



### AHS Coach Ralph Jackson Speaks to Anson Academy Group

Monday, January 13 was a morning of excitement for the students of Anson Academy. The Boys with Skills speaker for the month was none other than Coach Ralph Jackson from Anson High School. The students had a candid conversation with Coach Jackson about the importance of planning and perseverance. He asked every young man present what was their five year goal(s), and then as a whole they discussed the tools that would be needed to ensure each student was successful in achieving their personal goal(s). Coach Jackson also spoke with the students about the importance of realizing and accepting when it was time to move into larger opportunities. He said that there were some instances in his past where he was pushed to be greater by simply changing both his mind and physical location. The Boys with Skills mentoring program is organized and facilitated by Mrs. Kristen Mims.

### Tamara Kamaryan Evans Named to Dean's List at Elon University

Tamara Kamaryan Evans has been named to the Dean's List for the 2019 fall semester at Elon University. The Dean's List is composed of students with no grade below a B-minus and a grade point average of at least 3.50 in a minimum of 12 semester hours. Evans is the daughter of Dr. Ray C. Evans and Dr. Anja A. Patton-Evans of Hixson, Tennessee, and the granddaughter of Dr. Altheria S. Patton of Wadesboro.



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### Dabney Storz Named to Dean's List at Anderson University

Dabney Storz of Wadesboro was named to the Dean's List at Anderson University for the fall semester, 2019. In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

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