

# Vashon Boys Basketball





#### Head Coach: Tony Irons January 2024



# **Student Athlete Testimonial**

"Going to Hawaii was an experience of a lifetime. The beautiful landscape every time you looked outside was mesmerizing. Everyone we encountered was so kind. Being there allowed me to learn something new about the Hawaiian culture each day. To be able to travel that far to play the game that I love and experience their culture is something I'll always cherish. I'd like to thank Vashon, my coaches and the Iolani Classic hosts for positioning me to experience this, both on and off the court."

#### **Christian Williams #2**

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*"I thank the universe for taking everything it has taken and giving to me everything it is giving." - Rupi Kaur* 

"It meant everything for me to be able to go to Hawaii and experience something that almost no one in my position, family or peers would be able to experience. The trip itself was amazing. The weather, food, and hospitality we experienced in Hawaii was a total shock to me. On the flight to Hawaii, I had no idea what was about to happen. The people were so kind and cheerful in the hotel. In the gym, the crowd brought energy to us without knowing a single thing about us.

This trip has already had a deep impact on me. It opened my eyes and showed me all that I must be grateful for. Because I went to Hawaii, I feel special. I feel like I'm the old wise man who can come back to St. Louis and tell the story to my younger siblings and the younger children in my community. I can use my experience to help them understand what it was like because I'm positive they would love to not only go to Hawaii but play their favorite sport there in front of people who bring positive energy and want to see you play well. It has made me a better and more gracious person. I thank God for all the opportunities that he has brought me and for those to come."



Nassir Binion #12



"Making the All-Tournament team was a blessing. To earn that award alongside some of the highest ranked players in the country is an honor that I'll remember for the rest of my life."

Trey Williams, Jr. #1

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"Going to Hawaii was truly a blessing. We could have played anywhere inside the 48 contiguous states, but having a chance to go beyond the mainland to interact with people from another culture and experience the beauty of the island of Oahu was awesome. What I liked most about going was the chance to tour the island and learn about what the native Hawaiian people love so much about their home. I had the chance to compete against some of the best players in the country and learned that I have to continue working to get better at the game that I love because there are so many other players competing for the same opportunities that I want."

Nicholas Randall #24



"Visiting the Pearl Harbor Memorial was a humbling experience for me. Standing in the same place where US Servicemen lost their lives in sacrifice of our country was something I'll never forget."

Trey Williams, Jr #1

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"My most memorable experience was being able to visit Pearl Harbor and go to the cemetery to pay homage to the fallen servicemen. I was left in awe seeing the giant ships and imagining having to fight in the waters and survive the bombing and sneak attacks from the Japanese. Also, never in a million years did I think I would see a volcano firsthand; this gave me goosebumps. I took over 100 pictures and videos just trying my hardest to keep these memories close and share them with my family back at home because I may never visit Hawaii again."

Nassir Binion #12

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