

# AJ MANDANI

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Coach Jose has not only been my life coach, he's been a mentor, a brother, a friend, and the father figure I never had in my life growing up. He not only helped me polish my game over these years working countless hours in the gym, pushing me and helping me sharpen my craft but he helped out a lot off the court spending even more hours driving across the city as soon as he got off work just to make sure I would not miss practice. On the rides the conversations we would have also helped shape me mentally constantly drilling, asking questions and just sharing his knowledge about life. I learned just as much as he taught me using basketball and translating it to everyday life.

For me the thing that makes him a special coach and separates him from all the others I have had in my entire career is that he does not coach (one style fits all). He loves to teach and has a huge passion for it and he finds ways to help each player differently and caters to them accordingly. The things he has taught me over the years helped me get through high school, guided me through my four years of College and University on a full scholarship in the United States. And he opened the doors and gave me the opportunity to play professional basketball overseas which I have been doing for the past 9 years. To this day he is one of the main people I turn to when I'm in need of guidance or advice. And he still tries his best to follow my games and every now and again will give me the constructive criticism I need.

He is not only been my coach after all these years... Coach Jose is Family and I have the most love and respect for him. No words can explain how thankful I am.

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