



# NOTHING BUT *NET!!!*

**Lewis Madsen**

**Accounting Manager, Houston Rockets**

**Graduated Stephen F. Austin State University, Class of 2012**

Raised with a younger sister by a single mother in Hemphill, Texas (population less than 1,300) where he worked at Dairy Queen throughout high school, Lewis Madsen grew up with big city aspirations guided by his desire, drive and determination to succeed. His ambition steered Lewis to the closest avenue (and closest University) to a brighter future, Nacogdoches, Texas. With the assistance of federal Pell Grants (based on family income) Lewis enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University and majored in Accounting. Struggling financially throughout his college career, Lewis did not waver. He maintained a 3.5 GPA, received a prestigious internship at Deloitte and continued to demonstrate to his professors, deans and advisors his perseverance to achieve what no one in his family had previously done. Not only was Lewis the first to attend and graduate College in his family, he would also surpass his own goals and continue on to receive his master's degree with a 3.91 cumulative GPA in Accounting.

Due to his palpable commitment Lewis was recognized and nominated by Dr. Treba Marsh, Director of the Gerald W. Schlieff School of Accountancy at Stephen F. Austin State University and was awarded the FEI Houston Scholarship Foundation scholarship for Stephen F. Austin State University during his third year of university.



***"I still feel honored to be acknowledged as an Accounting student that was selectively identified as someone who WAS going to go the distance!"***



***"I was thrilled that I was awarded the FEI Scholarship especially as a Stephen F. Austin State University student. There's no denying the Stephen F. Austin State University is a smaller and lesser known school. I was recognized for my hard work and diligence alongside kids from larger more visible Universities... EQUALLY!"***