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Sampson All County Athletes

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL



Andrew Usher
Grade: 11
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Conference because the team worked so hard to be able to win the whole thing for

conference which if one guy would have would have been one place behind or ahead we would have been second which is insane but so awesome.

Who do you most admire? My parents who work their hardest to give me the best for running and sticking with me through my running journey.

What are your plans after high school? To hopefully finish my associates in science then go to college and get my bachelors of science or sports science. I eventually want to go and get my chiropractic doctorate or a physical therapist doctorate.

What motivates you to play your best? To help my team and be the best and to look at running not from an inner perspective as so much to help to realize that we were all in it together and we are a team no matter how individual it may have been.



Ava Williford
Grade: 9
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

What is your most memorable game? When we beat undefeated East Duplin at home.

Who do you most admire? My parents because they always support me.

What are your plans after high school? Go to college and maybe play basketball.

What motivates you to play your best? My coaches, teammates, and spectators.

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HARRELLS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Devin Gardner
Grade: 11
Sport: Basketball
Position: PF

What is your most memorable game? Our first time playing Coastal Christian this year.

Who do you most admire? My coaches for inspiring us to give our all and work hard.

What are your plans after high school? To attend college and play football and major in criminology.

What motivates you to play your best? My family and the feeling of having something to prove.



Ethan Spell
Grade: 10
Sport: Basketball
Position: SG

What is your most memorable game? The Coastal Christian game because

even though we lost it was a motivational game to get better.

Who do you most admire? Coach Nolan Hall because he practices with us everyday and gives his all.

What are your plans after high school? To attend college and pursue a degree revolving around athletics.

What motivates you to play your best? My teammates because they want my best and I want theirs so we can win.

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HOBBTON HIGH SCHOOL



Abby Driver
Grade: 11
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Setter

What is your most memorable game? Last game at Union.

Who do you most admire? My mom.

What are your plans after high school? Go to college for Physical Therapy.

What motivates you to play your best? Coach Jones.



Alexis Reid
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Middle Blocker

What is your most memorable game? It would have to be my senior night game from this year, because that was the first

game my mom able to attend this year. And, unfortunately it was the last game of my senior season, but I will never forget the memories I have made in the past four years.

Who do you most admire? My mom for never giving up on me or herself.

What are your plans after high school? I hope to be attending Penn State Beaver to double major in Criminal Justice and Business Administration. While also play D III Volleyball at their campus.

What motivates you to play your best? Knowing that my dad is cheering for me up and heaven and my mom in the stands, is what motivates me the most.

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LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



Carlie Joas
Grade: 11
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Setter

What is your most memorable game? Beating Princeton on Varsity my freshmen year.

Who do you most admire? My mom; she is the most resilient person I know.

What are your plans after high school? To go to college.

What motivates you to play your best? Next Year I want to live up my senior year both on and off the court.



Genesis Santiago
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: G

Comments from head coach Anita Miller: Genesis is one of our best

defenders. She is a much focused, reliable and a coachable player; she is very positive. Her defense is the tone-setter for our team. She leads by example and she leads the team in steals. Her steals often result in a 2-point conversion. She hustles on both ends of the floor; every loose ball she is after.



Gracie Godbold
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: OH/MH

What is your most memorable game? When we played Princeton on Senior

Night. I felt like not only I gave my all and do my best but everyone did and just a little fewer mistake and we could have beat them.

Who do you most admire? My dad because he always pushes me to be the best and I know he always says things that are going to make me better in life.

What are your plans after high school? Play softball at Barton College.

What motivates you to play your best? My dad.

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MIDWAY HIGH SCHOOL



Allison Belflowers
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: Forward

What is your most memorable game? Playing at Clinton my senior year and beating them by 13.

Who do you most admire? I admire Coach Bagwell's work ethic. He came in unknowing of what our team was like and pushed us hard all season. Not only did we finish Top 2 in our conference, but we beat Clinton both times which was the first time we accomplished both in my four years of high school.

What are your plans after high school? Attend NC State and major in sports management and minor in sports science.

What motivates you to play your best? Knowing that my teammates trust each other on the court. When we share the ball, great things happen on our side of the floor. We all push each other to be better every day.



Anna Hargrove
Grade: 11
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Regionals at Croatan High School. This

was the last meet I would ever run with my all of the seniors. I also ran my personal best this day.

Who do you most admire? My parents because they are hard-working and take of me and my sisters.

What are your plans after high school? I would like to get my Real Estate license and become a realtor like my mom.

What motivates you to play your best? Working hard for my team and Coach Brown. I don't want to let anyone down so I strive to do my best at all of our meets.

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UNION HIGH SCHOOL



Ariyona Spearman
Grade: 9
Sport: Basketball
Position: Point Guard

What is your most memorable game? I won't ever forget the 8th Grade Championship game in Middle Schoole.

It was a competitive but fun night for us.

Who do you most admire? My mother. She was the first one to ever support me as a little child. My family always supports me, too, and they're the ones that push me to do better.

What are your plans after high school? I'm going to a good college and keep playing basketball and be the best I can be. I'm going to push to the highest level of competition I can.

What motivates you to play your best? I do it for me. It keeps me out of trouble and everything, but my family motivates me. They are the ones that keep me on the court and my head straight.



Ariyona Spearman
Grade: 9
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Middle Hitter

What is your most memorable game? Senior Night against Hobbton because we did everything to make sure we had

fun and ended the year nice.

Who do you most admire? My mom because she's the one who got me into volleyball and I never looked back.

