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TOGETHER WE RISE

Ending Youth Suicide



COACH'S SUMMARY

Hi, my name is Zanen Pitts, the former high school boy's basketball coach for Arlee, Montana's *Warriors*. During our last 5 seasons we had:

- 122 Wins and 9 Losses
- 5 Consecutive State Semi-final Appearances
- 4 Consecutive State Championship Appearances
- 2 Back to Back State Championships
- 2017 & 2018 MHSAA Coach of the Year
- 2018 The New York Times featured our team
- 2018 NBA TV Beyond the Paint with Matt Winer
- 2018 PSA Suicide Awareness Video goes viral with over 1 million views
- 2018 In the class with the most schools, set consecutive win record with 47 wins



During our run, we also started The Warrior Movement; a viral cause encouraging people to reach out to one another in kindness and encouragement to combat suicide and depression. Garnering national attention, we wanted the grass roots movement to continue beyond our viral video, so we founded *The Warrior Movement as a 501(c)(3) non-profit.*

THE VALUE

The Warrior Movement spreads a message of hope. Life is precious. We want every person to know there are people who care and there are programs and life skills to help them get through the tough times. We work to bring awareness to those who have the means to step up and make a difference with those going through these struggles, regardless of circumstances and resources.

By cultivating the courage to make a difference in our own lives and the lives of others, we strive to nurture a Warrior mentality. We are all stronger when we fight together.



VISION

Why are we high risk?

Children are defenseless. Stated in Chapter 34 – Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, Congress found incidents of abuse of children on Indian reservations are grossly underreported...

Many American Indian and Alaskan Native youth have experienced historical trauma and marginalization. Some youth may have experienced abuse, neglect, and witnessed violence. Youth may be facing a lack of hope in their current environment, which raises concerns of depression and suicide.

A major issue is getting the exposure Native American high school basketball players both need and deserve to become a student athlete in college. Only a handful of the most talented get picked up on AAU teams. The majority are overlooked or simply missed due to living in remote regions of the country, finances, stereotypes or simply feeling out of place. I have had countless conversations with young Native athletes that have the talent to play at the next level, but many times even the few that end up on a team never truly get to showcase their talent. This leads to them packing their bags and heading back home. It not only impacts their confidence and belief of *what is possible*, but the communities they return to and the kids that look up to them become discouraged. This promotes a cycle of lower expectations and unfulfilled dreams. It also further reduces the chances that those teams will invite kids from a similar situation to play on their teams, regardless of talent. **It's so disheartening to see and hear of all the basketball talent that is at the top of their state, but simply vanishes when their high school career ends; and that is the problem and wrongful perception in the 21st century. We Can Do Better!**

The WM Warriors basketball team is exactly the kind of opportunity these kids need to grow, see the world, and provide hope not only for them, but for the thousands of kids back home that look up to them. This will open doors and opportunities that today don't exist in Indian country. Basketball will be a means to an end that will lead to greater self-respect, bigger dreams, higher education, and a positive cycle in communities throughout the northwest.

My family has lived on Montana's Flathead Indian Reservation for over 100 years and we've been involved in basketball for most of those 10 decades. I am passionate about giving back the best way I know how...using basketball as a vehicle to change the world. Even if this isn't a fit for you at this time, maybe you know someone who can help make this dream a reality to both change and save lives and do it in a fun, positive and impactful way.

Coach Zanen Pitts



PURPOSE

The goal of this letter is to find someone to sponsor a group of Native American youth who will use their love for and dedication to the game of basketball to grow into ambassadors of our message of hope. Our youth ambassadors need your help to help preserve and nurture our message of hope. Warrior Movement, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. We will organize and manage an all Native American Select Basketball Team from the Northwestern U.S. We are looking for an annual donor to claim this team as their own. We invite you to discuss the expenses it will take to put a program like this together. Our work and passion is to combat isolationism by providing youth and community positive experiences to promote being active *and* connected. The youth are given a platform to use their voice to ask for help, share their opinion, and encourage others. Uniting as one and finding a sense of belonging will help us win the battle over suicide and depression.

Together We Rise!

Learn more here: <https://www.jointhewarriormovement.com/>



2019 WM Warriors Basketball Team

Coaches Zanen Pitts & Francis Lone Bear-Brown



LIVING THE LIFESTYLE OF A ROLE MODEL

An important part to being a member of this team is the name on the chest, “Warrior Movement Warriors”.

These young men that play for The Warrior Movement Warriors will understand that playing on this team is living the lifestyle of a role model.

It’s embracing the culture of the Warrior Movement both on and off the court. It’s helping young athletes use high school as a steppingstone to college and beyond.

Each player will sign a contract committing to conduct themselves in accordance with the standards set by The Warrior Movement cultivating the essence of Leadership Principles.





WARRIOR MOVEMENT BASKETBALL PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

- QPR Training (Question, Persuade, Refer): This is a training for Suicide Awareness. An educational program designed to teach the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to respond. The training is delivered in person by certified QPR instructors or online.
- Healthy Lifestyle: The teaching of living a healthy lifestyle, including abstaining from drugs and alcohol.
- Youth Mentoring Hours: Working with youth sport programs in their community.
Example- Little Dribblers, Flag Football, X-Country, camps and so on.
- Public Speaking Training:
All WM Warriors will receive training on how to present and conduct themselves publicly.
- They will clearly understand that along with The Warrior Movement, they represent:
 - Themselves, Their families, Their communities, and all of Indian country.
- The Warrior Movement Warriors will get opportunities to be part of speaking engagements.
 - Example: A group of Warriors speaking at the 1st Annual NABI Educational Youth Summit with Kevin Carroll in front of 100+ peers. These opportunities allow for these young adults to grow and gain a better perspective on life.





