

Year-End Review 2025/2026

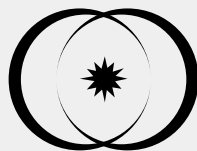
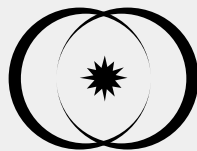
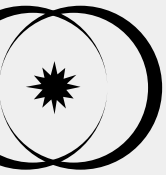


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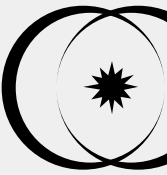
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Executive Director's Message



As we close out our 31st year of serving the youth and families of Dunn, our hearts are full of gratitude and pride. Each year reminds us just how powerful a united community can be, but this year especially underscores the incredible value of the people who make Dunn PAL what it is. To our community members who support us, contribute, and uplift our mission: thank you. Your commitment helps us provide meaningful programs in educational support, career exploration, mentoring, opioid-prevention education, and community service. Because of you, our youth continue to grow, learn, and build brighter futures. And to our volunteers, the backbone of Dunn PAL, your countless hours of service, compassion, and dedication do not go unnoticed. You give your time, your energy, and your hearts, and our young people are better for it. We truly could not do this work without you. As we reflect on 31 years of impact, one truth remains clear: it takes a village. Whether you share your time, your talent, or your resources, you are an essential part of the Dunn PAL family. Thank you for standing with us, and most importantly, for standing with the youth of our community.

With gratitude,

Rodney Rowland

Executive Director

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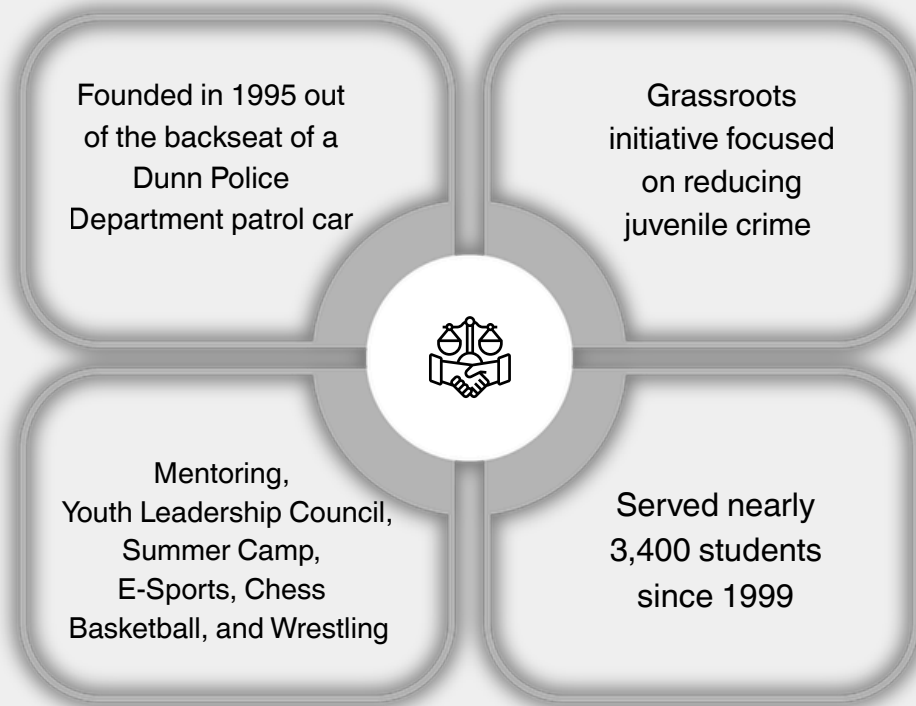
Activities League



Mission, Vision, Values

Mission	Vision	Values
Local police officers partner with community members to provide a safe place for area youth to engage in after-school educational programs, enrichment activities, and athletics that build positive character.	A community where all children have the support and opportunity to succeed.	Leadership, Trust, Respect, Honesty, Integrity, Kindness.

History



Over the past 31 years, Dunn PAL has grown from humble beginnings into a pillar of support and opportunity for young people in the Dunn area. Each weekday, our doors are open to provide a safe, supportive environment that nurtures personal growth. Our mission remains steadfast: to help children grow into educated, well-rounded, and community-minded adults who are ready to lead and give back.



