

To the Badger Nation,

I really don't know where to start. Most importantly, I just want to say thank you.

These past three years have been the best, most memorable years of my life. Growing up in the state and being able to wear Wisconsin across my chest has been a dream come true.

It has been a true honor to represent this University and the state of Wisconsin. I can't say enough about how much all of your support has meant to me and my teammates. The privilege of playing in front of a sold out Kohl Center or looking around at the sea of red that filled Lucas Oil Stadium last weekend are things that most college basketball players never get to experience and I never took that for granted. Badgers fans are the greatest in the world.

After lots of thoughts and prayers, I've decided that it is in my best interest to enter the NBA Draft at this time. It is difficult to leave Madison and the only state I've called home, but I'm excited for the next chapter of my life.

I truly can't say thank you enough to my teammates, coaches, training staff and you, the fans, for everything you've done. I am so grateful for the opportunities Coach Ryan and UW-Madison have given me. I couldn't have asked for anything more from my experience.

I will continue to represent the University and entire state of Wisconsin to the best of my ability wherever my future takes me. I will never forget these years as a Badger; not just for the basketball victories, but for the friends made, lessons learned and the memories that will last a lifetime.

God Bless and On Wisconsin!

Sam