



Mark Anthony Aguirre

Retired NBA basketball player

Mark Anthony Aguirre is a Chicago native and retired NBA basketball player, best known for his tenures with the Dallas Mavericks and Detroit Pistons.

Aguirre grew up on the West Side of Chicago where he attended George Westinghouse High School. He enrolled at DePaul University where he played for the school's Blue Demons basketball team. Over three seasons, he became a leading scorer, averaging 24.5 points per game and helped catapult DePaul to the national spotlight on their way to the 1979 Final Four.

He was a two-time consensus All-American on his way to being named the 1980 National Player of the Year by AP, UPI, and USBWA. He also won the Naismith Award and was selected for the 1980 U.S. Olympic basketball team. He was named The Sporting News College Player of the Year in 1981.

Aguirre was selected as the No. 1 overall pick in the 1981 NBA draft by the Dallas Mavericks and went on to a 13-year NBA career. He would go on to be a 3-time NBA All-Star and 2-time NBA Champion with the Detroit Pistons. He was later inducted into the DePaul Athletics Hall of Fame in 1996 and the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2016.

Continuing his legacy at DePaul University, Aguirre was recently named Special Assistant to the Athletic Director in 2023. In this role, he is cultivating partnerships with key stakeholders, community partners, and supporters.

Committed to giving back to his hometown, Aguirre is a member of the Legends Leaving Legacies nonprofit, which supports programming related to health and wellness, food security, workforce development, and college readiness for teens and youth throughout the Chicago region.