

**Miguel Curl**  
**Coordinator for School Age Program**  
**YMCA Chicago**  
Class of ??

**How has Triton College impacted your life?**

At Triton, my professors and coaches believed in me and encouraged me to achieve and work hard. Through their caring and mentoring I was able to complete my time at Triton, and enroll and graduate from Oberlin College in Ohio. Triton's academic rigor prepared me to go to Oberlin College, something that would have never happened if I had not had professors who pushed me and helped me at every turn.

**Biography:**

Miguel Curl starred on Triton College's men's basketball team in the early 1980s, after graduating from Proviso East High School and serving four years in the U.S. Marines. Curl served as the Trojans' team captain, earning MVP honors in each of his two seasons, currently ranking among the program's all-time leaders in scoring and rebounding. After Triton, Curl transferred to Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, where he played basketball for two seasons and graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

Curl began his professional career as a physical education teacher at Hart Grove Hospital in Chicago, where he taught children with emotional issues. He went to teach and coach various sports at Maumee Valley Country Day School in Toledo, Ohio, before becoming program director for the YMCA in Camden, New Jersey. In that role, he worked with local governments to secure grants that helped inner-city youth gain access to YMCA programs. Curl later returned to teaching and coaching in Fort Washington, Pa., before taking a role in which he mentored at risk youth in Oberlin.