

Che' Malik Jones (Class of 1989)

Che' Malik Jones was born April 11, 1971 in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1989.

He played college basketball at Ohio State University-Newark, where he ended his career as the second all-time leading scorer in Ohio State-Newark history, scoring 1693 points. Che' finished his career at Ohio State-Newark second in assists and notched the highest free-throw percentage for a season in the 1999-2000 season with 91.9%. He is also the all-time leader in three-point field goals made, as well as steals. The University retired his jersey (#5) on February 26, 2001.

Che' also played professional basketball in Cyprus. He is currently an assistant coach at Albion College, a NCAA division III college in Albion, Michigan. During the 2007-2008 season he was the head assistant coach at Casper College, a junior college in Casper, Wyoming. He spent two seasons coaching in Las Vegas, serving as the assistant varsity coach at Silverado High School. With Jones developing the guards and the offensive sets, the Silverado teams posted a 41-12 record and finished second in the state twice

He was the head basketball coach of the Las Vegas Venom of the American Basketball Association (ABA) and an assistant coach to George Tarkanian, son of famed coach Jerry Tarkanian, with the Las Vegas Stars of the IBL (International Basketball League). Che' also coached at <u>Urbana University</u> in Urbana, Ohio and also at <u>Columbus State University</u> where his team was ranked number one in the country for the entire season and ended their season at 29-2 after losing to the eventual National Champion in the NJCAA Regional Championship game.

He and his wife Leslie reside in Albion with their two boys Che and Clemente

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