

# APPLY FOR SEASONAL JOBS FOR YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS

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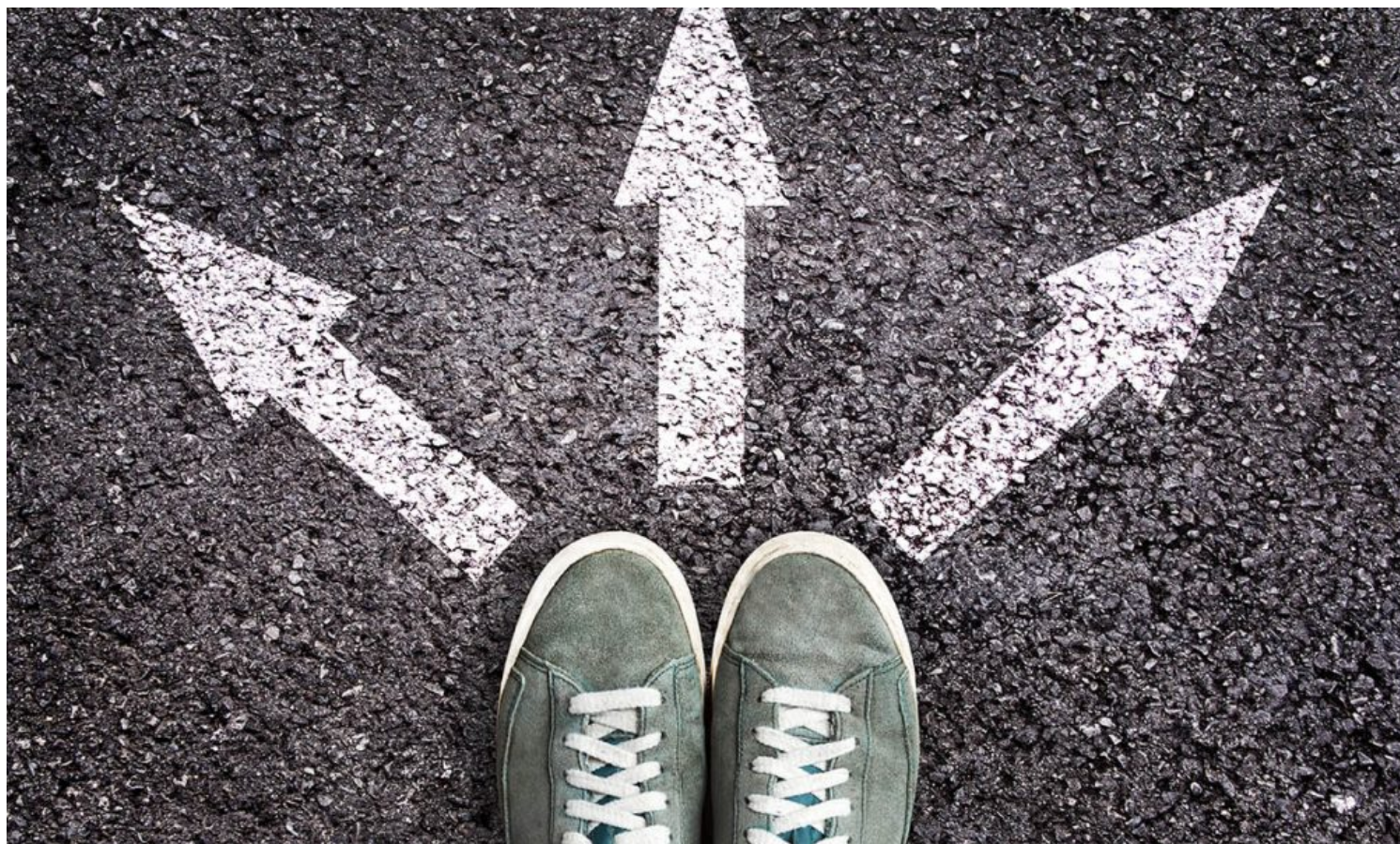


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By Carla Thomas

The Oakland High School varsity basketball team took the state championship on Friday, March 11 in Sacramento at Golden Arco 1 Center.

The team's 59-43 victory over Buena High School of Ventura in the CIF Division 3 championship game was the highlight of a five-game winning spree.

It is the first time in the Wildcats history that Oakland High's team has had this victory.

"I am so proud of the team," said Wildcats Head Coach Orlando Watkins. "They put in the work and worked together, and now they've made history."

Watkins couldn't be more proud of how the team's accomplishment. Notable were teammates Money Williams scoring 22 points, Anthony Lacy scoring nine points and seven rebounds; Te'Shawn Gamble's brought in nine points, and Josh Clark had eight points.

When the team fell short of winning the AOL (Oakland Athletic League) title, Watkins said he could feel the team shift and build momentum toward success.

Many of the team members and coaches are still letting the win sink in.

"I don't think it has really sunk in yet," said Assistant Coach Eric Van Laeken. "Winning the state championship was amazing. I've been coaching middle and high schoolers since I graduated from college in 1996. This championship means a lot. It was our goal to win, and we actually pulled it off."

Oakland High School's Athletic Director Jonas Perez said the team's work ethic was the key to their success. "I saw the hard work these individuals put in every day from the beginning. Some of them have been with us since freshman year. Having this championship here at Oakland High is a great feeling."

For Zaymani Mitchell, winning was a dream come true. "It's great to accomplish something we've wanted since the beginning of the season," said Mitchell. "Coach Watkins and Coach Will (Lew) have really been there for us. And they've prepared us to be professional Black men for life after high school."

Freshman Rohm Neal who plays shooting guard said, "This win means a lot. A lot of work was put in to reach our goals. Our coaches teach us a lot of lessons in basketball that apply to every day life." Neal hopes to become an artist, a large scale oil painter.

Point Guard Erick Jackson reflected on the record the team broke. "It feels unreal and not an achievement anyone has done before us. A lot of energy from the team and mentoring from the coach and staff are how we made it."

Power Forward and Center Jaylon King, who returned to the Bay Area from Stockton said, "I'm glad I could contribute to the team's legacy."

For Guard Caruji West, a lot of team bonding contributed to the team's success. "Our team worked well together, but I have mixed feelings. I'm glad we won, but I'm sad that the season is over," he said.

Associate Head Coach Will Lew with Assistance Coaches;

Angel M Macedon, Frank Miller, Torrence Spencer, and Jeff Davis

unboxed dozens of sneakers for the champion team, a gift from Oakland High alumni and NBA All-Star, Damian Lillard of the Portland Trailblazers in the school's gym.

Prior to their state championship win, Lillard in a video, addressed and encouraged the team. He had also seen the team perform at a pre-season game in Portland and spoke of the team's potential.

Lillard, a longtime supporter of Oakland High, funded the team's remodeled gym.

Surrounded by Assistant Coach Will Lew, Jeff, and Trainer Macedonia, the players tried on their brand-new kicks.

According to Watkins, Lillard is equally proud and will continue to reward the winning team.

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