

Newsletter

JULY 2023

HUDDLE UP-DATE













ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Wilson Mayo Western N.C. Class of 2021

HIGH SCHOOL:

Hendersonville (Hendersonville, NC) HANDSHAKE AMERICA COACHES: Doug Probst & Mark Visk

GREATEST TAKEAWAY:

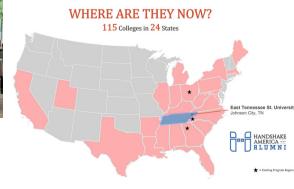
"Many high schoolers have what it takes to be phenomenal leaders and innovators, they just don't realize those skills are there. It showed me the importance of having someone to not just teach you, but to show you the skills and attributes you already have."

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

"I'm in school at East Tennessee State University, studying digital media with a focus in visual effects. In the summer, I am a counselor and film consultant at Lutheridge Summer Camp (Arden, NC)."

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

"I spend the majority of my free time running, but when the work is available, I take media jobs and film at weddings."



ALUMNI LOCKER ROOM LAUNCHED!



The Locker Room, an interactive community exclusively for our Handshake America Teammates, is designed to connect our National Team and to continue equipping and inspiring our 400+ Alumni in each new season of life!

ALUMNI LOCKER ROOM FEATURES:

- Handshake America Network (connect with other alumni, coaches, and corporate partners)
- Al-Powered JobMatch (automated internship and career opportunities based on resume & profile preferences)
- Gamified Financial Literacy Program (learn the basics of finances through this interactive program, developed by Invesco QQQ & the NCAA)
- Handshake America Chat Channels (open line of communication to alumni across the country)
- Coming Soon: Coaches 2-Min Drill (professional development insight from our Coaches and Corporate Partners)

If you are an alum and haven't received your email invitation to access our new Alumni Locker Room, please email <u>handshake@handshakeamerica.org</u>.

Launching this Fall! Student-Athlete, Coach, School, & Corporate Partner Locker Rooms



TEAM OF THE MONTH





Central Ohio - 2023 Coach

Hometown: Upper Arlington, OH

High School: Columbus School for Girls (OH)

Family: The love of my life is 5 yr old dog, *Chloe* - a Cavapoo - and her new "brother" - a 10 week old Great Bernese named *Gunner*. I have a wonderful boyfriend (*Cory*), parents who live in Upper Arlington and siblings in Hilliard and Los Angeles.

College: Wellesley College, Massachusetts

Professional: Lead Merchant, Vince Camuto

For Fun: Most of my free time is spent with family, friends and dogs.

Favorite 5P: I have two: *Passion* and *Positivity*. I believe having a positive outlook on life and finding passion in daily activities leads to a more fulfilled, happy and healthy life.

Years as a H.A. Coach: Rookie





REGION: METRO ATLANTA **TEAM NAME:** GRITTY GRAVELERS

COACHES

Jonathan Christie - 4th Year Coach Vice President - Vance Street Capital

Brant Barrow - 2nd Year Coach Managing Director - Audit, KPMG Zach Persky - Rookie Coach VP of Acquisitions - Quinn Residences

STUDENT-ATHLETES

Baer Cole Lucas Diez Molly Marsh Christine Olsen Jahiem Raye JaNae Woods Wesleyan High School Pope High School Heritage High School Lakeside High School Booker T. Washington Stone Mountain

"I really enjoy the team concept, which has exposed me to other like minded students who are motivated to grow as individuals both on and off the field." - Jahiem Raye

LEARN HOW YOU CAN JOIN THE TEAM

- As a <u>Coach</u>
- As a **Regional Volunteer**
- As a <u>School Partner</u>
- As a <u>Corporate Teammate</u>
- As a <u>Financial Teammate</u>

REGIONAL LEADERS

Central Ohio - <u>Joel Juday</u> Metro Atlanta - <u>Tommy Kramer</u> Western Carolina - <u>Doug Probst</u>



YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

If 30 people contribute just \$20 per month (less than the cost of 2 cups of coffee, per week), their support will enable 6 student-athletes to participate in our yearlong coaching and scholarship program!



SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE or CLICK CODE TO HELP FUND MORE STUDENT-ATHLETES

SPECIAL THANKS to our NATIONAL TEAMMATES

