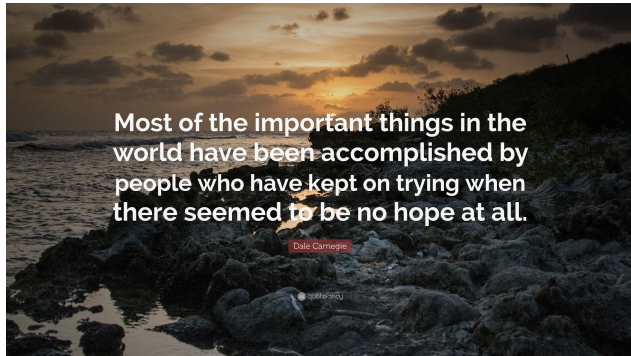


# TIME OUT WITH COACH THOMPSON!

January 2021

We are setting the standards for ABA basketball.



Welcome, American Basketball Association (ABA) fans. As the largest professional league in North America, the ABA has demonstrated how an organization of such a high profile should operate. The ABA began in 1967 and then merged with the National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1976. In 1999, the ABA resurfaced but independent from the NBA as a new and improved organization. Throughout the years, the

league has adapted its rules with the game. The ABA combines NCAA, FIBA and NBA rules to create the best show for the fans. The ABA was the creator of the 3-point shot which is now used by every other league. The ABA also has a rule focusing on defense called the "3D Rule." Please visit our website to learn more about the ABA

## Upcoming Season

Our abbreviated 2021 ABA season was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The decision was made based on the ongoing rise in numbers as well as recommendations from the medical professionals saying that indoor sports should not be played without some clear safety guidelines. This decision is difficult for many reasons, but it will give me a great peace of mind knowing that I am doing my part in reducing the spread of a potentially deadly virus in my community.

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**Our featured Sizzlers for the month of January are our two interns Ryan Lant and Carson LeGrand from the University of Kansas.**



Ryan was born and raised in Illinois. Currently, he is a senior at the University of Kansas, majoring in Sport Management. While at KU, he has gained experience as a video coordinator intern for the men's basketball team. During the summer of 2019, he worked as a Government and Public Affairs intern for Citgo. His duties included connection with community leaders to show Citgo's involvement in the surrounding community.



Carson grew up in Wellington, Kansas, the oldest of three siblings. He was Wellington High School's 2017 Valedictorian. During high school, he participated in football, basketball, cross country and golf. After high school he attended Hutchinson Community College on a Sports Management Scholarship / Internship. During his time in the HCC Athletic Department, he worked at various sporting events including football, soccer, and basketball including the annual NJCAA Men's Basketball Championship Tournament.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Jr. Sizzlers Sports and Educational Summer Programs
- Sizzlers Boot Camp
- Sizzlers Tryouts
- Practice
- Hoops & Sneakers Gala

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