



## Choo Smith's New Role As Education and Player Development Coordinator For Maryland District's AAU *By Karl Nelson/CSYE | January 15, 2014*

**Baltimore, MD.** In November of 2013, Charles "Choo" Smith accepted the new position of Education and Player Development Coordinator for Maryland's AAU Boys Basketball Program. MD AAU Governor, Ben Dubose, stated that "Choo brings a wealth of experience to our program, both on and off the court and without a doubt, he'll help raise our basketball organization to the next level!"

Choo was appointed this position as a result of a powerful speech that he gave as the Keynote Speaker at the 2013 MD District AAU Banquet this past fall. Choo is known for his former professional basketball career as a member of the world-renowned Harlem Globetrotters. However, a keynote speech about our lives being bigger than just us, impacted people in a different way.

He wasn't holding the red, white and blue basketball, but instead he was moving the people with his dynamic message and his words. Choo is no stranger to working with our young people to help them develop, whether it be through the game of basketball or education and life.

Over the past decade, Choo has worked with hundreds and thousands of kids developing their skills on the court and off. However, there's a select few that have been blessed with the chance to have Choo as both a basketball trainer and mentor in the last 10 years.

Some of these players include India Miles (Western/8 years), Daniel Shand (NewTown/7 years), Damian Hamler (NewTown/2 years), Devin Smith (NewTown/8 years), Kenny Sherrod (NewTown/5 years), Alphaello McKeython (Georgetown Prep/2 years), Chris Manning (Randallstown/2 years), Dwayne Banks (Randallstown/9 years), Brandon Abrams (Randallstown/9 years), Sean Mayberry (Calvert Hall/1 year), Steve Marvin (Mt. St. Joe/2 years), Khalil Richards (St. Francis/8 years), Daquean Bracey (St. Francis/8 years), Koron Ford (Owings Mills/8 years), Jalen Archer (Franklin/9 years), Jerel Archer (Boys Latin/9 years), Timmy Bond (City College/5 years), DreShawn Winston (City College/5 years), Sam Beverly (City College/5 years), Adonis Bunch (2 years), Damian Chong Qui (McDonough/10 years),



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Charles Okehi (McDonough/5 years), Justin Jenifer (Milford Mill/10 years), and Jordan King (Beth Tiloh/3 years).

These are all elite players in the Baltimore area that Choo has had the opportunity to work with on and off the basketball court. He's been able to develop their basketball skills as a trainer and improve on their life skills as a mentor.

Choo is the perfect person for the new position as Education and Player Development Coordinator for MD District AAU Boys Basketball and he looks forward to working with even more youth to help them reach their goals on the court as well as off the court.

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