

# Tony Bradley Elite Basketball 2020



**"You have to be able to accept failure to get better" –LeBron James**

**"Great things come from hard work and perseverance. No excuses." –Kobe Bryant**

**"If you do the work you get rewarded. There are no shortcuts in life."  
–Michael Jordan**

**"It's hard to play well, but it's easy to work hard."  
-Kevin Durant**



**"If you don't fall how are you going to know what getting up is like?"  
-Stephen Curry**

**"If you want to look good in front of thousands, you have to out work thousands in front of nobody."  
-Damian Lillard**

**"If you're not talking, you're not playing defense."  
-Doc Rivers**

**"No alarm clock needed. My passion wakes me up."  
-Kyrie Irving**

**"Nobody should expect more of you than you expect of yourself." –Carmelo Anthony**

**"I think team first. It allows me to succeed, it allows my team to succeed." –LeBron James**



# Tony Bradley Elite Basketball Academics

We expect our players to be STUDENT-athletes first. The measure of that accomplishment is not found in wins or losses but when a student has an invitation to attend an accredited college or university. Upon leaving our program, each student-athlete will be a full NCAA Academic Qualifier.

Without success in the classroom the athlete is not eligible to participate in high school or college athletics. Therefore, we require progress reports and report cards of every student athlete throughout the year. This will give us the opportunity to provide tutoring services when there is a need, and allow us to make sure the students stays on track to graduate.

As education mentors, we will work closely with the student-athletes, their school's guidance counselor, and family to make sure that every student-athlete graduates on time and has all the necessary course work to attend a four year accredited institution. We will also make sure each student-athlete is registered with the NCAA eligibility center.



# Tony Bradley Elite Basketball

## Academics

### Standard Diploma Requirements

#### Academic Advisement – What Students and Parents Need to Know

##### What are the diploma options?

Students must successfully complete one of the following diploma options:

- 24-credit standard diploma
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum

##### What are the state assessment requirements?

Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) or a concordant score
- Algebra 1 end of course (EOC) or a comparative score.

Refer to [Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments](#) for concordant and comparative scores.

Students enrolled in the following courses must participate in the corresponding EOC assessment, which constitutes 30 percent of the final course grade<sup>+</sup>:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology 1
- U.S. History

<sup>+</sup>Special note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC (credit acceleration program [CAP]).

##### What is the difference between the 18-credit ACCEL option and the 24-credit option?

- 3 elective credits instead of 8
- Physical Education is not required
- Online course is not required

##### What is the difference between the CTE Pathway option and the 24-credit option?

- At least 18 credits are required
- 4 elective credits instead of 8
  - 2 credits in CTE courses, must result in program completion and industry certification
  - 2 credits in work-based learning programs or up to 2 elective credits, including financial literacy
- Physical Education is not required
- Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate or Practical Arts is not required
- Online course is not required

##### 24-Credit Standard Diploma

4 Credits ELA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ELA 1, 2, 3, 4</li><li>• ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), AICE, IB and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement</li></ul>
4 Credits Mathematics*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One of which must be Algebra 1 and one of which must be Geometry</li><li>• Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)</li><li>• An identified computer science** credit may substitute for up to one mathematics credit (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)</li></ul>
3 Credits Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One of which must be Biology 1, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses</li><li>• Two of the three required course credits must have a laboratory component</li><li>• Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1)</li><li>• An identified computer science** course may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1)</li></ul>
3 Credits Social Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 credit in World History</li><li>• 1 credit in U.S. History</li><li>• 0.5 credit in U.S. Government</li><li>• 0.5 credit in Economics</li></ul>
1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts*
1 Credit Physical Education*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To include the integration of health</li></ul>
8 Elective Credits
1 Online Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students must meet the state assessment requirements</li><li>• Students must earn a 2.0 grade-point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for all cohort years</li></ul>

\* Eligible courses are specified in the [Florida Course Code Directory](#).

\*\*A computer science credit may not be used to substitute for both a mathematics and science credit.