What are your plans after high school? Go to college and continue to play sports and do the best I can.

What motivates you to play your best? My team and I'll do anything to help us get the win.

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Brittany Blackburn
Grade: 10
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

What is your most memorable game? Against James Kenan, the first game we didn't have Isa. I had to really step up and

I scored three times more than what I usually do. I found out who I really was and showed it until the end of the season.

Who do you most admire? My grandpa because he's always taught me the real meaning of what to do in life and to follow what I think is right for me. He has never doubted me in situations, which always end up leading to sports even when I need to be doing something else. I always thrive for the sports way and my grandpa was really the only one to tell me that it was okay and to go that way even when I needed to be working to have money, he's always taught me to do what seems good for me.

What are your plans after high school? I'm working on receiving a scholarship to go to one of my dream schools. Hopefully after high school I'll have a scholarship to go to UNCW or Clemson and major in therapy. I want to teach people that it's okay not to feel well all the time but to strive to feel better. My other option after high school is to go straight into boot camp for state highway patrol and to try to help change the city I'm put in for the better.

What motivates you to play your best? I was always taught to work for what I get even if I didn't have that much. If I want to the big things I have to work hard for those big things. I work consistently in the off-season to hopefully see a scout sitting in the audience just to watch me and say "Wow, there's more to come with hard work." Motivation doesn't come easily, though; you have to work just to motivate yourself too, even if you have to do like me and take a pause after a bad play and say in your head, "you messed up and that is okay, work harder for the rest of the game for better things," and that is what I do.



Carrie Jordan
Grade: 11
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Libero

What is your most memorable game? Playing Midway at home and going into five sets. Even though we lost, it was a great

game for both teams.

Who do you most admire? My brother Charles Jordan. I want to be just like him and play a sport in college.

What are your plans after high school? I hope to play volleyball at a four year university and major in business or accounting.

What motivates you to play your best? Knowing that any game could be my last and we're not always promised another game or season.



Carrington Dirks
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Conference meet at Cabin Lake because I fell on the last lap and still had a personal

best time.

Who do you most admire? My mom because without her I would not be able to participate in extra curriculars that I love.

What are your plans after high school? Attend either NC State or University of South Carolina where I will major in Sports Management.

What motivates you to play your best? I am motivated because I had to sit out all of my junior season due to an injury so I am making up for lost time.



Crista Ortiz
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? State races my sophomore and junior year.

Who do you most admire? My mother because she has taught me to always work hard and value my progress.

What are your plans after high school? I plan to study neuroscience at Duke University and hope to later attend med school and get my doctorate.

What motivates you to play your best? I am motivated by every second counting towards my overall growth as an athlete.



Cristian Ortiz
Grade: 9
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Our first meet because I felt very nervous before the race but after I started running I

felt great.

Who do you most admire? The senior runners that I ran with because they were great teachers and friends.

What are your plans after high school? To go to college.

What motivates you to play your best? Improving and getting better results every time I run.



Harrison Williams

Harrison Williams
Grade: 11
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? The first Cabin Lake meet. Everyone went out super fast and held on for dear life.

Running through the woods while everyone is chasing you is terrifyingly awesome.

Who do you most admire? My family and my team.

What are your plans after high school? Attend a four year university.

What motivates you to play your best? Not everyone has the ability to run. I see running as a gift and I don't intend on wasting it.



Isa Banks

Isa Banks
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard, Forward

What is your most memorable game? East Duplin at Clinton; beating the undefeated team in our conference.

Who do you most admire? Coach Owens. He's always seen my full potential from the start and pushed me to it and I'll never forget that.

What are your plans after high school? Going to college and playing basketball.

What motivates you to play your best? I'm very competitive and the way I was raised, everything I do I give 100%.



Jalyssa Hobbs

Jalyssa Hobbs
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Our meet at Cabin Lake at East Duplin. At this race, I was genuinely able to see my

growth over the years that I have participated in this sport and the value of perseverance. Also, the natural scenery there is beautiful and makes for a joyous race.

Who do you most admire? Anyone who steps outside of their comfort zone and pursues something that they either once feared or what others deemed them as incapable of accomplishing.

What are your plans after high school? As college acceptances continue to come in, I have yet to decide on a particular university. However, I do plan on double majoring in political science and psychology while following the Pre-Law track. From there, I will enter law school and further my pursuit of becoming an attorney.

What motivates you to play your best? My family, coaches, teammates, and all the cross country parents. Even though it is very much an individual sport, the team aspect is never lost and I cherish it most. Our team possesses an excellent support system which encourages every runner to do and be their absolute best.



James Woodall

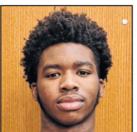
James Woodall
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? The conference race because we won conference and Coach of the Year.

Who do you most admire? My teammates because they always pushed me to do better.

What are your plans after high school? Attend Sampson C.C. and get my degree in welding then I want to join the Army and go into Infantry School.

What motivates you to play your best? Myself because you have to motivate yourself before you can motivate others.



Keasean Williams

Keasean Williams
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: All-Around

What is your most memorable game? Our games against Goldsboro.

Who do you most admire? G-League

Baseball Player, Jalen Green.

What are your plans after high school? Go to college and play ball at the next level.

What motivates you to play your best? I just always try to play my best.



Khaliah Chestnutt

Khaliah Chestnutt
Grade: 11
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard, Forward

What is your most memorable game? Our home game against East Duplin. We

fought through some calls and turnovers but we came out with the victory.

Who do you most admire? Mikayla Boykin and Paige Bueckers

What are your plans after high school? I plan to go to college and major in sports medicine and become an athletic trainer.

