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## **2009 Jordan Brand All-American Team Announced** **Madison Square Garden to Host Nation's Elite High School Basketball Players** *The top five ESPNU-rated players headline star-filled roster*

**NEW YORK, NY (February 10, 2009)** – **Jordan Brand**, a division of Nike, Inc., announced today during a special ESPNU Selection Show that the top-five ranked ESPNU 100 players – **Xavier Henry** (Oklahoma City, OK/Memphis), **Derrick Favors** (Atlanta, GA/Georgia Tech), **John Henson** (Tampa, FL/North Carolina), **DeMarcus Cousins** (Mobile, AL/Kentucky) and **Renardo Sidney** (Los Angeles, CA/USC) – will headline the nation's best 24 high school senior basketball players at the 2009 Jordan Brand Classic, presented by Foot Locker, at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, April 18 at 8:00 p.m. EST. This year's event will once again be televised nationally live on ESPN2.

The Jordan Brand Classic will also continue to include a regional game, showcasing the top prep players from the New York City metropolitan area in a City vs. Suburbs showdown. In its second year of the event, an International game will tip-off the tripleheader by featuring 16 of the top 17-and-under players from around the world. A portion of the proceeds benefit the New York City-based charity, The Children's Aid Society.

In addition to Henry, Favors, Henson, Cousins and Sidney, the event will also include **Kenny Boynton** (Plantation, FL/Florida), **Avery Bradley** (Henderson, NV/Texas), **Dominic Cheek** (Jersey City, NJ/Villanova), **Abdul Gaddy** (Tacoma, WA/Washington), **Keith Gallon** (Mouth of Wilson, VA/Oklahoma), **Jordan Hamilton** (Compton, CA/Texas), **Ryan Kelly** (Raleigh, NC/Duke), **Lamont Jones** (Mouth of Wilson, VA/Virginia Tech), **Marcus Jordan** (Chicago, IL/Central Florida), **Wally Judge** (Jacksonville, FL/Kansas State), **Tommy Mason-Griffin** (Houston, TX/Oklahoma), **Alex Oriakhi** (Tilton, NH/UConn), **Daniel Orton** (Oklahoma City, OK/Kentucky), **Mason Plumlee** (Arden, NC/Duke), **Durand Scott** (New York, NY/Miami-FL), **John Wall** (Raleigh, NC/Undecided), **Royce White** (Minnetonka, MN/Minnesota), **Jamil Wilson** (Racine, WI/Oregon) and **Mouphtau Yarou** (Rockville, MD/Villanova).

"In its seven year history, the Jordan Brand Classic has featured an incredible alumni list of current NBA stars," said Keith Houlemard, President of Jordan Brand. "The Jordan Brand is proud to once again showcase the future of basketball in the world's most famous arena while benefiting a great cause in the Children's Aid Society."

Sponsored by Jordan Brand, the event is also annually attended by some of sport and entertainment's biggest stars, who have included Michael Jordan, Spike Lee, LL Cool J, Warren Sapp, Terrell Owens, Floyd Mayweather, Kanye West, Mya, Boyz II Men, Fat Joe, Ludacris, Ahmad Rashad and Vince Carter.

Recent Jordan Brand All-Americans have included NBA stars **Chris Paul**, **Carmelo Anthony**, **LeBron James**, **Amar'e Stoudemire**, **Dwight Howard** and **Kevin Durant** as well as current NCAA standouts **Tyler Hansbrough** (North Carolina), **Blake Griffin** (Oklahoma), **Kyle Singler** (Duke), **Tyreke Evans** (Memphis) and **Demar DeRozan** (USC).

In addition to the game, the Jordan Brand All-Americans have a number of special events around New York City. Last year's players held an autograph session at the Foot Locker House of Hoops, participated in a slam dunk and three-point contest, visited ESPN studios in Bristol, CT, appeared on BET's 106 and Park and attended an intimate awards dinner with NBA Rookie of the Year Kevin Durant as the keynote speaker, where they received their All-American rings.

