

James Borrego

Born: 11/12/1977 Albuquerque, New Mexico

High School: Albuquerque Academy 1996

College: University of San Diego Bachelor's degree in English 2001 and a master's degree in leadership studies 2003.

High School Accomplishments:

- 1993 Member of the AAA state basketball champions. First freshman to play for the legendary Coach Mike Brown's varsity team.
- 1994 Member of the AAA state basketball champions.
- 1994 AAA First Team All-State
- 1994 AAA All-State Tournament Team
- 1995 AAA First Team All-State
- 1995 District 5AAA Player of the Year and 1st team All-District
- 1995 Member of the AAA state basketball runner-up.
- 1996 AAA First Team All-State
- 1996 Albuquerque Tribune's First Team All-City
- 1996 Member of the AAA state basketball runner-up.
- 1996 Member of the North team in the annual North-South All-Star game top seniors in the State.
- Chargers' leading scorer for three straight years. Academy's all-time leading scorer when he left. He is currently #1 career scoring leader at the Academy with 1745 pts and Cody Toppert is #2 at 1645.

College Accomplishments

- 1999-2001 Played two seasons with the University of San Diego Toreros
- 2001 Named to the West Coast Conference All-Academic Team

Professional Accomplishments

- 2001–2003 University of San Diego - Assistant Coach
 - 2002-2003 Captured the West Coast Conference Championship and earned a trip to the NCAA Tournament
- 2003-2024 21 years coaching in the NBA; Head Coaching Career Record: 331 games 148-183
 - 2003–2010 San Antonio Spurs - Assistant Coach
 - 2005 NBA Champions
 - 2007 NBA Champions
 - 2010–2012 New Orleans Hornets - Assistant Coach
 - 2012–2015 Orlando Magic - Assistant Coach
 - 2015 Orlando Magic - Intern Head Coach (Record 10-20)
 - On February 6, he made his coaching debut against the Los Angeles Lakers, winning 103–97 in overtime.
 - On February 17, he became the coach of the team for the rest of the season
 - 2015–2018 San Antonio Spurs – Assistant Coach
 - 2018–2022 Charlotte Hornets – Head Coach (Record 138-163)
 - First Latino head coach in the NBA's 72-year history.
 - 2023–present New Orleans Pelicans – Associate Head Coach

Honors

- 2024 Inducted into the inaugural Albuquerque Academy Sports Hall of Fame

Community Involvement

- Food Banks in Charlotte, North Carolina
- Charities with underprivileged child
- Donating pro basketball tickets for silent auctions and/or prizes for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame, and Mike Brown Scholarship.
- Donating money for scholarships at the Albuquerque Academy.
- New Orleans Children's Hospital Foundation
- San Antonio Children's Hospital Foundation

Family

- Wife, Megan,
- Daughter, Grace, and two sons, Zachary and Nicholas.