What motivates you to play your best? My teammates, family, friends, and coaches. They always push me to do my best and even push me a little harder.



Mackenzie Carr

Mackenzie Carr
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Setter

What is your most memorable game? Senior Night. It was bittersweet because even though I'm ready to move all I've

reflected back on all my years of playing volleyball and realized it's almost over.

Who do you most admire? My mom because she has always set the best example for me and done everything she could for me.

What are your plans after high school? Attend UNCW and major in Exercise Science. Then I want to continue on to Physical Therapy.

What motivates you to play your best? Making my family and teammates proud.



Olivia Gillespie

Olivia Gillespie
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? The last meet of our 2020-2021 season.

This was our conference meet and I came in 5th overall and was named All-Conference.

Who do you most admire? My Meme because she always motivates me to do my best and she never misses any of my meets or soccer games.

What are your plans after high school? Attending UNC to major in political science.

What motivates you to play your best? My parents, siblings, and Meme. They are the main reasons for why I work so hard. Without them I would not be the person I am today.



Peyton Matthis

Peyton Matthis
Grade: 10
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Regionals. It was cold and windy and no one

wanted to get out of the bus.

Who do you most admire? My father because of how hard he works to get what he wants.

What are your plans after high school? To get a college degree but now exactly sure what I want to study yet.

What motivates you to play your best? The silence that I get when I run, the sight of new places, and rhythms that my body falls into during a race. My mind is completely clear when I run so I don't remember much of what I think about, but I do like the colors that I see.



Zana Barefoot

Zana Barefoot
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball

Position: Outside and middle hitter.

What is your most memorable game? Beating Midway in the playoffs my junior year.

Who do you most admire? Even though my grandmother is no longer with us, she was the most selfless person I know. She lived her life through God which is what I admire most.

What are your plans after high school? Attend NC State to major in Business Administration and concentrate on Marketing.

What motivates you to play your best? A saying from my dad: "Give 110% in everything you do." This reminds me to do my best and always play hard.



Zoey Locklear

Zoey Locklear
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Defense

What is your most memorable game? I will always remember our win against

Midway in the second round of the playoffs my junior year. That game was unlike any other I had ever played in that we truly connected as a team, played as a unit, and were all focused on accomplishing our goals. We not only beat our rivals and made history for our school volleyball program in the state championships, but we most importantly had so much fun with each other and enjoyed playing the game that I dearly love and I will always cherish that.

Who do you most admire? My parents because they are truly the most selfless, sacrificial, and devoted people I know. They have taught me to be respectful, to work hard, to be determined, be compassionate and caring towards others, and to be strong and courageous in all my endeavors.

What are your plans after high school? Attend UNC-Chapel Hill to pursue a double-major in Public Health and Nutrition and a minor in American Indian Studies. Go Heels!

What motivates you to play your best? My love for a challenge and for encouraging those around me. I always strive to give my best effort in everything, whether it be a rough practice, tough games, conditioning, or simply cheering on my teammates. In the happy moments and the instances of frustration, in the moments of elation after a win, or in the disappointment of a tough loss, knowing that my attitude and the way I carry myself in the situations that accompany one's athletic journey motivates me to be positive light on the court and always perform my best for my teammates, my coaches, and all others that support me.

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Zyon Simpson
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: Point Guard

What is your most memorable game? Playing against Goldsboro this season. We were down by 20 at half but we came back and took the lead. Even though we lost in the last seconds, it was still the effort that counts and we didn't stop fighting.

Who do you most admire? Anybody that is a leader.
What are your plans after high school? Plan to go to junior college to get my name out and hopefully go to a Division 1 college.

What motivates you to play your best? Seeing that everybody on the team is playing their hardest and having fun.



Isabella Rumbold
Grade: 11
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Setter

What is your most memorable game? When we beat Liberty Christian at home. We all played very hard as a team.

Who do you most admire? My family because that make many sacrifices to make sure I'm at all my practices, games, and tournaments. They also make sacrifices to come watch me play.

What are your plans after high school? To play softball in colleg and pursue a degree in the medical field.

What motivates you to play your best? My dad because he always pushes me to get better and work hard.



Colby Weeks
Grade: 10
Sport: Basketball
Position: Point Guard

What is your most memorable game? The game against Neuse Charter when I scored 20 points and we won in overtime.

Who do you most admire? Kobe Bryant because he was an amazing athlete and person.

What are your plans after high school? To attend college and play basketball or football.

What motivates you to play your best? I really look up to the life Kobe Bryant lived. I want to inspire others the way he did and still does. I want to be the best like he was.



David Corbett
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner/Team Captain

What is your most memorable game? My first ever XC Race because I realized my true potential.

Who do you most admire? Lebron James as a pro athlete.

What are your plans after high school? To go to ECU.

What motivates you to play your best? Being the best.



Emily Roesch
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Setter

What is your most memorable game? When we were down by two sets against Union and came back to win the last 3 sets.

Who do you most admire? My mom who does everything for me and my siblings.

What are your plans after high school? Go to Wayne community college for dental hygiene.

What motivates you to play your best? Mostly my teammates and coach, I never want to let them down.



Erick Soza
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? All-Regional Race.

Who do you most admire? My Dad.

What are your plans after high school? Go to college to study Computer Science.

What motivates you to play your best? The fact that I know my potential so I just strive to achieve the most I'm capable of.



Jaelyn Holliday
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: PG; SF

What is your most memorable game? Senior night against Union.

