

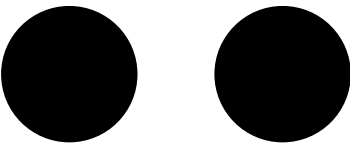
# DAVID MERRITT



David Merritt was born on February 26th, 1986 in Detroit, Michigan. He grew up in West Bloomfield, MI and attended West Bloomfield High School, where he graduated with academic honors and was an All-State basketball player. Merritt then accepted an academic scholarship to the University of Michigan, and later was selected as a walk-on to the Men's Basketball team in 2006. During his last year in 2008-2009, he served as a Captain, and Michigan reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time in eleven years. Merritt graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in Sports Management and also served as a Radio Color Commentator for the Michigan IMG Sports Network from 2009-2013.

Since his time at Michigan, Merritt launched a cause-based fashion brand called Merit. Every Merit purchase shapes the fate of students in need and helps send them to college (20% of the company's profits fund Merit's youth program, FATE). In FATE, students work on real-life business projects for them to discover that they can create their own futures. If the students complete the program, they are guaranteed up to \$8,000 in college scholarships and the program currently supports 200 Detroit students.

David Merritt serves as an Associate Pastor at the Straight Gate International Church, under the leadership of his parents, Bishop Andrew & Pastor Viveca Merritt, in Detroit, MI. He is also part-owner of the Narrow Way Café & Shop and the Founder of Renaissance of Hope, Inc. Merritt's passions consist of being all that God wants him to be. Every single day, he asks God that His Will be done and strives daily to bring into being those things that he can see, however, cannot touch.



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