**Source: Florida Department of Education**

# Academic Eligibility Requirements for NCAA

## Division I Academic Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in NCAA sports during your first year at a Division I school, you must graduate high school and meet **ALL** the following requirements:

- Complete **16 core courses**:
  - Four years of English
  - Three years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
  - Two years of natural/physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it)
  - One additional year of English, math or natural/physical science
  - Two years of social science
  - Four additional years of English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy
- Complete 10 core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester. Once you begin your seventh semester, you may not repeat or replace any of those 10 courses to improve your core-course GPA.
- Earn at least a **2.3 GPA** in your core courses.
- Earn an **SAT combined score or ACT sum score** matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale, which balances your test score and core-course GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher core-course GPA to be eligible. If you have a low core-course GPA, you need a higher test score to be eligible.

If you have not met all the Division I academic requirements, you may not compete in your first year at college. However, if you qualify as an academic redshirt you may practice during your first term in college and receive an athletics scholarship for the entire year.

Source: [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

# Tony Bradley Elite Basketball Scholarships/Offers

NCAA Divisions I and II schools provide more than \$2.9 billion in athletics scholarships annually to more than 150,000 student-athletes. Division III schools do not offer athletics scholarships.

Only about two-percent of high school athletes are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college. Of the student-athletes participating in sports with professional leagues, very few become professional athletes. A college education is the most rewarding benefit of the student-athlete experience.

**Source:** [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

## **Types of scholarships**

- Full ride scholarships: this covers the major costs of attending college (tuition, room and board, books, fees, etc.)
  - “Full Ride” does not mean for the “full four years.” These scholarships are one-year agreements that may or may not be renewed.
- Partial scholarships: this can cover a significant portion of college costs or very little
- Redshirt scholarships: a redshirt athlete will have a scholarship but cannot compete for one year. They will participate in all team activities like practice, training, and receive benefits such as academic tutoring, but they will not see any playing time.
- Grayshirt scholarships: an athlete will be on scholarship at the start of the second semester. Athletes must enroll in their first semester as a part-time student at the school or possibly a two-year school.
- Blueshirt scholarships: allows a non-recruited player to be awarded a scholarship at the start of freshman practice. They will practice with the team but won't be allowed to play for a year.
- Greenshirt scholarships: a fall sport athlete will graduate in December and enroll a semester early. These athletes are allowed to play their first year but they can also redshirt and have five years to play four seasons.

## **Types of offers**

- Preferred walk-on: the coach would like you on the team but cannot offer any financial assistance at least for the first year. Preferred walk-ons can earn a scholarship going into their second season, but nothing is guaranteed.
- Recruited walk-on: there is interest from the coach but no financial assistance; you must still earn a spot on the team through additional tryouts and/or summer training camp.
- Non-recruited walk-on: when a student-athlete qualifies for admission to the school and plans to join the team through an open tryout.

## **Beyond NCAA DI and DII**

Student-athletes and their families should take a closer look at DIII, NAIA, and even junior colleges. While NCAA DIII schools cannot offer athletic scholarships, 80% of DIII athletes receive some type of financial aid. The NAIA reports that its athletes receive an average of \$7,000 in financial aid. And the National Junior College Athletic Association offers full and partial scholarships at more than 500 colleges.

**Source:** [www.ncsasports.org](http://www.ncsasports.org)



# **Tony Bradley Elite Basketball 2020 Proposed Schedule**

March 29-31	Kickoff (TBD)
April 11-12	Raptors Elite & Q6: Session 1 (Altamonte Springs)
April 17-19	On the Radar: Sweet Sixteen (Atlanta, Georgia)
April 24-26	Prep Hoops Midwest Showcase (Chicago, Illinois)
May 1-3	On the Radar: Battle at the Beach (Daytona Beach, Florida)
May 15-17	Prep Hoops: Gauntlet on the Gulf (Bradenton, Florida)
July 4-5	Raptors Elite & Q6: Session 2 (Altamonte Springs)
July 9-12	On the Radar or Hoop Seen: Battle of the South (Atlanta, GA)
July 17-19	Prep Hoops (Atlanta, Georgia)



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Every game on the Prep Hoops Circuit matters and will be taken into account to calculate your team's power score. At the end of the season, our Circuit Region Finals, which are composed exclusively of our Circuit-member teams, will be seeded based on power scores.

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Source: [www.prephoops.com](http://www.prephoops.com)



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**LIVE**  
**PERIODS**

**100+**  
**COLLEGE**  
**COACHES**



Source: [www.ontheradarhoops.com](http://www.ontheradarhoops.com)

# Tony Bradley Elite Basketball Recognitions

By Derik Williams

With Day 2 of Best of The South complete one can only imagine what day 3 can possibly have in store. Here is a look at some of day two's top performers plus more.