Who do you most admire? Lebron James

What are your plans after high school? Majoring in Business and hopefully play basketball in college.

What motivates you to play your best? My parents and coaches.



Josiah McLaurin
Grade: 9
Sport: Basketball
Position: PG; SG

What is your most memorable game? I think it was Union when I had like 15 points.

Who do you most admire? Kyrie Irving because I like the way he handles the ball.

What are your plans after high school? Go to Duke and play basketball.

What motivates you to play your best? People on my team.



Josie Blackman
Grade: 10
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? When I set my personal best last year at Regionals.

Who do you most admire? My parents.

What are your plans after high school? Get a degree at a four year university.

What motivates you to play your best? When I'm with my team.

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Georgia Pope
Grade: 9
Sport: Basketball
Position: PF

What is your most memorable game? When we played Fayetteville Academy and I scored 10 points in a game for the first time

on varsity.

Who do you most admire? My mom because she's so hardworking and determined.

What are your plans after high school? Go to a four year college.

What motivates you to play your best? Representing my school and family.



Grice Bell
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: PF

What is your most memorable game? Wayne Christian because they were a really good team and we played a team.

Who do you most admire? Dennis Rodman because our play style and hustle is like his.

What are your plans after high school? Attend Campbell University and major in business

What motivates you to play your best? To not let my team down and win no matter what.



Haley Malpass
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Middle

What is your most memorable game? All the games this year because I love my team and we always did our best.

Who do you most admire? My mom for always supporting me.

What are your plans after high school? Attend UNCW to become a nurse.

What motivates you to play your best? My team and coach. I know if I don't try my best I am letting them down.



Hannah Cole
Grade: 11
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Outside

What is your most memorable game? When we beat Liberty Christian because we really came together and played very well.

Who do you most admire? My Mema because she is always so positive, encouraging, loving, and God-fearing no matter what.

What are your plans after high school? Attend a university and pursue a degree in psychology.

What motivates you to play your best? My Parents, grandma, teammates, and coaches because they all push me to do my best and work my hardest in everything.



Isabella Rumbold
Grade: 11
Sport: Basketball
Position: SG

What is your most memorable game? When we beat Liberty Christian at home. I had seven 3s for 21 points - the most I've

ever scored.

Who do you most admire? I most admire my family. They make so many sacrifices so that I am able to get to all of my games and so that they are able to come see me play.

What are your plans after high school? Attend college, pursue a degree in the medical field, and hopefully play softball while I'm in college.

What motivates you to play your best? My dad; he always pushes me to get better and do my best.



Laura Catherine Glover
Grade: 11
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Middle

What is your most memorable game? My first time playing Coastal and serving six straight points.

Who do you most admire? My mom because of her courage and passion for sports.

What are your plans after high school? To go to Meredith and become an accountant and CPA.

What motivates you to play your best? My love for volleyball.



Lekea Boney
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: PG

What is your most memorable game? Against Wayne Prep because we played as a team and it was our first win.

Who do you most admire? My family, especially my grandma, because they are hardworking individuals and inspire me to do great things.

What are your plans after high school? Attend college and become a pediatrician.

What motivates you to play your best? My team, coach, and my family.



Samir Gibbs
Grade: 9
Sport: Basketball
Position: PG

What is your most memorable game? The Wake Christian game because I scored the most points and had the most assists I

had all year.

Who do you most admire? My teammate Camryn Brown-Leak.

What are your plans after high school? To attend college and play Division I Basketball.

What motivates you to play your best? My mother because she shows me tons of love and support through everything.



Tyrone Barbee
Grade: 11
Sport: Basketball
Position: SF

What is your most memorable game? Our first game against Village Christian. I had 30 points, only missing one shot in the

game.

Who do you most admire? My grandfather because he is the hardest worker I know.

What are your plans after high school? To go to college and play basketball and graduate with a degree.

What motivates you to play your best? My mother because she works hard for me to be successful in life.

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Amalia Aguilar
Grade: 11
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Conference Championship last year.

Who do you most admire? My Parents.

What are your plans after high school? I hope to attend ECU.

What motivates you to play your best? My family.



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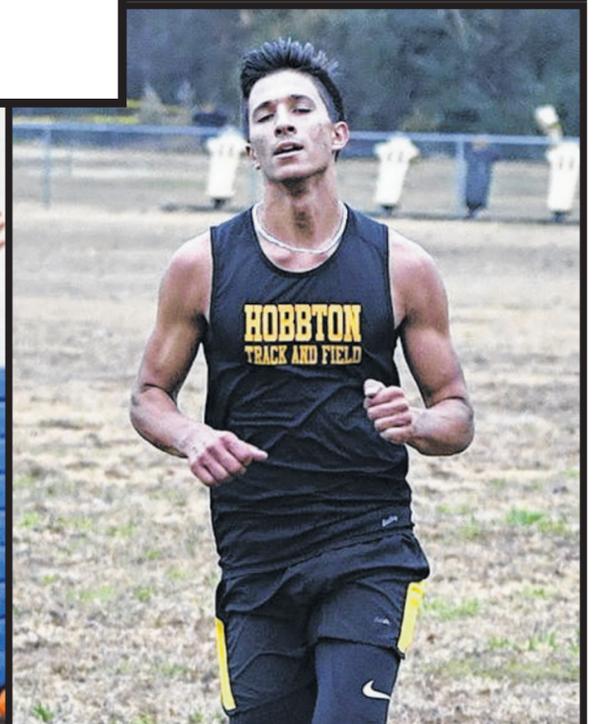
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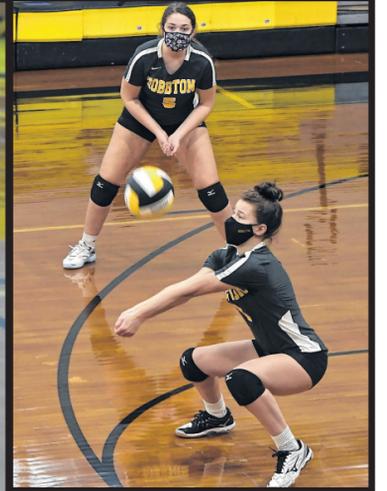


