

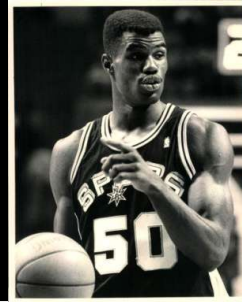
David Robinson

BIOGRAPHY



David Robinson was born August 6, 1965 in Key West, Florida. His father, Ambrose Robinson, was a sonar technician for the US Navy. David had spent the early part of his life moving many times. After his father retired from the navy, they permanently settled in Woodbridge, Virginia. David excelled in school in classes like math and sports. In his senior year at Osbourn Park High School, he tried out for organized basketball. After he graduated in 1983, he scored 1320 on his SATs and enrolled in the U.S. Naval Academy following his father's path. He had become the most dominant center in college basketball at 7'1", he became the NCAA's best player by his senior year, averaging 28.2 points and 11.8 rebounds per game. In spring 1987, the San Antonio Spurs selected Robinson with the first overall pick in the NBA draft. In his 14-year career with the Spurs, he achieved the nickname "the Admiral," he averaged 21.1 points, 10.6 rebounds, and 2.5 blocks per game. He was a 10-time All-Star and in 1992 joined a legendary Olympic roster that featured Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, and Michael Jordan. Dubbed the Dream Team, the squad captured the gold at the Summer Games in Barcelona, Spain. Off the court, he is well known for his generosity; he was a committed Christian. David Robinson donated money to the building of the IDEA Carver Academy in San Antonio.

CAREER



David was picked for the San Antonio Spurs that spring, in the 1987 NBA draft, the San Antonio Spurs selected Robinson with the first overall pick. fall of 1989, San Antonio was rewarded for its wait. That season Robinson earned the Rookie of the Year award, and over his first six years added an MVP and Defensive Player of the Year honors. Playing in an era where big men like Hakeem Olajuwon and Patrick Ewing ruled the court, Robinson proved to be one of the game's all-time dominant centers. he was a 10-time All-Star and in 1992 joined a legendary Olympic roster that featured Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan. Dubbed the Dream Team, the squad captured the gold at the Summer Games in Barcelona, Spain.

David Robinson also changed the fortunes of the Spurs. With teammate Tim Duncan he helped lead the franchise to a pair of NBA titles, in 1999 and 2003. In his final NBA contest, Game 6 of the Finals against the New Jersey Nets, Robinson at 37 years old turned back the clock with a 13-point, 17-rebound.

DONATIONS



donated \$9 million during his playing days toward the building of the Carver Academy, an independent school in San Antonio that's geared toward students from culturally mixed communities. Robinson is also the founder of The Carver Academy("TCA") in San Antonio and has contributed more than \$10 million to the San Antonio community and TCA to create a nurturing and inspiring academic environment. He also told 94 fifth graders at Gates Elementary in 1991 that if they finished high school, he would give them \$2,000 college scholarships. In 1998, David Robinson kept this word and attended the graduation ceremony of 50 of those students, presenting them with the scholarship money.

EDUCATION

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In recognition of his community and off the basketball court efforts, the NBA had re-named its award for outstanding charitable efforts after Robinson in March of 2003. The monthly NBA Community Assist Award winners receive the David Robinson Plaque with the inscription, "Following the standard set by NBA Legend David Robinson, who improved the community piece by piece."

INTERVIEW ON CARVER ACADEMY

- **WSJ:** What has your career been after basketball?
- **Mr. Robinson:** Starting off, I was a minister at church, and was trying to be a dad in a way I hadn't been able to be as a professional athlete. My wife had done a great job, but kids needs a dad, too. We don't realize how much we miss when we are away. All those years on the road, I thought I had been there a lot. But when you are around everyday, as I am now, you realize how much you missed.
- I have been able to expand now. Real estate. The private-equity fund.
- **WSJ:** Why private equity? How did this happen?
- **Mr. Robinson:** A friend of mine, Daniel Bassichis, who I got to know through a friend from the Naval Academy, worked at Goldman Sachs Group. He started helping out at the Carver Academy. He understood my mentality, like in basketball, that I see business as a great way to impact the community. And where we invest, we will have partnerships that facilitate investment in the surrounding communities as well. We started Admiral Capital in 2007. At first, the timing seemed awful, with the financial crisis. But we were fortunate. We had a little bit of money out there at work but we weren't hurt. Now there are going to be opportunities galore. Who knows when they are going to be there, but this is a really exciting time.
- **WSJ:** And you helped found the Carver Academy, a private elementary school in San Antonio. How is that going?
- **Mr. Robinson:** It's been great. This is our ninth year of operation. I'm a teacher at heart, and graduating from the Naval Academy and being a part of that great history and sense of service. I said, "Why can't I start teaching kids this about serving beyond self when they are four or five?" We started as pre-kindergarten through second grade, adding a grade a year. And we have had four graduation classes. I think we might stop when we get to eighth grade. But there is much more to do. Most of our kids are on scholarship. And the endowment now is something like \$4 million. We would like to get that to \$50 million. I am the board chairman now, so I do a lot of fund raising and traveling for fund raising, but I try to be a daily presence.
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