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NCAA Parent Night In Alief ISD

On Wednesday, February 8, the Alief ISD Counseling and Athletics Departments hosted an NCAA Parent Night at Hastings High School. Rice University Compliance Officer Bryan Blair shared NCAA eligibility requirements with an auditorium filled with parents and student athletes. Alief counselors emphasized the importance of successful performance in a rigorous academic curriculum and assessment program.

The highlight of the night was the personal testimony given by former professional and college football players Santana Dotson, Warrick Holman and Alief's own Donnie Embra. Holman, an Alief Elsik graduate, discussed the challenges he faced when he left home to attend Texas A&M University and eventually went on to play professional football as a linebacker for the Chicago Bears. He prompted students to take advantage of the resources and support that is available to them and to develop some academic independence to better support the transition into college. Dotson, a graduate of Yates High School, shared his real-life experiences in professional football. He discussed being named NFL Rookie of the Year while playing as a defensive tackle for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and participating in two Super Bowls with the Green Bay Packers. He stressed the importance of setting goals, working diligently to achieve those goals, possessing positive character traits and eliciting parent involvement. Embra, who played college football for Baylor University and is currently a Transportation Supervisor in Alief, discussed the impact that each student's current performance will have on their future, and impressed upon them the benefits that come with making positive choices.

This was a spectacular event that made an impact on many of our student athletes and their parents.



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