



TAP's Watch Your Mouth Symposium at The University of Alabama

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The non-profit, Together Assisting People (TAP) hosted it's Watch Your Mouth Symposium in the South Zone of Bryant-Denny Stadium, on the campus of The University of Alabama's on Sunday, April 12, 2015. It was a full-circle experience for TAP's Founder Chris Rogers, who is a former football player for the Crimson Tide and was part of the 2009 Championship Team.

Over 100 Middle and high school student-athletes, from Central and West Alabama, received information on interviewing and personal skills, social media use, choosing the right collegiate program and interacting with law enforcement, personal branding, among many other soft skills, as well as tangible skills such as tying neckties.

Edgar Gantt, Assistant Commissioner for the SWAC, provided information about the upcoming changes to the NCAA Academic requirements.

2x National Champion for the University of Alabama Crimson Tide and current Detroit Lions, Linebacker Jerrell Harris served as the keynote speaker and spoke to the young athletes about valuing education and overcoming adversity within their sport and their personal lives.

WBC Heavyweight Champion Deontay Wilder stopped by the symposium to encourage the student-athletes and offer valuable advice as well.

Athletes that stood out took home the Most Valuable Player, Best Interview and Will to Win Awards. Other awards were given to athletes who showed effort, enthusiasm and confidence.

TAP's next Watch Your Mouth Symposium is scheduled to take place in Montgomery in the Summer.

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