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**Profile:** DeAndre was born November 17, 1982 in Peoria, Illinois but grew up in Lincoln, Illinois. Growing up in a small basketball town with little to do and few opportunities made it easy to simply love the game. Because of his love of the game, Hinton always knew that whether he was watching, playing, or coaching - basketball would be a part of his life.

Hinton, his two sisters and three younger brothers attended a private Christian school in Lincoln. He played in high school at New Wine Christian School and his senior year the team competed for a National Championship for small Christian schools at Oral Roberts University.

After graduating from high school he chose a major that allowed him to stay involved in physical education and therapy. In 2007 he graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a Bachelors of Science degree in Kinesiology.

Over the past three years he has been working in the health and fitness industry as a personal trainer. During this time and found a passion for helping others achieve their goals through losing weight, increasing muscle mass, developing specific sports skills, and rehabbing or preventing injuries.

He is very grateful for the opportunity to work with SLCC's basketball team in Coaching as well as Strength and Conditioning. "I believe off-season training is extremely important in the development and progress of a player. They must work hard on and off the court," said Hinton. "I'm very excited about the opportunity to contribute to the team and I look forward to working with Coach Tanzyus and Coach Stang to build a successful season and future for the Soldiers.