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Mariana Sada
Grade: 10
Sport: Cross Country
Positions: Runner

What is your most memorable game? My most memorable meet was the regionals cross country meet last year, it was a very new experience seeing so many schools together.
Who do you most admire? I admire my older sister because of how good of a role model she is in academics and sports, she is who I always look up to and ask for advice.
What are your plans after High School? My plans after high school is to attend a 4 year university and major in engineering or design.
What motivates you to play your best? What motivates me is my ambition to improve, I love seeing my times cut shorter and shorter and it is a really rewarding experience.



Melvin Cinto
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Regionals; setting a new PR and making Top 50 for 1A.
Who do you most admire? My coaches and Xavier, who motivated me to run my best.
What are your plans after high school? Attend college and earn a degree for engineering.
What motivates you to play your best? The people who have been here for me since the start and my family.



Preslee Roesch
Grade: 9
Sport: Volleyball
Position: MB/OH

What is your most memorable game? When we beat Union.
Who do you most admire? My sister who helped coach.
What are your plans after high school? To attend college.
What motivates you to play your best? The thrill of getting to help my teammates.



Richard Warren
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Positions: C, PF

What is your most memorable game? When we played Neuse Charter, our whole team played very well, and I scored 15 points and we won the game.
Who do you most admire? My father because he is always pushing me to be the best I can be.
What are your plans after High School? My plan after high school is to either go to UMO and major in environmental science and play baseball there or go to ECU and major in engineering.
What motivates you to play your best? What motivates me is the feeling I get that this could be the last game I will ever play, and I want to leave it all on the court.



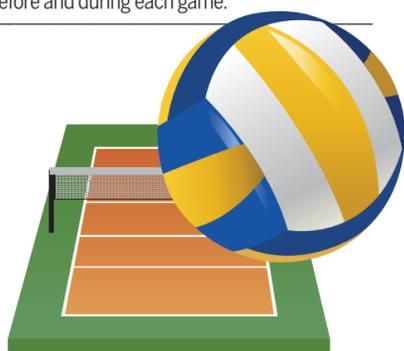
Ruben Espino
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? First meet.
Who do you most admire? David Corbett because he's pretty fast.
What are your plans after high school? Go to trade school.
What motivates you to play your best? Not quitting.



Rylan Carter
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Outside Hitter

What is your most memorable game? Our first game against Union.
Who do you most admire? My family and my great teammates.
What are your plans after high school? Attend Wayne Community for Dental Hygiene.
What motivates you to play your best? Definitely the adrenaline before and during each game.



Torren Melvin
Grade: 10
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Our very first meet because it was very cold and bad conditions and it pushed me to my max.
Who do you most admire? Nobody.
What are your plans after high school? I would love to be an actor but it's mainly to play football.
What motivates you to play your best? This should be for everybody - just the fact of winning and if you don't win then all of your hard work is for nothing.

Lakewood

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Gwendolyn King
Grade: 10
Sport: Basketball
Position: P, PF

Comments from head coach Anita Miller: Gwendolyn is a dominant post-player. She is a powerhouse and leads the team in blocks and rebounds. She is 2nd in scoring.



Harley Matthews
Grade: 11
Sport: Volleyball
Position: RS/DS

What is your most memorable game? Neuse Charter game where we won in five sets. It was a great challenge and everyone played hard and with confidence.
Who do you most admire? My Teammates.
What are your plans after high school? To go to college.
What motivates you to play your best? To be confident with myself and my teammates on the court and to push to become a better player.



James Ammons
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

What is your most memorable game? Rosewood triple overtime win 81-78.
Who do you most admire? I admire my mom the most.
What are your plans after High School? Get my CDL's or go to the Air Force.
What motivates you to play your best? My mom motivates me to play the best because she has been to all of my games through high school.



Jer'Quawin Rich
Grade: 11
Sport: Basketball
Position: Forward

What is your most memorable game? Rosewood triple overtime win
Who do you most admire? I admire my courage the most
What are your plans after High School? Get my CDL's and drive trucks
What motivates you to play your best? I miss my cousin Kaleel. Every day I think about him and how he was trying to get his life straight before he got killed. He wanted to play sports, so that is why I play hard and work hard. I also want to buy my mother a big house.



Kaleb James
Grade: 10
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

What is your most memorable game? Rosewood triple overtime win.
Who do you most admire? I admire my parents the most.
What are your plans after High School? Go to a Division 1 college.
What motivates you to play your best? My family motivates me to play my best.



Madelyn Ammons
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: OH

What is your most memorable game? N/A
Who do you most admire? Coach Davidson. I will always wish to have just one more game with Coach Davidson. She is someone I always looked up to and always wanted to do my best in front of. When she is proud of you it is the best feeling in the world.
What are your plans after high school? Go to college.
What motivates you to play your best? I was always the determine player. I always had the mindset "anything is possible if you believe in yourself and your team."



