

Region 8 – Student-Athlete Panel



DeMarr Harvey – UNC Asheville

DeMarr Harvey, a **UNC Asheville representative and student-athlete**, is making an impact both on and off the track. A member of the **Bulldogs' Track & Field team**, DeMarr specializes in sprints, competing in events like the **200m and 400m**. His dedication to athletics is matched by his commitment to leadership and personal growth.

DeMarr will share insights on perseverance, teamwork, and the mindset needed to excel in both sports and life. His experience as a collegiate athlete and his passion for inspiring others make him a valuable voice for young leaders looking to make an impact in their schools and communities.



Samantha LaFon – Appalachian State University

Samantha LaFon, a **student-athlete and representative of Appalachian State University**, is making an impact both on and off the court. As a member of the **App State Women's Basketball team**, Samantha brings dedication, resilience, and leadership to her sport.

Samantha will share insights on teamwork, perseverance, and the mindset needed to succeed in athletics and beyond. Her experience as a collegiate athlete, combined with her passion for inspiring others, makes her a valuable role model for young student-athletes striving to lead and excel in their schools and communities.