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Rondae Hollis-Jefferson Delivers Words of Wisdom at Chester Community Charter School's Sports Banquet

Pennsylvania's Largest K-8 Charter School Recognizes Student-Athletes of Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Cheerleading Teams with Trophies and Certificates

Chester, PA., May 21, 2013 – Rondae Hollis-Jefferson, a 2013 McDonald's All-American basketball player, a member of the University of Arizona men's basketball team, and an alumnus of [Chester Community Charter School \(CCCS\)](#), spoke before 160 parents, guardians, community members, and CCCS staff recently at the school's Eighth Annual Sports Banquet. At the event, which was held at the Clarion Hotel, in Essington, PA, more than 50 student-athletes of the basketball, baseball, cheerleading, and softball teams were awarded with trophies, plaques, and certificates.

Chester Community Charter School head boys' basketball coach Charles Priest introduced Hollis-Jefferson and spoke highly of his talent, determination, and successes on and off the basketball court. Priest coached the University of Arizona forward when he attended CCCS.

Hollis-Jefferson's remarks to the students covered his experience at Chester Community Charter School and his goal to "give back" to his community. Among other things, he said, "When I was here [CCCS], I didn't have the best attitude, but with the help of my coaches and other staff, I got on the right track. Their support was very important in preparing me for a high school and collegiate career in basketball." He told students: "Concentration, persistence, and family support are what make me successful. Whether it's focusing a little longer on homework, or spending extra hours at the gym, making sure you put forth the maximum effort will take you very far."

Following the presentation of trophies and awards, Dr. David Clark, CEO of CCCS, said: "Recognition of our student-athletes at tonight's award ceremony means so much to them, especially in the presence of their families and loved ones. Oftentimes, our city receives a 'bad rep,' if you will, and is rarely recognized for its achievements. Our sports programs offer an alternative for students to steer clear of any negativity they may encounter outside our school's campuses."

"It's no secret Chester has a history of producing stellar athletes," he continued, "but our focus, at CCCS, is academics. In fact, many of our graduating student-athletes have been accepted to continue their education at prestigious schools, such as Concord Christian Academy, Cardinal O'Hara High School, Saint Mark's High School, The Milton Hershey School, The Delaware Academy for Public Safety and Security, and the Salesianum School, among others. That's an accomplishment of which we, as administrators, faculty, and staff, are extremely proud."

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VIDEO – Remarks from Dr. Clark and CCCS Coaching Staff http://youtu.be/j4_UvwR3H0Y

About Chester Community Charter School

Chester Community Charter School, Pennsylvania's largest K-8 charter school, opened its doors on September 9, 1998, serving 97 students from its modest four meeting rooms, in the lobby of the Howard Johnson Hotel. Since that time, the school has steadily grown to include 3,200 students in nine state-of-the-art-buildings, spanning two campuses. <http://chestercommunitycharter.org>

Photo 1



Caption 1

Rondae Hollis-Jefferson (pictured), 2013 McDonald's High School All-American basketball player, member of the University of Arizona men's basketball team, and an alumnus of Chester Community Charter School (CCCS), delivered the keynote address at the school's recent sports banquet, where more than 50 student-athletes were recognized for their achievements in basketball, baseball, cheerleading, and softball. Students were awarded trophies and certificates for their accomplishments. More than 160 parents, guardians, community members, and CCCS staff and faculty attended the event, at the Clarion Hotel, in Essington, PA.

Photo 2



Caption 2

Dr. David Clark, CEO, Chester Community Charter School (CCCS), delivers remarks prior to the issuing of trophies to this year's basketball, baseball, softball, and cheerleading teams, at the school's Eighth Annual Sports Banquet, held, recently, at the Clarion Hotel, in Essington, PA. More than 50 student-athletes were recognized for their efforts in sports before an audience of more than 160 parents, guardians, community members, and CCCS staff and faculty.

Photo 3



Caption 3

Members of the Chester Community Charter School boys' basketball team, pictured with the team's coaching staff and managers, show off their recently awarded trophies and certificates, at the school's Eighth Annual Sports Banquet, held at the Clarion Hotel, in Essington, PA. This year, the team had a winning record (10-2). Rondae Hollis-Jefferson (not pictured), 2013 McDonald's All-American basketball player, member of the University of Arizona's men's basketball team, and Chester Community Charter School alumnus, delivered the keynote address.

Photo 4



Caption 4

Coach Kim Nickels (first row, far left), Coach Daniel Rooney (back row, far left), and Coach Frank Vaccaro (back row, second from left) stand with members of the boys' baseball and girls' softball teams, at Chester Community Charter School's Eighth Annual Sports Banquet, held at the Clarion Hotel, recently, in Essington, PA. Rondae Hollis-Jefferson (not pictured), member of the University of Arizona men's basketball team, and a CCCS alumnus, delivered the keynote address. More than 160 parents, guardians, and CCCS staff and faculty were in attendance.

Caption 5



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The Chester Community Charter School (CCCS) cheerleading team, and its faculty-member coaches (center), pose with recently awarded trophies and certificates of achievement at the school's Eighth Annual Sports Banquet, held at the Clarion Hotel, in Essington, PA. More than 160 parents, guardians, community members, and CCCCS staff and faculty attended the event, where Rondae Hollis-Jefferson (not pictured), an alumnus of the school, and a member of the University of Arizona men's basketball team, served as guest speaker.

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