

Willie Banks III

Born: March 21, 1970 Albuquerque, New Mexico

High School: Albuquerque High School

College: University of New Mexico

High School

- Varsity Team starter (4 years)
- Team Captain
- All District
- All State
- MVP
- NMHSCA Nominee for Sportsmanship Award (Honorable Mention)
- North South All Star Player
- Nominated to the McDonald's All-American Team 1988

College

- 4-year starter UNM Lobo Basketball Team
- NCAA Tournament 1991
- NIT Tournament 1988,1989,1990
- 1st Team All-WAC 1991-92
- 1st Team All-Defense 1990
- Two Year Captain
- 1st in Games played 1988-89
- 2nd in assists (WAC) 1991-92
- 1st in steals (WAC) 1990-91
- 3rd in steals (WAC) 61 1991-92 led (WAC)
- 5th in points scored 1991-92
- 3rd in assists 4.9per game 1991-92
- 3rd in field goals (WAC) 1990-91
- Career (WAC)
 - 16th in steals 2.3 per game
 - 3rd in assists 4.9 per game
 - 3rd in steals 1.9 per game
 - 22nd career shooting
 - 126 games; 11.1 pts per game; 3.1 rebounds per game; 3.3 assists per game; 1.4 steals per game

Professionally

- New Zealand (NBL)
 - Drafted to New Zealand and played 3 seasons with BP Bears in New Plymouth New Zealand
 - Played for Division 2 team Stormers 2001 National Champions
 - MVP
 - 2003 played for New Zealand Mountainair's
 - 2004 Player of the Week
 - 2004 Selected to try out for the New Zealand Olympic Basketball Team
 - Named to (All Star 5) Best Players Team
- New Zealand
 - Head Coach of Taranaki Girls Basketball Team (under 17)
 - Head Coach of Inglewood Girls' Varsity Basketball Team
 - Head Coach for Boys' Varsity Basketball Team 2 year (National Champs)

- Head Coach for NBL Men's Basketball Mountainair's 2020

- Ethicon (Johnson and Johnson) Albuquerque, NM
- City of Albuquerque Park and Recreation
- Intel Corporation Rio Rancho, NM
- Currently CEO and President of Bankshot Academy 2020

A comprehensive seven-year start-up strategy that progresses youth from year 7 to year 13. To encourage participation, improve skills, and promote basketball across the community as the activity of choice.

Honors

- Received Citizen Award through Boy's and Girls Club of Albuquerque
- Student of the week numerous times at Washington Middle School and Albuquerque High School
- Honor Society 1985 and 1986 Albuquerque High School
- Homecoming King 1988 Albuquerque High School
- (All Star 5) Best Players Team New Zealand NBL
- Named Player of the week in all levels of play.
- Trialist for NZ 2004 Olympic Team

Community

- Active Church Member 1977-current
- Usher (God's House Church)
- Choir Member
- Heaven Bound Scouts
- Bible Study Leader
- Youth Leader Thomas Bell Community Center (Albuquerque) 1985-1988
- Mentored at numerous Middle Schools (Youth Motivation) 1989-1991
- Mentors' youth in New Zealand 2003-current
- Mentored Juvenile Detention Center (Albuquerque)

Family

- Lee Banks (married 26 Years) CFO
- Katherine (Daughter) 24 Elementary School Teacher
- Tyler (Son) 19
- Parents: Willie Lee Banks, Jr (Father) (deceased) All-star Basketball Player for Albuquerque High School, (1966-1969) New Mexico Junior College (1969-1971) and Eastern NM University 1972, 1973; Played for US Army Men's Basketball in Frankfurt, Germany 1974-1976
Cheryl Burden (Mother) Semi-Retired Senior Vice-President of Operations Kirtland Federal Credit Union, Church Administrator New Covenant Worship Center
- Siblings
 - Allen Banks (Brother) Former Albuquerque PD Chief of Police, Current Chief of Police for Round Rock, Texas
 - Kevin Banks (Brother) Founder/CEO of Dream Big, Inc (Non-Profit) Founder/Owner of Duke City Basketball Academy, LLC
 - Dr. Janiece Taylor (Sister) Professor at Johns Hopkins Medical University
 - Bryceson Burden (Brother) Police Aide with Albuquerque Police Department
- Uncle: Allen Smith, Sr (Uncle) All-star Basketball player for Albuquerque High School Basketball Team 1961-1964, Trinidad Junior College, NM Highlands University, player for the Harlem Majestics/Globetrotters