



### **Life After Rice: Student Athletes-Men of Color**

#### **Gabe Baker**



Gabe Baker is a native Texan originally from San Antonio. He graduated from Rice in 2014 with an environmental engineering degree as a member of Brown College and received his master's in theological studies from the Houston Graduate School of Theology in 2018. Along with engineering and playing the cello, he was a defensive back on the Rice football team from 2010-2014 where he was named a captain of the team and played in a record 56 games. After graduation, Gabe worked as a civil engineer for 3 years and in 2018 transitioned to his current position as the flood control policy advisor for the Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. Throughout his career, Mr. Baker has made valuable contributions to the community and does great work helping the people whose lives were affected by Hurricane Harvey.

#### **Kwabena Mensah**



Dr. Kwabena Mensah is an Assistant Superintendent in Fort Bend ISD supervising 21 elementary schools. Dr. Mensah has served as an administrator at elementary, middle, and high school in Austin ISD, Aldine ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Spring ISD, and Katy ISD. He has been honored as Katy ISD Elementary Principal of the Year, Texas Alliance of Black School Educators Principal of the Year, and TEPSA National Distinguished Principal Finalist.

Dr. Mensah has robust experiences turning around schools, maintaining high expectations for student achievement, and cultivating rich campus cultures. He is invested in developing future leaders and serves as the President-Elect for the Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators (HAABSE).

Mensah earned his Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology from Rice University, Master of Education from The University of Texas at Austin, and received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Houston.



### **Denzel Davis**



I'm Denzel Davis from Orlando, FL. I graduated from Rice in 2017 with a B.A. in Managerial Studies and Sport Management and a minor in Business. During my time at Rice I was a part of the Men's Basketball team and Sid Rich College. Currently, I'm a Senior Business Analyst for Kalypso LP a consulting firm focused in enterprise technology, digital, and business process management across the innovation value chain.

### **Cliff Ghoram**



As a former starting guard for the Rice Owls Basketball team, Cliff Ghoram continued his basketball career into the professional arena internationally. Cliff holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Rice University and a Master's in Maritime Administration and Logistics from Texas A&M University.

Cliff's corporate career began at Constellation Energy, where he started as an intern and was promoted a number of times over the years. Constellation Energy highlights include, Cliff specializing in creating lean systems and financial modeling; and being selected to ring the Opening Bell at the New York Stock Exchange to celebrate the company's Fortune 100 status.

As a proven leader at the intersection of the energy sector and technology, Cliff brought his analytical expertise to perform financial analysis and reporting to Teleios Commodities. Throughout his career, Cliff has valued mentorship and the development of others through various programs and organizations. Cliff is from Baton Rouge, LA and currently resides in Houston, TX with his wife Noelle.



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### **Marcus Knox**



I was born and raised in Humble, TX and attended Episcopal High School where I ran track, played football, and participated in other curricular activities such as playing the saxophone in the Jazz Band. I then continued playing football at Rice University where I started as a true freshman, unfortunately sustained a season ending back injury that required surgery. After rehabbing at Memorial Hermann Sports Medicine not only was my career restarted but a new career began as well; becoming a Physical Therapist.

After graduating from Rice in 2009 I entered graduate school to earn my Doctorate in Physical Therapy, right after graduating from The University of Incarnate Word I immediately started a fellowship program where I would specialize in Orthopedic Manual Therapy. Two years later I would become a Fellow and accepted a position at Houston Methodist Sports Medicine in Clear Lake. I began a strong relationship with nearby schools and physicians within the Pasadena ISD. I currently spend my time enjoying life with my wife and newborn daughter, as well as conquering the battles of starting up my company that offers Physical Therapy and other Sport Medicine Performance services.