Natalie Maynor
Grade: 10
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? The meet at Cliffs of the Neuse. I will forever remember this meet because it was challenging and the course was beautiful. This course pushed me to my limit and showed me what determination can do.
Who do you most admire? My coaches because they work hard to make me and my teammates the best we can be. They are role models for me and I appreciate the time and effort they put into our practices. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be where I am today as an athlete.
What are your plans after high school? I plan to attend NC State to earn my Bachelor's Degree in Science. I then plan to apply to a Veterinary School to obtain my DMV.
What motivates you to play your best? My family because they are very supportive of my passions so in return I play my best to make them proud.



Rilya Mitchell
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: G, F, P

Comments from head coach Anita Miller: Rilya is an all-around player. She can play any position on offense. She is our leading scorer. She is a very positive player and loves the game.



Sariya Doss
Grade: 10
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

What is your most memorable game? When we played against Princeton during the championship game.
Who do you most admire? I admire my mom because she is super hard working and determined. For her to a single mom of 4 kids with 2 jobs and the fact that I've never really had to want for anything it really pushes me to do better.
What are your plans after High School? After High School, I plan to go to the Air Force for 4 years and go to a 4 year college and major in Physics and Astronomy.
What motivates you to play your best? My competitiveness motivates me to play my best as well as a supportive team!



Tillyon Williams
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

What is your most memorable game? Rosewood.
Who do you most admire? I admire my mother and my dad.
What are your plans after High School? Going to college and playing college ball.
What motivates you to play your best? My coaches and my team motivate me.

Midway

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Annalise Register
Grade: 10
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Regionals at Croatan High School.
Who do you most admire? I admire a lot of people but the one who sticks out is Coach Brown.
What are your plans after high school? To attend UNCQ for undergrad and NC State Veterinary School for grad school.
What motivates you to play your best? I never want to finish running and know that I didn't do all I could have done. My team also motivates me to do my best.



Ashton Brown
Grade: 11
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Regionals when I got my personal best and it was the last time the original team ran together.
Who do you most admire? My parents; my mom coached the team and she was always pushing me and everyone else to run harder. She never expected less than 100% from me and her and my dad were always at the finish line cheering me on. My dad was always supporting me, no matter how much work he had to do.
What are your plans after high school? I plan to attend a four year college and then apply to Dental School.
What motivates you to play your best? My team, not only do I need to do good for myself but I also need to run good for the team to place better.

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Brandon Keenan
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? The meet where we didn't have a walkthrough of the course before we started running so I didn't know where the finish line was. It was muddy, hilly, and went through the woods and was my best feeling run.

Who do you most admire? I admire my fellow athletes for showing up to practice and working hard despite the pain necessary to improve and come out on top of our meets and I admire our coach for pushing us to do better every step of the way.

What are your plans after high school? I have enlisted and plan to serve in the Army.

What motivates you to play your best? First the dedication to the team, my teammates, and Coach Sarah Brown. Wanting to win for the pride and reputation of the team and school. Secondly, I am motivated to better myself by running.



Chloe Baggett
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Right side and setter

What is your most memorable game? Against Clinton because I had one of my best games and they are our biggest rivals.

Who do you most admire? My mom because she is the strongest woman I know.

What are your plans after high school? Major in Exercise Science at UNCW.

What motivates you to play your best? My family and my team because I want to give them my best game.



Devin McCray
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Regionals.

Who do you most admire? My parents because they push me to be my best person.

What are your plans after high school? Attend Wake Tech for civil engineering.

What motivates you to play your best? If I run fast enough, the quicker I can go get something to eat.



Devin McLamb
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Regionals at Croatan High School. That was my last meet ever and I'm going to miss it.

Who do you most admire? My family for their hard work and Coach Brown for like being a second mom to me. She made practicing a lot more fun.

What are your plans after high school? Attend Sampson C.C.

What motivates you to play your best? My parents and Coach Brown. I always hear them yelling and cheering me on somehow even when I cannot see them.



Emma Clark
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Outside and Middle Hitter

What is your most memorable game? When we played Goldsboro because I feel like we played our best game knowing it couldn't've been our last.

Who do you most admire? My family because they always push me to do my best and they are always there to support and love me no matter what.

What are your plans after high school? I plan to attend UNC in the fall to major in Biology.

What motivates you to play your best? My family, team, and love for the game.



Gavin Garrett
Grade: 12
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? All of our meets because we always had a good time with one another.

Who do you most admire? Myself for coming this far and accomplishing my goals.

What are your plans after high school? Go to a four year college and get my degree in English.

What motivates you to play your best? The thought that today could be the day that I create a new record for myself.



Isaiah McClendon
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: Forward

What is your most memorable game? East Duplin when I hit the buzzer-beater to go into overtime.

Who do you most admire? My mom because she pushes me to do my best no matter what.

What are your plans after high school? Planning on going to a four year college and getting my degrees in marketing and engineering.

What motivates you to play your best? My team.



Kris Shyia McKoy
Grade: 11
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

What is your most memorable game? When we won against Clinton by two points when there was 13 seconds on the clock

and we had to have a defensive stop to beat them. Also when I stole the ball and scored the game winning layup against James Kenan.

Who do you most admire? I admire a lot of people. As a point guard, you must see the floor and control the team. Do not ever have your head down after a tough loss or because you made a mistake.

What are your plans after high school? To go to college and play ball. If nothing happens with me and basketball then I plan on going to school for physical therapy.

What motivates you to play your best? My mom, coaches, and my trainer, even when I'm tired and I feel like I am about to give up.



