

Association], although I have to go to graduate school first because I promised my mother," he said.



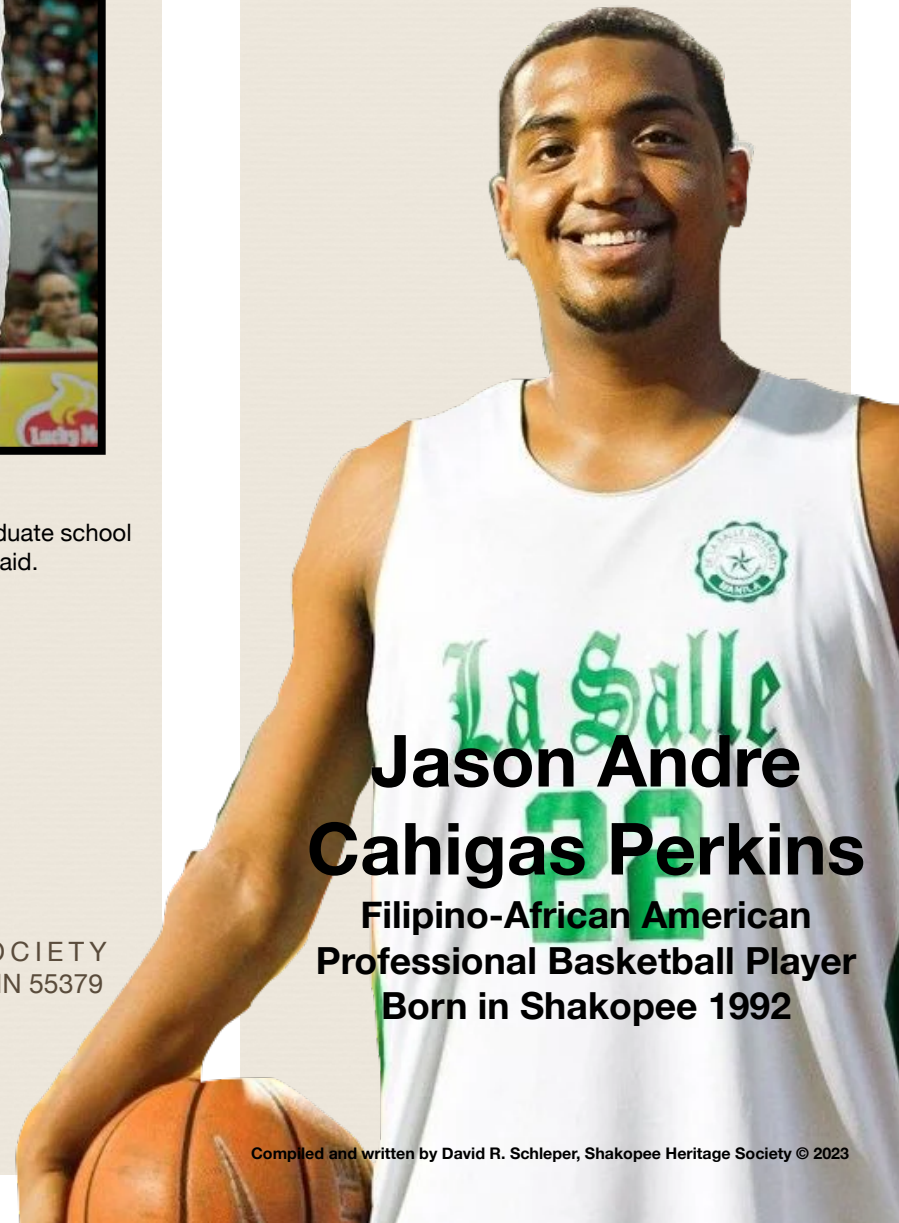
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# Jason Andre Cahigas Perkins

Filipino-African American  
Professional Basketball Player  
Born in Shakopee 1992





Jason Andre Cahigas Perkins was born on Shakopee, Minnesota on September 20, 1992. His parents was Herbert A. Perkins (1957- 2012) and Jennifer Cahigas Perkins-Boddie, who was born in Bolinao, a municipality in the province of Pangasinan, Philippines.

At 6'3", Jason Andre Cahigas Perkins graduated from Shakopee High School in 2011. He is a Filipino-African American semi-professional basketball player who played for the Caida Tiles Masters in the PBA Developmental League.

Jason is the youngest of three siblings. His father Herbert Perkins, was African-American, while his mother, Jennifer (née Cahigas), is a Filipina, who hails from Bolinao, Pangasinan, Philippines. He's been into sports even when he was little, playing both football and basketball.

Jason Andre Cahigas Perkins attended at Shakopee High School in Shakopee, Minnesota, where he suited up for the Sabers boys basketball team. He also played Tight end (TE) for the school's varsity football program.

During his senior year in 2010-11, Jason averaged 16.6 points and 4.2 rebounds per game, and signed the letter of intent to play for the Valley City State University in April 2011. He also played AAU ball when he was a teenager, suiting up for a squad called Pump N Run, where got his moniker *Hefty Lefty*.

After graduating from Shakopee in 2011, Perkins attended at Valley City State University to play *basketball* for the Vikings. Valley City State University is located in Valley City, a town of 6,500 people located along the Sheyenne River, is a 45-



Jason Andre Cahigas Perkins attended Shakopee High School, where he graduated in 2011. He played basketball and football in high school, and enjoyed playing and supporting the Shakopee Sabers through the years he played here. Many pictures of Jason are in the Shakopee High School Yearbook in his sophomore, junior, and senior years. Many of those photos are printed here, including the pictures on the bottom of this brochure.

-minute commute from Fargo. Jason Andre Cahigas Perkins played for one year there. In 2012, he decided to come to the Philippines to study upon the proddings of his mother Jennifer, who had always encouraged him to live in her native land.

Jason Andre Cahigas Perkins was initially recruited by former San Beda head coach Frankie Lim to play for the Red Lions, but left following Lim's resignation. Then he was invited by De La Salle University officials to visit the campus, and soon after, he joined the practice with the Green Archers. He served his one-year residency before finally suiting up for the Green Archers in the 2013 UAAP season. In his rookie season, he averaged 12.7 PPG on 52.8% FGs and 9.6 RPG and was instrumental in La Salle's title conquest.

Jason played professional basketball player for the Phoenix Super LPG Fuel Masters of the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA). The Archers went on to win the championship that season. It was tough being away from family. His father died. But he realized that the move was a good one.

"The style of play here is very physical. The referees let a lot of calls go so it gets very chippy," Perkins said. "There's a lot of elbows and punches but I'm used to it now."

"I had to chase my dream by myself although it was good for me because I learned to grow independent and pay more attention to the blessings I've received in life," he said. "Right now, I major in sports science as well as business management. I also try to travel and experience as much as possible now. I've swam with sharks, climbed mountains, tried para-sailing. Since I moved here my days pretty much just consist of school, basketball, and trying to experience as much as I can out of life," said Jason in an article in the *Shakopee Valley News Chasing his dream: Jason Perkins playing basketball in the Phillippines* on December 29, 2014 by Todd Abeln.

Jason Andre Cahigas Perkins has a wife, Marga, and in August of 2022 had a daughter, Luna Bella Perkins.

"While I'm trying to get involved with business I would like to become a professional basketball player here in the PBA [Philippines Basketball

