



# Caleb Swanigan, former Purdue standout who played for Blazers, Kings, dead at 25



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Caleb Swanigan, who was drafted by the Blazers in 2017 following two standout years at Purdue, has died at age 25. (Photo by Elsa/Getty Images)

Caleb Swanigan, the former Purdue standout who played three seasons in the NBA for the Portland Trail Blazers and Sacramento Kings, has died at age 25. According to the Allen County Coroner's Office in Fort Wayne, Indiana, [Swanigan died of natural causes](#). No other details have been released.

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and friends. The world lost a gentle soul last night.




Love you Biggie. [pic.twitter.com/spU2hQtJdi](https://pic.twitter.com/spU2hQtJdi)



— Purdue Mens Basketball (@BoilerBall) [June 21, 2022](#)



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Swanigan had a difficult upbringing in Indianapolis. He was one of six kids that his mother, Tanya, was trying to take care of while his father battled an addiction to crack-cocaine. The family spent time in homeless shelters before moving to Utah for a spell, but he returned to attend Homestead High School. As a senior in 2015, Swanigan helped lead the Homestead basketball team to its first state championship in the school's history.

He elected to attend Purdue after decommitting from Michigan State, and was an immediate success. Swanigan started every game as a freshman, set a Purdue record after being named Big Ten Freshman of the Week three times, and was named to the Big Ten All-Freshman team. He also started every game as a sophomore, and excelled across the season. He broke Purdue single-season records for rebounds and double-doubles. He was a unanimous first-team All-American and was named the Big Ten Player of the Year. He was also a finalist for the 2017 Wooden Award.

Swanigan made the jump to the NBA after his sophomore season, and was selected 26th overall by the Blazers in the 2017 draft. He played in the Summer League, the G League, and also spent time with the Blazers in 2018. He was traded to the Sacramento Kings in Feb. 2019, and then back to the


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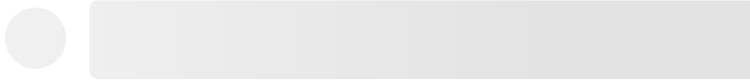
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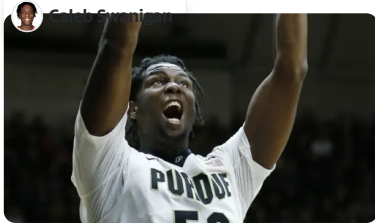


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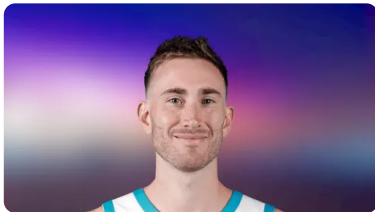
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