Lane Baggett
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: Forward

What is your most memorable game? The East Duplin game when we won because it was great to win and do well

for my team. I had a double-double that game which helped propel our team to a much needed win.

Who do you most admire? My parents because of their hard work and dedication.

What are your plans after high school? Attend UNCW where I will major in accounting.

What motivates you to play your best? Winning is what motivated me to play my best basketball. I was determined to win and do whatever it took to do so. The fact that I had the ability and skill set to help my team win is a huge motivation for me every time I stepped onto the court.



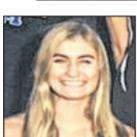
Lynda Rios
Grade: 10
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Running at conference.

Who do you most admire? My parents and coach.

What are your plans after high school? Go to college and become an engineer.

What motivates you to play your best? Making my parents proud.



Madissen Cannady
Grade: 11
Sport: Cross Country
Position: Runner

What is your most memorable game? Honestly, all of my cross-country meets are memorable. My cross-country team is like a family. We are all very close and have been running with each other since since freshman year and even middle school. I have the best time at practice because while we practice and train we are also laughing and getting closer as a team. It was very bittersweet when the seniors had to leave this year because they are a big part of the team.

Who do you most admire? I admire many people including my family and friends. However, my biggest role model is my mom. She has been to almost all of my cross-country meets or any other games since I was in middle school. She loves to give me constructive criticism which often frustrates me, but she just wants me to do what she knows I am capable of. It means a lot to me when I see her at my meets and she encourages me to give it my all.

What are your plans after high school? I plan to attend a community college after high school. I want to get a business degree so that I can eventually own my own clothing business when I am older. I have wanted to own my own business since I was little. I have always enjoyed church bake sales and yard sales.

What motivates you to play your best? Cross Country is an individual sport and team sport. You are running to get your best time but how the team does all around controls what place your team gets. There have been many times where what the team places was depended on me or another person to get into a higher place. When I run, if I'm having a bad day, I always say to myself I need to do this for my team.



Makenzi Hudson
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: Center

What is your most memorable game? Our home win against Clinton. We've always been rivals so beating them on home turf

was a goal of mine this season.

Who do you most admire? My parents for their ability to juggle their jobs and the neverending responsibilities of parenting an athlete. From countless injuries to heart-breaking losses, my parents have always been able to pick me back up and encourage me to push forward.

What are your plans after high school? Attend NC State in the fall and major in animal science. I also have plans to minor in spanish or ASL in hopes to obtain my translators license.

What motivates you to play your best? After the pandemic, I had my fair share of doubts about whether my senior season would actually come. When they gave the go-ahead for us to start practicing, I was ready to start how I was going to finishing. The best motivator for this season was the simple principle of "you never know which game may be your last, so play hard and leave it all on the court."



Makenzi Hudson
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Rightside, Middle

What is your most memorable game? My favorite memories were against Clinton. We're long time rivals so beating them were

sweet victories.

Who do you most admire? My parents for their ability to juggle their jobs and the neverending responsibilities of parenting an athlete. From countless injuries to heart-breaking losses, my parents have always been able to pick me back up and encourage me to push forward.

What are your plans after high school? Attend NC State in the fall and major in animal science. I also have plans to minor in spanish or ASL in hopes to obtain my translators license.

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Morgan Williams
Grade: 9
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

What is your most memorable game? Beating Clinton at Clinton.

Who do you most admire? My underclassmen teammates but especially my coach.

What are your plans after high school? To attend NC State for Architecture.

What motivates you to play your best? My family, teammates, and coaches.



Maranda Byrd
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Libero

What is your most memorable game? Our last game against Farmville in the playoffs. I played one of my best games ever

and I was proud of myself for giving everything I had left in me.

Who do you most admire? My parents and sister. They all motivate me and encourage me to do my best. When it comes to volleyball, I admire my sister because she helped me grow so much.

What are your plans after high school? Attend ECU as a member of the Honors College program to study engineering.

What motivates you to play your best? My expectations and dedication to the sport and the respect for my teammates and coaches.



Rylie Williams
Grade: 11
Sport: Basketball
Position: Forward

What is your most memorable game? When we came back and beat Wallace after being down by 14 at halftime.

Who do you most admire? My parents.

What are your plans after high school? Playing softball at a 4-year college.

What motivates you to play your best? My family.

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Sydney Williams

Sydney Williams
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Setter

What is your most memorable game?
When we beat Clinton. They have always been a rival of ours and our games are

always intense.

Who do you most admire? My mother because she motivates me to do my best in each and every sport.

What are your plans after high school? I am committed to play softball at UNC Pembroke and plan to study nursing.

What motivates you to play your best? My parents and the love for the game.



Thornton Baggett

Thornton Baggett
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

What is your most memorable game?
Our home game against East Duplin. That was a big game for us in many ways and the team all played together to get the win.

Who do you most admire? My mom and dad. They always do the right thing and always have made sure I have been given the best opportunities.

What are your plans after high school? Attend NC State Agricultural Institute and major in Agribusiness Management.

What motivates you to play your best? My coaches and my teammates as well as learning from mistakes and working to correct for the next practice or game.



Tyler Godwin

Tyler Godwin
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: Center

What is your most memorable game?
East Duplin at Midway. It wasn't my best game but I loved how the team was one unit

on the court. We played the best team ball and because of that we came out with a good win.

Who do you most admire? My dad because he pushes me each and every day and is a great example of the type of man I want to become. I also admire Coach Lane because he pushes me on and off the court as well. He helps keep me on the right path and above all he helps guide our faith in God.