## TOP PERFORMERS

**2021 6'1 Ga'Quincy "Kool-Aid" McKinstry, Alabama Celtics 16U.** "Kool Aid" put in a cool 36 points in a game vs. Team Parsons earlier in the day. His speed, strength, and athleticism made him virtually unstoppable when going downhill. McKinstry also happens to be a 5-star cornerback and is currently ranked as the best defensive back in the county.

**Jamal Norris, 2020 6'3 SG, Team TMac:** Scored every way imaginable on Day 2 dropping 25 points including five 3-pointers. He simply knows how to get shots up but seemed to never settle for bad shots. He excelled in the [open](#) court finishing with an advanced lay-up package and moved well without the ball in the half-court showing off an impressive skill set.

**Denzel Aberdeen, 6'1 2022 PG, Team Parsons 2022 Elite:** This shifty PG knows how to get in the paint. He is an excellent floor general and has extreme confidence with the ball in his hand. Loves to create space and has deep range off the dribble. He has a quick release so not much space is needed for him to get off a good look from anywhere inside half court. He is definitely one to be on the lookout for as he is doing all this playing up in the 16U division.

**Sola Adebisi, 6'6 SF, Reach Higher Kings:** This long rangy athlete looks the part of a future lock down defender, but don't think he is just a defensive player. He has a well-rounded offensive game with the ability to score from all three levels. He plays above the rim and is a terror in the open court. He is the ultimate "watch your head" player because he looks to make posters out of defenders. He challenges every shot at the rim and can be an intimidating force for opposing teams.

**Braxton Williams, 6-5 SF, Alabama Fusion Jones:** Williams is what you will call a "solid player." Its not much he can't do on the basketball court. He handles it like a big guard, has a confident stroke from deep, and is not afraid to mix it up on the inside. He ran the floor well throughout day 2 and guarded at a very high clip. Never seems to be [moving](#) too fast but will blow by defenders in a flash. Looking forward to seeing how he progresses throughout the rest of the weekend.

**Xavier Griffith, 6'5 PF, Alabama Fusion:** Don't let the size fool you Griffith is a deadly shooter from beyond the arch. He moves very well is for his size and is a prototypical pick-and-pop power forward. He is a space eater when in the paint and is an aggressive rebounder. He can put the ball on the floor and get to his spots and score and overpower defenders when he gets his feet in the paint.

## TEAM OF THE DAY: Tony Bradley Elite

It was a very impressive team on Day 2 taking down the likes of Reach Higher Kings and narrowly losing a hard-fought game to Alabama Fusion Jones. What they lack in size they make up for in grittiness and effort. They play more like a school team than a travel team with their communication and cohesiveness. If you're fan of basketball being played the right way make sure you take a look at this team they are definitely worth watching.

# Tony Bradley Elite Basketball Alumni

Blog written by Jake Preper of Prep Hoops, Inc.

## **Jasper Floyd is Weighing His Options**

Spending the last four years at Wharton, 6'3" guard Jasper Floyd has gotten better every season. I talked to him on Saturday in Orlando and he told me he is still weighing his options and will come to a decision here soon. He mentioned that Victory Rock Prep postgrad is in the running for him and he will reclassify to the Class of 2020.

## **JaKeese Kemp (George Jenkins)**

The downhill instinct of 6'2" George Jenkins guard/forward Jakeese Kemp, really helped him make an impact. He's a difference maker with his mix of burst, elusiveness and overall pace on the break. Kemp has a nice little mid-range jumper as well, in which he loves to find space from the corners to shoot. This summer with Tony Bradley Elite, Kemp provided quiet leadership and reliable stretch play offensively and core rebounding defensively. Look for him to have a standout senior season and make some noise in Polk County.

## **Joshua Simons & JaKeese Kemp (Tony Bradley Elite)**

Despite being undersized, Tony Bradley Elite has enough athleticism and speed to keep up with most teams. Class of 2020 6'4" Bartow forward Joshua Simons always makes things happen inside on putbacks, drives to the basket, and rebounds. He is strong and not going to back down from anyone. As for Class of 2020 6'2" George Jenkins guard Jakeese Kemp, he really impressed me with his effort level and mid-range touch. Kemp is going to mix it up on both ends of the floor and he can drive inside with his seasoned ball handling.