



## Alvin Battle

YMCA Member, Inspirational Speaker, Member of the 1983 North Carolina State University Men's Basketball National Championship Team

### How did you first get involved with the YMCA?

My family and I were introduced to the YMCA through their sports programs. Our two girls started their sports careers at the age of nine playing basketball and volleyball at the YMCA. Both went on to play in middle school, AAU, high school, and Division 1 in college in their respective sport.

One played basketball at the University of Richmond on a full scholarship the other played volleyball at Virginia Tech on a full scholarship. The YMCA taught them the fundamentals they needed to play the sports and the passion they needed to be winners.

### Wow! A family full of athletes! How have you managed to stay involved in the Y after all these years?

I am blessed to become a board member of the Carl and Linda Grubb YMCA in the Archdale, Trinity area. Over the years, I have spoken to kids at the YMCA in several communities and encouraged them to be the best version of themselves they can be.

### What kind of impact do you hope to make as a board member?

As a Grubb YMCA board member, I hope to continue speaking, motivating, and inspiring kids to become the best version of themselves they can be. Help with raising resources to fund YMCA programs and encourage the staff to continue the excellent work they are doing.

### The YMCA's mission is to "put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all." You also uphold strong Christian values through your Bible Study and podcast. Can you tell us more about that?

In 2000, God gave me a vision to start a Men's Bible Study at 5:00 am on Tuesdays at the Cary NC YMCA. Those friendships still exist today, and it is because of the YMCA. Hear the full story at [alvinbattle33.com](http://alvinbattle33.com) under LIFE TALK with Alvin Battle.

My life verses from the Bible come from Matthew 22:36-40 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.