

FAHREED CHEATHAM

CEO / COMMISSIONER

An inspiration to many, Fahreed Cheatham credits basketball for bringing him through a traumatic childhood in the tough streets of North Philadelphia.

An only child in a single parent household, by the age of 16, Cheatham had already witnessed his parents' drug addiction which had spiraled into domestic violence and ultimately culminated in his father's death due to street gun violence. Basketball was the outlet to channel his emotions.

A Strawberry Mansion alumni himself, amongst Cheatham's High School teammates was former NBA player, Ronald "Flip" Murray, who was instrumental in helping him develop competitive skills, training and competing with him in both practice and games.

Cheatham did well in academics and moved on to play college basketball at Cheyney University, alongside 3 All Americans, Jamar "Solo" Shaw, Maurice Johnson, and Pooh Evans.

Following college, Cheatham played for the semi-pro basketball team, The Philadelphia Destroyers, who were part of the American Professional Basketball League (APBL). He won multiple championships in that league and was named MVP for the APBL in 2013/2014. In 2013, Cheatham was voted by sportswriters into the Top 25 Players in the USA outside of the NBA.

Cheatham holds a Master's Degree in School Leadership from Wilmington University, and has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, which began at Cheyney University, but was ultimately finished at Wilmington College.

Currently Dean of Students at a Philadelphia Public School, Cheatham provides guidance and inspiration to students, who need role models who have walked the walk, and not only talk the talk.

***** Bringing back rivalry and integrity to competitive Basketball is a vision/mission that Fahreed Cheatham has committed himself to.**