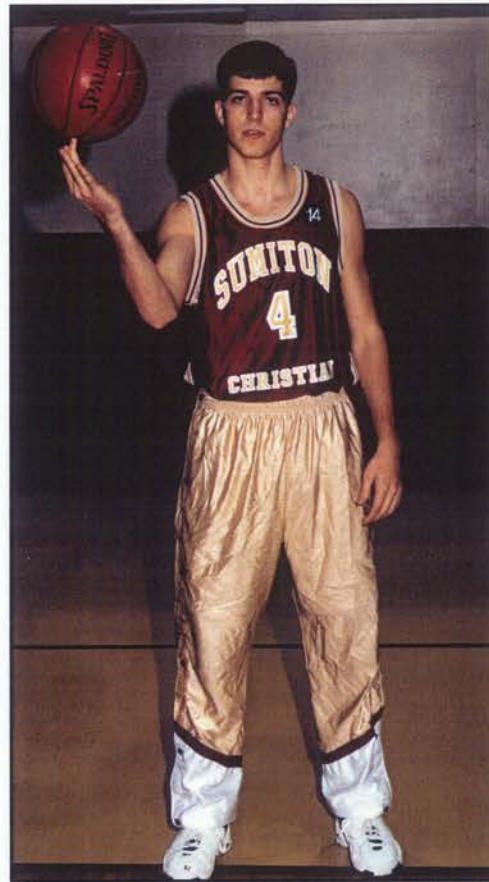


## ANDREW RICE

**A**NDY WAS BORN NOVEMBER 18, 1979, TO DONALD AND GWEN RICE. AS A FRESHMAN AT

Dora High School, he earned the prestigious "Raymond May Award" for the top scholar/athlete. His sophomore year, he transferred to Sumiton Christian Academy where he played baseball, football and basketball. As a quarterback, they won the very first football game in history. In basketball, Andy led his team, under coach Tab Jefferson, to the first ever State Championship in any sport. He sank two free throws to seal the victory in the state championship game and was honored with AISA Most Valuable Player award during the 1995-96 championship game. When SCA moved to 3A his junior year, Andy chose to concentrate on baseball and basketball leading his David Ball coached team to the final four finish in the AISA State Basketball Tournament. As a senior, Andy led the Eagles to a 15-0 start and a number 1 ranking in the state. He led the Birmingham All-Metro in scoring until he tore 3 ligaments in his left ankle forcing him to miss seven games and playing hurt in the 1997-98 3A State Basketball Tournament, yet still finishing as runner-up in the State. He was selected to play in the AISA East-West All-Star Basketball Game. His senior year he averaged 24.2 points per game, shot 47% from the field, shot 91% from the free throw line, holds the single game scoring record of 39 points, and the career record for scoring with 1,495 points. He was named All-State in basketball 3 years and All-State in baseball his senior year. He was also the 1998 Class Valedictorian at SCA.



After high school, Andy played AAU basketball for the "Pepsi Challenge" who won the 1998 Nike SUPERSHOWCASE AAU National Championship. He also holds the distinction of being the first SCA male athlete to receive a full athletic scholarship. Although offered many scholarships including the U.S. Naval Academy, he chose to play at Wallace State Community College to stay close to home. After an outstanding freshman year, he accepted a full scholarship to play basketball at the University of Southern Mississippi where he finished his red shirt year, before returning to Beville State Community College.

Andy is now a CPA and works as CFO and Vice President of the family owned wealth management business "Money Management Services, Inc." in Birmingham. He currently lives in Sumiton with his 3 children: Annalace, Drew and Reece Rice. Andy credits his mother and father for their support and encouragement in allowing him to become the man he is today.