What are your plans after high school? Attend ECU to major in business and complete 2 years of trade school for Electrician.

What motivates you to play your best? Wanting to put my team and my school back on the map. I want people to know who Midway is and where we are.



Wyatt Holland

Wyatt Holland
Grade: 11
Sport: Basketball
Position: Small Forward

What is your most memorable game?
Overtime win against East Duplin.

Who do you most admire? My mom and dad.

What are your plans after high school? Playing college football and earning a degree.

What motivates you to play your best? I always try to do my best in everything to glorify God.

Union

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Autumn Weeks

Autumn Weeks
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

What is your most memorable game?
Our first home game defeating Rosewood and our Senior Night win over North Duplin.

Who do you most admire? My mom because she has always been there to help me avoid mistakes and keep me going in the right direction in life.

What are your plans after high school? To attend UNC and major in exercise science in the fall.

What motivates you to play your best? Knowing it could possibly be my last time playing for my high school.



Cherokee West

Cherokee West
Grade: 9
Sport: Basketball
Position: Center

What is your most memorable game?
Senior night win over North Duplin. We celebrated as a team and sent our senior

play Autumn out with a win.

Who do you most admire? Stephen Curry.

What are your plans after high school? Go to college and either become a nurse or work with computers.

What motivates you to play your best? Practicing more and being more aggressive each year.



Chris Herring

Chris Herring
Grade: 11
Sport: Boys Basketball
Positions: Forward

What is your most memorable game?
Our last game against North Duplin

Who do you most admire? I admire my family the most.

What are your plans after High School? To get my CDL's and drive trucks.

What motivates you to play your best? My teammates and myself, I always like giving everything I do my all.



Dillon Henry

Dillon Henry
Grade: 12
Sport: Boys Basketball
Positions: Guard

What is your most memorable game?
North Duplin, it was my first game back from injury.

Who do you most admire? I admire God for letting me play basketball again.

What are your plans after High School? I plan to go to college and find what I want to do in life.

What motivates you to play your best? Playing great competition or someone better than me makes me go my hardest.



Hailey King

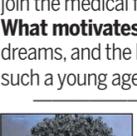
Hailey King
Grade: 9
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard

What is your most memorable game?
8th grade championship vs Midway when we gave Union a new title.

Who do you most admire? My Godmother Nicky who passed away with cancer when I was younger.

What are your plans after high school? Attend college and join the medical field.

What motivates you to play your best? God, my family, my dreams, and the little girl in me who fell in love with sports at such a young age.



Jamal Moore

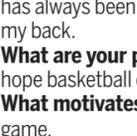
Jamal Moore
Grade: 12
Sport: Boys Basketball
Positions: Forward

What is your most memorable game?
My last game.

Who do you most admire? My Dad. He has always been there for me and I know he will always have my back.

What are your plans after High School? Go to school and hope basketball can be somewhere in my future.

What motivates you to play your best? My love for the game.



Javion Faison

Javion Faison
Grade: 10
Sport: Boys Basketball
Positions: Center

What is your most memorable game?
Our home game against Hobbton.

Who do you most admire? My Grandma.

What are your plans after High School? Go to college and play basketball.

What motivates you to play your best? My Grandma.



Jayshawn West

Jayshawn West
Grade: 12
Sport: Boys Basketball
Positions: Guard

What is your most memorable game?
First game of the season against North Duplin.

Who do you most admire? My Grams.

What are your plans after High School? Attend college.

What motivates you to play your best? My Grams and my teammates who push me.



Madison Brown

Madison Brown
Grade: 10
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Back Row

What is your most memorable game?
Senior Night - we worked so hard and we all had so much fun.

Who do you most admire? My brother because he a very hard-working person.

What are your plans after high school? I plan on going to Pembroke and get my degree in Zoology.

What motivates you to play your best? My family but also my love for volleyball.



McKenzie Taylor

McKenzie Taylor
Grade: 12
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Outside Hitter

What is your most memorable game?
When we won our Senior Night against Hobbton. It was such a good feeling and I was super proud of our team.

Who do you most admire? Autumn Weeks. She can back ready to play after tearing her ACL and had a phenomenal senior season.

What are your plans after high school? I am attending Campbell University to study Health Care Administration.

What motivates you to play your best? The feeling you get after making a good play or winning a game is my motivation to give my all. It's a feeling like no other.



RiHanna Murphy

RiHanna Murphy
Grade: 9
Sport: Basketball
Position: Center

What is your most memorable game?
Our last home game.

Who do you most admire? Liza Koshy.

What are your plans after high school? Attend college for a business degree.

What motivates you to play your best? My teammates.



Sofia Del Rio

Sofia Del Rello
Grade: 10
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Setter

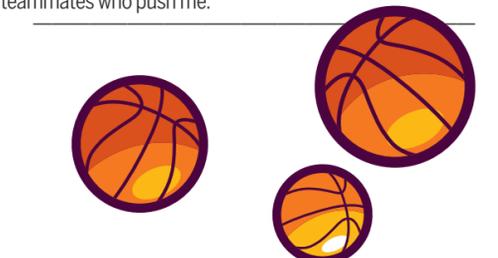
What is your most memorable game?
Senior night January 5th! We won against Hobbton and it was my best game I ever

played!

Who do you most admire? I admire my dad and coaches! They always support me in what I do and they always push me to do better!

What are your plans after High School? College or military base, preferably the Air Force

What motivates you to play your best? The feeling that you get when you win or just do good overall is what I aim for.



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