

Victor “Coach J” Junious
Imago Dei Ministries, Inc. – Founder/Executive Director



Victor “Coach J” Junious is a 1996 graduate of Mt. Carmel High School. While at Mt. Carmel he was active with the Cross Country Team for 2 years and the Basketball Team all 4 years. As a freshman he led the Caravan in scoring and that created the opportunity for him to play on the varsity level during his sophomore year. After a successful high school career he went to Dominican University located in River Forest, IL on a 4-year basketball scholarship. Coach J entered the starting line up as a freshman. Many thought that his performance on the court had earned him Freshman of the Year honors within the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) but that honor was not granted. For the remaining 3 years Coach J left no doubt about his abilities. He was a three-time All-Conference Selection, three-time Most Valuable Player, and two-time Arthur Ashe Jr. Scholarship recipient. Coach J placed his name in the record books at Dominican University while leading his team in scoring, rebounding, and blocked shots.

After leaving Dominican University Coach J pursued a professional career and entered the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) and traveled to Fort Wayne, IN (Fury), Gary, IN (Steelheads), Grand Rapids, MI (Hoops), and Rockford, IL (Lightening).

During the 2005-2006 school year Coach J began his coaching career, serving as the Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach at Evangelical Christian School, rebuilding that program that had been dormant for 8 years prior. The team had a successful year with an overall record of 6-4. In the 2007-2008 school year Coach J coached his first season at St. Philip Neri working with the 7th/8th grade team. The team’s overall record was 10-13 and for the first time in 5 years the Falcons of St. Philip Neri advanced to the second round of the play-offs. Coach J had another successful season with the Falcons during the 2008-2009 basketball season.

In the summer of 2009, Coach J started to coach independently through his non-profit organization. The *Panthers Basketball Program* was created to be a positive pro-social activity for youth ages 11-18. The program has taken the sport of basketball to reach the minds of the youth in our surrounding communities. While on the basketball court players are taught the fundamentals of the sport, sportsmanship, healthy living and discipline.

Entering into his 18 season of coaching, Coach J has remained dedicated in developing the skills of the youth who have joined the *Panthers Program*.