

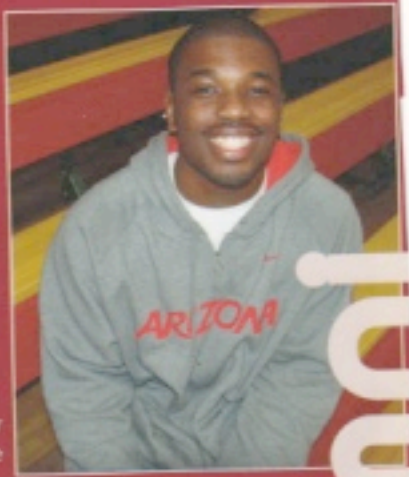


Eric Harris '05 attends the University of Arizona where he receives an athletic scholarship as a member of the Wildcats' wheelchair basketball team. Harris, who didn't take up the sport until his sophomore year in high school, played for the 2004 National Wheelchair Basketball Champions the BORP Bay Cruisers. Harris was named to the USA Jr. (under 20) National Team and traveled with the team in 2006 to participate in the Australian Junior National Basketball Championships in Brisbane where thanks to his strong performance; he was named to the all tournament team, the International All-Star Five.

According to Wildcats coach, Derek Brown, "Eric is an essential component of our team. He's got speed and quickness and knows the game really well. But more importantly, he has really developed as a leader and his willingness to step up and lead is essential to our future success as a team."

Harris, who is studying Africana studies and communications at UA, credits CB with preparing him for the rigors of college. "The testing at CB is exactly like college. The reports I have to write are exactly the same. It's almost scary how much they prepared me for college."

Following graduation, Harris hopes to continue playing basketball. "There may be opportunities for me to play in Europe, Asia or Australia. I'll know more the closer I get to graduation."





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## Eric Harris

Eric Harris, Member

Eric Harris is currently a legislative advocate with Disability Rights California. Most recently he was a legislative advocate with the California State NAACP. Mr. Harris is from Sacramento and attended Christian Brothers High School. He played on a National Championship wheelchair basketball team in high school as a member of the Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP). This team gave him the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the country and compete with and against other top adaptive athletes. Mr. Harris was recruited by some of the top wheelchair basketball programs in the country and chose to attend the University of Arizona on a wheelchair basketball scholarship.



While at the University of Arizona, Mr. Harris balanced his education with wheelchair basketball. He had the opportunity to compete on the Under-20 USA wheelchair basketball team in Brisbane, Australia, where his team won an International championship. He also interned for United States Representative Barbara Lee, the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. Mr. Harris then went to the University of Oregon School of Law. He experienced more great internships at the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C. and the American Association for People with Disabilities (AAPD).

Mr. Harris has continued to build experience in government at the local, state and federal levels. He has also been an advocate on behalf of Black people, people with disabilities and other marginalized communities. Mr. Harris has been a board member of the local NAACP in Sacramento. He joined the Resources for Independent Living Board in Sacramento in 2019. Mr. Harris is a co-producer on the Family Matters Forum radio show on 97.5 FM and a proud member of the fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma, Inc.

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