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On Saturday, July 23rd, student athletes and staff at Walton Academy for Growth and Change welcomed special visitors to the campus for a day filled with inspiration and hope.

The day began with a powerful faith-filled gathering, where Pastor Chris spoke to attendees about the power of redemption and second chances. Youth were encouraged to work together to build a stronger WAGC community and become the best versions of themselves prior to leaving the program.

The second half of the day consisted of a visit from Hope 4 The Hood represented by Hassan Hills, founder of Youths Left Behind, and Deondre Turner, a speaker and Christian hip hop artist who delivered a powerful message in music and words. Mr. Hills spoke to the youth about his 20 years of incarceration and journey to redemption. Mr. Turner inspired the students through music with his message about life in the streets and the experience of being shot and watching his partner die. Several student athletes shared the stage and their musical talents with Turner, which was a treat for all. Throughout the day, the student athletes received a message of hope and walked away with inspiration.