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Wilson County, N.C. – October 29, 2015: Ms. Tynesha Lewis recently visited eleven schools over the course of four days in Wilson County, talking to middle school students as well as Freshman and Sophomores. She spoke to students at Darden, Toisnot, Forest Hills, Springfield, Elm City, and Speight Middle Schools. In addition, she spoke to students at Beddingfield, Fike, and Hunt High Schools as well as Daniel’s Learning Center and Wilson Early College Academy.

Ms. Lewis is an Edgecombe County native and graduated from high school with a 4.2 GPA. Tynesha went on to play for Coach Kay Yow at N.C. State. She was the first player in N.C. state history to record a triple double. Tynesha graduated with a BA in Chemistry and a BS in Biology, with a Masters in Business Administration and a second Masters in Education. Tynesha went on to play pro basketball and retired from the WNBA in 2007.

While Tynesha didn’t take her first alcoholic drink until she was playing pro ball, it soon turned into a problem. “Whatever dream you have, you have to choose not to drink” Tynesha said while at one of the middle schools. Tynesha told students of the importance of making the right decisions in life and to not drink while underage. She told students that they are responsible for their dreams and a big part of that is making the right life choices.

The Wilson County ABC Board invited and sponsored Tynesha to speak to our students here in Wilson County. “We care about our children in Wilson County” said Paul Farris, Chairman of the Wilson County ABC Board. The ABC Board’s primary function is to control the sale of spirituous liquor and that involves keeping alcohol out of the hands of children.

Underage drinking is a big problem in North Carolina, and it’s happening right here in Wilson County. In North Carolina, the average age that a child first tries alcohol is 13.9.

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