



# Wyandotte Basketball, 20 And Counting

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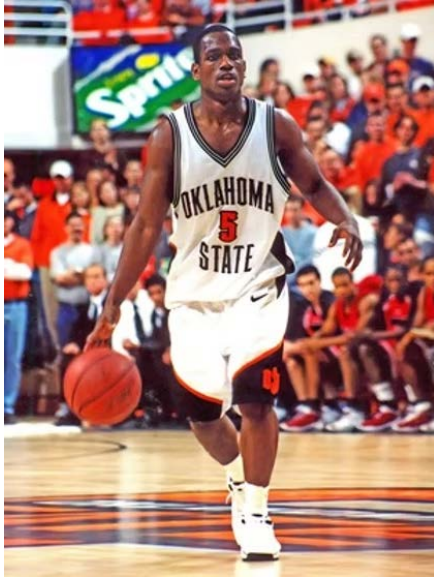
As we come to a close on another school year, I would like to thank everyone who has played a role in continuing the *20 and Counting* project. It truly takes a village, and your efforts reflect our shared commitment to inspiring others, honoring those who came before us, and preserving the rich history of Wyandotte.

Our mission is clear: to inspire our current students, honor our alumni, and preserve our history—not simply display trophies, but tell the full story of who we are. While we have proudly highlighted our 20 basketball state championships, our legacy extends far beyond athletics, as showcased in our Alumni Room.

Beginning next fall, if you are on campus, I encourage you to stop by and visit. We are currently in the process of remodeling and thoughtfully reorganizing our memorabilia and artifacts to better reflect the depth and pride of Wyandotte's tradition.



### ◆ Alumni Corner - Victor Williams



#### Early Life

Grew up at 18th & New Jersey Avenue. Attended Grant Elementary School & Northwest Middle School before entering Wyandotte in the fall of 1994.

Victor Williams is currently coaching his club team, Victor Williams Academy, where he has built a reputation for developing some of the top talent in the country. One of the most recent standouts to emerge from his program is freshman Keaton Wagler of Illinois, who is projected to be a lottery pick in this summer's NBA Draft. Wagler is a graduate of Shawnee Mission Northwest High School in Overland Park, Kansas.

#### High School Career

- 1997-98 senior season
  - Earned 1st Team All-Metro by the *Kansas City Star*, 1st Team All-Class All-State & All-Class Player of the Year.
  - Won the DiRenna Award (shared with [JaRon Rush](#) of Pembroke Hill School & the UCLA Bruins) as the Kansas City metropolitan area's top high school basketball player, the second Bulldog player to earn the award.
  - Signed with the Illinois State Redbirds and [Head Coach Kevin Stallings](#) in November 1997.

#### College Career

Played 3 seasons (2000-01 through 2002-03) for the Oklahoma State Cowboys and [Head Coach Eddie Sutton](#).

- 2002-2003 season
  - Helped the Cowboys to a 22-10 record and a #6 seed in the East Regional of the [2003 NCAA tournament](#). After defeating the #11 Penn Quakers in the first round (led by a career-high 29 points by Williams), the Cowboys fell to the #3 Syracuse Orangemen led by [Carmelo Anthony](#) 68-56.
  - Earned 2nd Team All-Big 12 Conference and 2nd Team All-District 12 honors.



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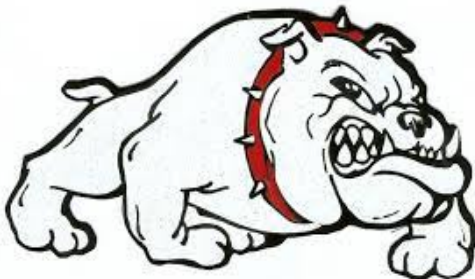
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- **2001-2002 season**
  - Helped the Cowboys to a 23-9 record and a #7 seed in the South Regional of the [2002 NCAA tournament](#) where they fell to the Kent State Golden Flashes (led by future Pro Bowl tight end [Antonio Gates](#)) 69-61 in the first round.
  - Earned 2nd Team All-Big 12 Conference and 2nd Team All-District 12 honors.
  - Earned Honorable Mention All-Big 12 Conference honors.
- **2000-2001 season**
  - Helped the Cowboys to a 23-9 record and a #11 seed in the East Regional of the [2001 NCAA tournament](#) where they fell to the USC Trojans 69-54 in the first round.
  - Earned Big 12 Conference All-Newcomer Team honors.
- **1998-1999 Season**
  - Earned Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Year honors for the Illinois State Redbirds.

◆ **Closing Words** - "Teamwork wins championships." Thank you to every player, parent, and supporter who makes Wyandotte Basketball possible. Let's keep building the tradition together — 20 and counting, and we're not stopping here.

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