Celebrating the Remarkable Contributions of Lebron James

"You can't be afraid to fail – it's the only way you succeed."

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In 2003, Lebron James was drafted 1st overall by the Cleveland Cavaliers right out of high school. He earned the Rookie of the Year award his first year in the NBA and has made the All-Star team 17 times. He's been named the League MVP 4 times and won 4 NBA Championships – one with the Cleveland Cavaliers, one with the Los Angeles Lakers, and two with the Miami Heat.

In 2011, James began to think about his hometown of Akron, Ohio and how he could help students there. He created the "I PROMISE" campaign, which led to a new school. The school, which opened in 2018, grants free tuition to the University of Akron for all graduates who achieve at least a 3.0 GPA.

In addition to the school, James assists many charities through the Lebron James Family Foundation and is a supporter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, among others. James has achieved many successes both on and off the court, on his way to becoming one of the greatest basketball players – if not the greatest basketball player – of all time.

Born: Dec 30, 1984
Hometown: Akron, Ohio
Education: St. Vincent – St. Mary High School
Drafted in the NBA: June 2003
Played for: Cleveland Cavaliers, Miami Heat, Los Angeles Lakers