This year's event tripleheader will begin with an International Game at 3:30 p.m. followed by the Regional Game at 5:30 p.m., and the All-American Game at 8:00 p.m. The International and regional rosters will be announced at a later date.

**Tickets are now on sale at all Ticketmaster locations, the Madison Square Garden box office, online at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or by calling 212-307-7171.** For more information, please visit the official web site, [www.JordanBrandClassic.com](http://www.JordanBrandClassic.com). Live webcasts of the Regional and International games, produced by the High School Basketball Network, are also available at [www.JordanBrandClassic.TV](http://www.JordanBrandClassic.TV).

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**[Attachment: 2009 Jordan Brand Classic All-American Team Rosters]**



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# 2009 Jordan Brand All-American Team

## Black Jerseys (Away)

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	High School (School Location)	College
1	Kenny Boynton	G	6-2	185	American Heritage School (Plantation, FL)	Florida
0	Avery Bradley	G	6-3	175	Findlay Prep (Henderson, NV)	Texas
12	Dominic Cheek	W	6-5	180	St. Anthony High School (Jersey City, NJ)	Villanova
15	DeMarcus Cousins	F/C	6-10	270	LeFlore High School (Mobile, AL)	Kentucky
34	Derrick Favors	F/C	6-9	220	South Atlanta High School (Atlanta, GA)	Georgia Tech
3	Abdul Gaddy	G	6-3	175	Bellarmino Prep (Tacoma, WA)	Washington
23	Jordan Hamilton	W	6-7	215	Dominguez High School (Compton, CA)	Texas
33	John Henson	F/C	6-10	210	Sickles High School (Tampa, FL)	North Carolina
10	Lamont Jones	G	6-0	190	Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, VA)	Undecided
30	Ryan Kelly	PF	6-11	210	Ravenscroft School (Raleigh, NC)	Duke
35	Alex Oriakhi	F/C	6-9	235	Tilton School (Tilton, NH)	UConn
2	Durand Scott	G	6-4	180	Rice High School (New York, NY)	Miami (FL)

**Head Coach:** Dan Hurley (St. Benedict's Prep/Newark, NJ)

**Assistant:** Carl Arrigale (Neumann-Goretti High School/Philadelphia, PA)

**Assistant:** Ken Novak (Hopkins High School/Minnetonka, MN)

## White Jerseys (Home)

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	High School (School Location)	College
31	Keith Gallon	F/C	6-9	300	Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, VA)	Oklahoma
13	Xavier Henry	W	6-6	225	Putnam City High School (Oklahoma City, OK)	Memphis
5	Marcus Jordan	G	6-3	180	Whitney Young High School (Chicago, IL)	Central Florida
33	Wally Judge	PF	6-8	220	Arlington Country Day (Jacksonville, FL)	Kansas State
4	Tommy Mason-Griffin	G	5-10	195	James Madison High School (Houston, TX)	Oklahoma
52	Daniel Orton	C	6-10	260	Bishop McGuinness High School (Oklahoma City, OK)	Kentucky
24	Mason Plumlee	F/C	6-11	210	Christ School (Arden, NC)	Duke
1	Renardo Sidney	PF	6-9	245	Fairfax High School (Los Angeles, CA)	USC
11	John Wall	G	6-3	188	Word of God Christian Academy (Raleigh, NC)	Undecided
30	Royce White	W	6-7	200	Hopkins High School (Minnetonka, MN)	Minnesota
20	Jamil Wilson	W	6-7	215	Horlick High School (Racine, WI)	Oregon
21	Mouptau Yarou	F	6-9	235	Montrose Christian School (Rockville, MD)	Villanova

**Head Coach:** Stu Vetter (Montrose Christian School/Rockville, MD)

**Assistant:** Mark Blevins (Bearden High School/Knoxville, TN)

**Assistant:** Ed Azzam (Westchester High School/Los Angeles, CA)