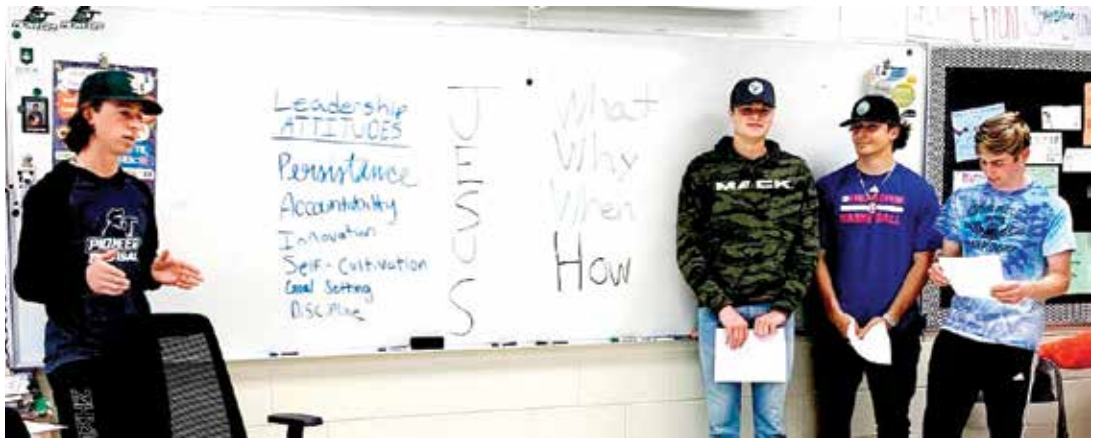




Athletic Leadership Council

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During the 2022-23 school year I launched Dock's first-ever Athletic Leadership Council (ALC). The purpose of the ALC is to unite all Dock Athletics stakeholders in an effort to establish a leadership initiative within our teams, and thereby create a more positive culture for our student-athletes and school community. Establishing the ALC allowed me to have an avenue to directly pour into students and help prepare them for their responsibilities as high school students and for their futures outside of Dock.

Our group gathered once every two weeks. In-season captains were required to be a part of the group, but all student athletes were encouraged to join for personal growth and to be a part of something bigger than themselves. Some of the topics ALC members learned about included purpose, potential, vision, time management, and mental health. Our sessions centered on Jesus' leadership philosophy: servant-leadership. I am passionate about teaching others that there is no type of leadership more effective than servant-leadership, and explaining how athletics can provide an irreplaceable opportunity to display servant-leadership.

Our meeting time consisted of myself teaching on a topic, group activities, circle discussion, and videos. Our most impactful meetings were always the ones that featured quality input from the students. The students enjoyed hearing from a variety of guest speakers as well. We had three local pastors come to share with the group: Scott Roth, Kyle Rodgers, and Dave Eckert. Other guest speakers who came to share their faith-filled philosophy of leadership were Dennis Stanton, Athletic Director at Souderton Area High School and Ted Brunner, from Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Our group also planned and led four chapels throughout the year: 1) An Athletic Alumni Panel, 2) Sharing from three alumni athletes on how athletics influenced their career path, 3) a Senior-Coach Panel, and 4) a Mother's Day Mother-and-Children Panel.

In future years I look forward to integrating more student leadership roles within the group. We will incorporate a President and Vice President of the group, a team to help run Dock Athletics social media pages, a team to promote student attendance to games and coordinate theme nights, and a team to plan chapels.

I am grateful for God's guidance for our ALC. The Lord is the one who gave me the idea for the group, and to see His ideas come to fruition as I observed our members grow throughout the year was a joy for me.