff and Coach Ben: You guys made it through their senior year! Congratulations! You taught them so many valuable lessons both on and off the court. Now it’s time to start all over again!

Thanks to all for allowing me to be part of this journey. I’m incredibly thankful for all of the relationships that were built from this team.

Love,
Coach Jess

COACH BEN NGUYEN

To the 2020 Barons:

As I look back on the last four years, there are two key aspects that come to mind. They are the memories and relationships that I have established and been apart of that I shall cherish the most. There have been multiple moments on the court that I will remember. One being our big wins in tight games as a team, while also having some tough defeats. Furthermore, there were moments outside of basketball that filled me with laughter and joy. Although it was not with the boys, I was able to create special relationships with the parents that trusted me to coach their boys. After graduating from UC Merced, I always knew I wanted to be involved with coaching. I originally volunteered to coach to fill that void, but I gained much more than that. When I look back, I genuinely believe this whole Asian league experience isn't about the wins and losses. It's about the relationships you build and the memories that come along with it.



I would like to give my deepest gratitude and thank yous to all of the parents on our team. You all welcomed me with open arms, which made coaching your sons much easier for me. Special thank you to our team managers Shelley Takaha, Carolyn and Dennis Murata. You guys situated me into this team and always took care of me. I know being the team parents is a tough responsibility, but you guys really made this experience much easier for the whole team including me and Jeff. I'll always be appreciative of each and every one of you.

Another person I would like to give a huge thank you to is Jeff Ota. You helped fill the void I needed in my life. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to coach and to do it with such a special group of kids. In the last four years, I've learned a lot from you. Whether it's with basketball or with life, your guidance paved a new path that I will cherish forever. I saw the way you coach the boys and drive them to be the best versions of themselves. I know our team was never the biggest, fastest, or most talented but I was never afraid because of well you prepared them. When

you're not in coaching mode, I noticed how you carry yourself with such great humility, treat others with respect, and care about those you're close with. Those are all things that I will try to practice and carry on in my upcoming years.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to all the boys. You guys gave me a spark in my life I didn't expect. I hope you gained something from me in the way I gained from coaching all of you. The last four years have been very memorable. From all the championships we've won to all the fun times spent together outside of basketball, there was never a dull moment with you guys. I just want you guys to know how much I love and care about each and every one of you. Even though this may be the last year we get to spend together, the bond and relationship we have created will last a lifetime. I am very grateful and appreciative to have been your guy's coach.



COACH JEFF OTA

This six year journey started 5 years ago when Dennis Murata came to our house and asked me to coach his son's team. It was a decision I would never regret. This collection of parents and boys came together and formed a dynamic group that is hard to duplicate. Parents worked tirelessly at fundraisers baking goodies, organizing tournaments, cooking teriyaki lunches, and running the basketball games for church teams at Methodist Church.



I hope the kids appreciate what their parents constantly do for them day in and day out. Sometimes we take it for granted and don't say THANK YOU enough.

I've watched these kids grow up from little kids to a terrific collection of young men ready to take on the world. One of the first things I said to the boys was "These 6 years are going to go by so fast." And I was sooo sooo right for once. I've picked out one word that describes each of the boys.

Tyler—TIRELESS Throughout the years Tyler was the tiniest player on our team but he would sometimes get the most offensive rebounds. He played his heart out and went hard all the time on the court. He worked hard on the defensive end even though he was outsized in most games.

Noah—NICE Noah looked nice but don't let that fool you. He started as a gangly uncoordinated player, but turned into a dunking monster. He rebounded, blocked shots scored and did everything that we asked. He went from looking "nice" to a real NICE player.

Aaron–ADAPTABLE Everyone needs an Aaron on the team. He did anything we needed to get a win. Whether it was taking a charge, getting an important rebound, diving on the floor to get a loose ball, Aaron was the player to do that for us

Riley–RATIONAL It seemed Riley never got too high or too low. He was always the steady one and didn't get too excited. He had to look a certain way, his hair had to be a certain style –lol but once it was game time, he turned into another person. Played hard and had a terrific game at Burbank. I think the kids call him “Burbank”

Hunter–HEALTHY Throughout this journey, Hunter lost a tremendous amount of weight. I'm very proud of his dedication and hard work to achieve his goals. He fills an important role on our team while also having high standards on the golf course.

Kainoah H.–HAPPY Kainoah is always smiling. On the defensive end he strikes quick with his long arms that produces so many steals for us. He's a funny guy, and makes me smile every time I see him.

Kainoa F.–FIERCE Kainoa drives to the hoop hard and strong. He plays under control and sees the floor. Kainoa is a fantastic playmaker and very unselfish and one of a few that played varsity as a freshmen.

Lucas–LEAN Over the years Lucas went from a skinny kid to a muscular track guy. He had to look good for the girls with his hair in place. He had so many hairstyles over the years that I can't remember. Once on the court, he used his body to drive the ball and play terrific defense for us.

Alex– ADVANCED Since Alex was young, he was so far ahead of everyone in his skills. He was so fast on the court that no one can keep up. He can shoot, drive, and handle the ball. We were so lucky he joined our team.

Jessica– JOYOUS Without Jessica, I don't know if I would have coached this team. If I remember correctly, I think i agreed to help her at McClatchy if she helped coach

the 2020 Barons. I learned a lot from her and will never forget the times we spent with each other coaching. Thanks so much Jess!

Ben- BIGHEARTED BEN was a significant addition to this 2020 Baron team. He brought a youthful spirit and enthusiasm to the ball club. Being around Ben helped keep me in check and made the experience so much fun. The boys loved him and was the perfect balance to me. Thanks Ben, for becoming a big part of the team. You even made me feel younger again!!!

As you can see, our boys all have different personalities and quirks, but one thing I am very proud is they all became one and played TOGETHER. Each individual did their role, played hard, and formed a camaraderie that is hard to break. Over the years, they overcame their shortcomings and persevered through whatever they faced. They worked through their differences and became a TEAM. Not only did they learn the game of basketball, but I also learned many things from them. They taught me patience. I tried to change my coaching style a little...just a little. LOL. I realized one coaching style doesn't fit everyone. In reality, basketball is just a game and should be fun. As long as you go your hardest while you are on the court, IT'S ALL GOOD. WIN OR LOSE

