



Tyler Leighton

“Ray recognized my talent at a local gym and introduced himself – it was an instant connection. Through the years, he has helped me improve every part of my basketball game. He developed my shooting, my ball handling, and my defensive abilities. Also, he helped me develop as an athlete through strength and agility workouts. But, the most important thing that I have learned from Ray is confidence in myself and my abilities. Now it is my turn to give back to young players what I’ve learned about the game.”

The Training Arena is proud to have Tyler Leighton on staff as a basketball trainer. Tyler's experience with The Training Arena includes private basketball training, instructional clinics, and coaching our high school travel team. He "lives and breathes" basketball ever since he started training with Ray Perkins as a fourth grader. According to Ray, "Tyler's training work ethic is unmatched! I am always looking for the next Tyler Leighton."

Tyler is a former Jimtown High School basketball standout, who led the Jimmies to Elkhart County's first-ever state title, the 2A crown in 2004. He went on to play college basketball and became the first ever 1,000 point scorer at IUSB (in 2 seasons). Tyler is an NAIA All-American and the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 2008/2009. After college, he played professionally in China in a Dream Basketball League national tournament. He led the Hangzhou team to the tournament championship, and he was the 3 point champ of the tournament. Tyler just returned from Florida after completing a summer internship with IMPACT Basketball working as a trainer for collegiate and professional players. Tyler is attending Valparaiso University and pursuing a Master's Degree in Sports Management.