The Board



The Staff



Wildcats Wrestling

While championships and awards are certainly goals worth pursuing, our program remains focused on developing successful students, leaders, and young adults. Academic achievement, personal growth, discipline, respect, and character will always be at the heart of what we do.

Program Results:

- 20 tournaments across 7 states, competing in Folkstyle, Freestyle & Greco-Roman
- 557 wins | 298 pins | 3,152.5 team points
- 52 Tournament Champions and 165 Top-4 tournament finishes
- 10 State Champions (6 NCWAY, 4 USA Wrestling)
- 2 USA National Team Qualifiers & 2 Fargo National Championship Qualifiers
- NCHSAA Highlights: 1 State Champion, 1 Athlete of the Year, 11 All-Conference, 13 Regional Qualifiers
- Historic Achievement: Helped produce Harnett County's first female wrestling state champion
- 2 Collegiate Commitments: Greensboro College & Averett University

Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat.



Basketball

Some of the most important statistics from our season will never appear in a box score—hours of hard work, lessons learned, friendships built, and confidence gained.

Those are the numbers that matter most at Dunn PAL Basketball. Our mission is to help young athletes become outstanding teammates, students, and leaders while creating memories that last long after the season ends.

Overall Program Results: 17 tournaments • 6 Tournament Championships • 4 Runner-Up Finishes

- **5th/6th Grade Boys:** Competed in 7 tournaments, earning 2 Runner-Up finishes.
- **Girls Basketball:** Competed in 3 tournaments, capturing 1 Tournament Championship and 1 Runner-Up finish.
- **High School Boys:** Competed in 7 tournaments, winning 5 Tournament Championships and once as Runner-Up.

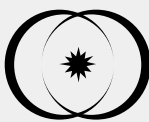


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Golf



24th Annual Dunn PAL Golf Tournament was a tremendous success thanks to our sponsors, players, volunteers, and community partners. Proceeds support positive programs and opportunities for local youth and families.

2026 Tournament Champions

- First Flight: 🏆 DSC, Inc. | 🥈 Kevin Tudor | 🥉 Dunn Police Department
- Second Flight: 🏆 Godwin Wealth Strategies | 🥈 Joey Tart | 🥉 Dunn EMS/Fire

Thank you to Chicora Golf Club, everyone who participated, volunteered, sponsored, and helped make this event another outstanding success!

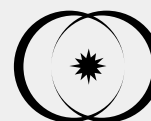


Chess

The Reigning Bishops proved that success isn't always measured in speed, sometimes it's measured one smart move at a time. Through preparation, patience, and strategic thinking, our players demonstrated that the strongest competitors are those who can think several moves ahead.

2026 Season Highlights

- Competed in the 5-week Fayetteville Interscholastic Chess League
- Earned 4th Place Team honors
- Celebrated 2 Undefeated Players throughout league competition



Improvements

Thanks to the dedication of our incredible volunteers, Dunn PAL added new playground equipment and refreshed our half-court basketball area, creating a safer, more welcoming space for our students to play, compete, and connect.

Because sometimes the biggest wins don't come with a scoreboard—they come from a community coming together and investing in the next generation.



Notable Visitors

NC Senator Jim Burgin



National PAL Chief Executive Officer Dr. Stephen Coen



District 53 Representative, Howard Penny



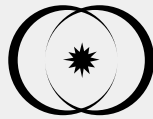
NC Secretary of State, Elaine Marshall

Alumni

Zach Taylor joined the PAL basketball program in the 8th grade, where he was coached and mentored by Officer Chris Eason. Through PAL, he developed the discipline, confidence, and determination that helped shape his future.

After graduating from Boys Town in Nebraska, Zach enlisted in the United States Air Force. He recently completed his training and now serves in Security Forces.

"PAL gave me mentors who believed in me and taught me discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. Those lessons helped prepare me for my career in the Air Force and the person I am today."