WARRIOR MOVEMENT BASKETBALL ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Our goal is to see more Native American Student/Athletes graduate high school and college. We want to help them to clearly understand the requirements to advance. An academic model worthy for comparison is the NCAA college academic requirements.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW

The eligibility requirements for a NCAA Division 1 school?

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science
(including 1yr of lab science if your high school offers it)



The GPA requirement for Division 1 NCAA?

You must earn at least a 2.3 GPA in your core courses that are outlined the NCAA academic requirements.

You must earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching your core-course GPA on the NCAA sliding scale for Division 1, which balances your test score and core course GPA 1 additional year of English, math or natural/physical science.

The minimum SAT score for NCAA eligibility?

Division II requires a minimum SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a sum of the following four sections:

- English, mathematics, reading and science.



The NCAA academic eligibility requirements?

- Academic Standards
- Graduate from high school.
- Complete a minimum of 16 core courses for Division I or II.
- Earn a minimum required grade-point average in core courses.
- Earn a qualifying test score on either the ACT or SAT.
- Request final amateurism cert. from the NCAA Eligibility Center.

The 16 core courses for NCAA eligibility?

In order to be eligible to compete and receive an athletic scholarship, you will need to take and pass a minimum of 16 core courses, covering the subjects of English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy.

NCAA requirements: <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/play-division-i-sports>



WARRIOR MOVEMENT BASKETBALL PLAYER WEBSITE REQUIREMENTS

Serious action requires serious efforts and our Warrior Movement Ambassadors are doing just that.

Accountability and *Integrity* is the front line of defense for our most valuable assets, our academics. To help each student athlete have the best opportunity to be noticed. The Warrior Movement has each individual create their own website to allow scouts and recruiters full access to their success in the class room from grades to ACT & SAT test scores.

Also to give them full access to their work on the hard top. Showing their skills from workouts to live games. The website will have a full list of the student athlete's monthly schedule on and off the court.

Example: Riley Spoonhunter's website. <https://rileyspoonhunter.wixsite.com/website>

Home Media Gallery Contact HS Career Shooting Guard

Riley J Spoonhunter

Misam Kyiyo

Long Time Bear

<https://recruit-match.ncsasports.org/clientrms/athletes/3583788>

<https://www.maxpreps.com/athlete/riley-spoonhunter/Pmd8tqBKEiAxKkk9HIDg/videos.htm?videoId=2272dc62-7429-4340-b823-962163bd0aaf>

Let's Chat

TOGETHER WE RISE

Battling Youth Suicide



State Champion Icons

In closing, I ask that you take a moment to view some of the public service announcement work my teams have done...

Warriors dedicated our season to the fight against the suicide epidemic in our community. With over one million views on Facebook and the attention of public figures, celebrities, and news outlets across the world, this was the beginning and truth of “The Warrior Movement”.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=D0OjgWeljfw&feature=emb_logo



And here is our latest PSA...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stQm4xYXzHE&feature=emb_rel_pause





BE PART OF A GREATER *Purpose*

Playing for the Warrior Movement Warriors will give each student athlete a purpose greater than themselves. With our experience in Native American basketball, we will also be **able to create an environment where they can thrive**. This is a great chance for youth from different reservations, nations and cultures to unite together. To bring life changing opportunities to even the most remote and challenging corners of our reservations.

The Warrior Movement **is inviting that YOU** please consider sponsorship either through individual contribution or through your organization. The Warrior Movement will take care of the rest.





I'm Coach **Zanen Pitts**, the former boy's head basketball coach for Arlee, Montana. The 2014-2019 seasons we had the opportunity to post in incredible record of 122-9 with 4 consecutive trips to the State Championship. Winning 2 State Championships back2back in 2017 & 2018. This allowed me to become the MHS A Coach of the Year in 2017 & 2018. During this run we set the longest win streak in Class C Basketball with 47 straight wins. During this same time, Arlee had a suicide epidemic strike our little community. Rather than walking away from the game, this team stepped up to help and created The **Warrior Movement**, a non-profit that brings suicide awareness to all youth through academics, sports and living a healthy active lifestyle and most of all to tell everyone they are loved and someone cares. We ask that you look at our vision of how we can make a difference in our youth today.

The **Warrior Movement** spreads a message of hope. It's so disheartening to see and hear of all the Native American basketball talent that are at the top of their state, but simply vanish when their high school career ends; and that is the problem. We believe that the WM Warriors created a culture that can help these student/athletes be more successful on and off the court. We are assisting Warriors get to the next level by cultivating a program for high school athletes that promotes the courage, the attitude, the academics, giving back and living the lifestyle to make a difference. Warrior Movement Basketball is to combat isolationism by providing youth and communities positive experiences to promote being active *and* connected.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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- Sponsor a Warrior Movement Warrior "PLAYER" for 1 Tournament: -----\$1,200.00
 - Sponsor The Warrior Movement Warriors Basketball "TEAM" for 1 Tournament: -----\$12,000.00
 - Sponsor The Warrior Movement Warriors for the whole AAU Basketball Season: -----\$120,000.00
- (Break Down of expenses in PDF, if interested)*



Warrior Movement

Together We Rise

MAKE A DONATION

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One Time	3 years	5 years	Perpetual
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