

= Zach Auguste =

Zachary Elias " Zach " Auguste ( born July 8 , 1993 ) is an American basketball player who currently plays for the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association . Born in Cambridge , Massachusetts , Auguste started playing high school basketball for Marlborough . In 2011 he moved to university preparatory New Hampton School , where he was nominated for the 2012 McDonald 's Game . After graduating from New Hampton , Auguste enrolled in the University of Notre Dame to play for the Fighting Irish . Spending his freshman and sophomore seasons mainly as a reserve player , Auguste rose to prominence during his junior season in 2014 ? 15 , when the team won the ACC Tournament title and went to the NCAA Elite Eight .

= = High school career = =

Auguste played at Marlborough High School for three seasons , growing 3 inches in each of these seasons . As a junior in 2009 ? 10 , Auguste averaged 22 points and received All @-@ Star accolades from the Mid @-@ Wachusett ( Central Massachusetts ) league and local newspapers the Telegram & Gazette and The MetroWest Daily News . He scored a total 631 points throughout his career at Marlborough .

He moved to university preparatory New Hampton School after that season , reclassifying to the class of 2012 . He cited his desire to get academically and physically ready for college as the main factors behind that decision . After adapting to the higher competition level , he improved dramatically in time , putting on 28 pounds and developing his post game to transition from a perimeter player to a forward . He finished with an average of 15 points and 8 rebounds for his senior season . Nominated for the 2012 McDonald 's All @-@ American Boys Game , he didn 't make the final selection .

Soon after joining New Hampton , he was noticed by Atlantic Coast Conference ( ACC ) conference Notre Dame 's assistant coach Anthony Solomon , however he later cut the school from his selection list , which included Division I schools West Virginia , Georgia Tech , Florida and Marquette . Despite this , Solomon 's steadfast attempts to recruit the player , widely ranked a 4 @-@ star recruit , convinced Auguste to visit the campus ; he committed to Notre Dame on the spot in September 2011 .

= = College career = =

He made his debut for Notre Dame in a November 12 , 2012 victory against Monmouth , contributing 4 points and 3 rebounds in 3 minutes . After two ankle sprains during pre @-@ season practice , Auguste had difficulty breaking into the already established team . Finding himself behind Jack Cooley and Garrick Sherman in the rotation , he averaged 10 @.@ 7 minutes per game in 25 games . Notable were games against Kennesaw State ( 12 points and 7 rebounds in 12 minutes ) and Marquette ( a season @-@ high 15 points with 5 rebounds and 3 steals in 21 minutes ) , for a freshman season average of 3 @.@ 7 points and 2 @.@ 7 rebounds .

For the 2013 ? 14 season , Auguste was expected to play a larger role after Cooley graduated and coach Mike Brey cited him as a major player . Though he did start 13 games out of 30 , he stayed third choice with Sherman and Tom Knight preferred . He recorded his first college double @-@ double against Clemson having 14 points and 12 rebounds , followed by no @-@ shows . He finished his sophomore season with 6 @.@ 7 points and 4 @.@ 3 rebounds in nearly 17 minutes per game on average .

Tabbed as a starter during the preseason , Auguste , as one of the team 's few post options , established himself as a starter during his junior season with good performances early in the season , albeit against weaker opposition . A memorable December 13 , 2014 game against Florida State , in which he scored a career @-@ high 26 points , started what coach Brey described as a run of key contributions from the forward , with Auguste quickly recouping from his bad performances . In January 2015 , Auguste was sidelined by Notre Dame due to academic issues , with the length of

the suspension undisclosed . It would ultimately only last three days , with the unknown reason later described as minor by the player . Auguste was seen as a major contributor to the Irish 's 2015 ACC Tournament title contributing 16 points and 13 rebounds in the final against North Carolina ( for an average of more than 11 points and 9 rebounds in the whole tournament ) .

In the Round of 64 of the following 2015 NCAA Tournament , Auguste scored 25 points against Northeastern , including two under @-@ pressure free @-@ throws in the final minute of a 69 @-@ 65 close @-@ fought win . In the next round tie against Butler , he committed a double dribble that conceded possession with two seconds left on the clock in a tied 55 @-@ 55 game . Butler did not score , and in overtime Auguste blocked a shot before grabbing a rebound - a team @-@ leading 13th - as Notre Dame won to reach the Sweet 16 . A comfortable win over Wichita State followed ( 15 points , 6 rebounds and 1 block for Auguste in 26 minutes ) and Notre Dame qualified to the Elite Eight for the first time since 1979 . Auguste , described as " Notre Dame 's only true post player " , was predicted to play an important role in the game against undefeated Kentucky , who - in Karl @-@ Anthony Towns and Willie Cauley @-@ Stein - had some of the biggest forwards of the tournament . He had 20 points and nine rebounds in the game , while mostly defended by Towns . In defense against the same player , he could not stop him from scoring 25 points in a to @-@ the @-@ wire 66 @-@ 68 loss to the favorites . Auguste finished the tournament with 16 @.@ 8 points and 8 @.@ 3 rebounds per game , with 12 @.@ 9 points and 6 @.@ 5 rebounds in around 24 minutes for the whole 2014 @-@ 15 season .

Auguste was elected captain by his teammates for his senior season . He was also voted to the Preseason All @-@ ACC second team . Seven games into the 2015 @-@ 16 season , Auguste tallied his fifth double @-@ double of the season , tying the total of his first three seasons . He was named as one of ten finalists for the Kareem Abdul @-@ Jabbar Award , also earning third team all @-@ ACC honors for the season .

= = = NCAA Division I statistics = = =

Source :

= = Professional career = =

After going undrafted in the 2016 NBA Draft , Auguste signed a contract with the Los Angeles Lakers , to play in the 2016 NBA Summer League .

= = Personal = =

Auguste was born in Cambridge , Massachusetts , to Jean Bazile Auguste and Lea Tzimoulis . His father , a former semi @-@ professional soccer player , is from Haiti . His mother is of Greek heritage through her grandfather Louis , who immigrated to the U.S. from Agia Sotira , Greece in 1949 . In addition to being part @-@ Greek , his mother is of predominately @-@ American heritage . Auguste has stated that he speaks Greek and Haitian Creole fluently in addition to his native English also .