Recent Grads

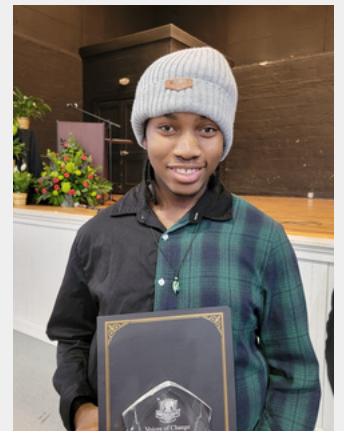


Ta'Zion Williams is beginning an exciting new chapter both academically and athletically. A standout wrestler with Dunn PAL and Triton High School, Ta'Zion has committed to Greensboro College to continue his education and wrestling career at the collegiate level.

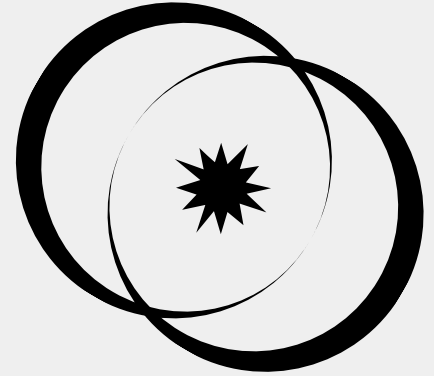
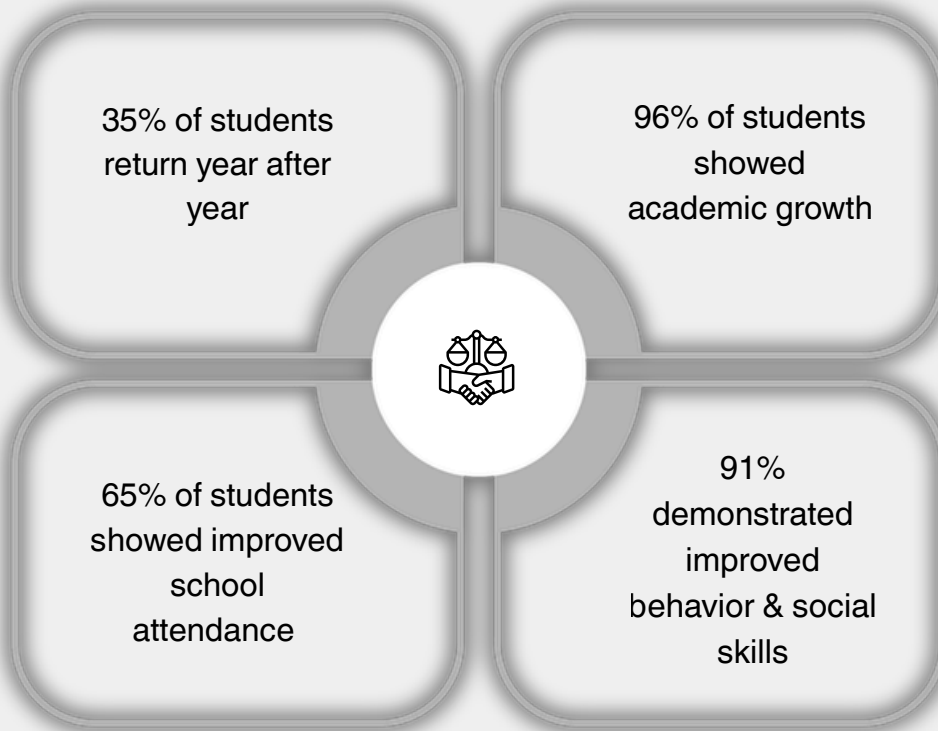
Ta'Zion says Dunn PAL gave him the opportunity and exposure he needed to continue growing in life, education, and wrestling. At Greensboro College, he plans to study exercise science, strength and conditioning, and coaching, with the goal of becoming an athletic trainer.

Chase McAllaster, a dedicated Dunn PAL student since kindergarten, has been accepted to Central Carolina Community College where he plans to study graphic design. Known for his creativity, kindness and determination, Chase has grown up alongside the Dunn PAL family and now looks ahead to turning his artistic passion into a career.

Chase says Dunn PAL gave him a safe place to gain valuable leadership skills while expanding his interests to photography and videography.



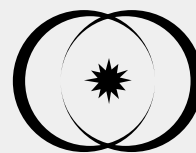
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Program Stats



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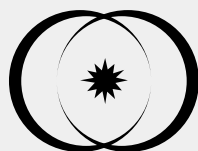
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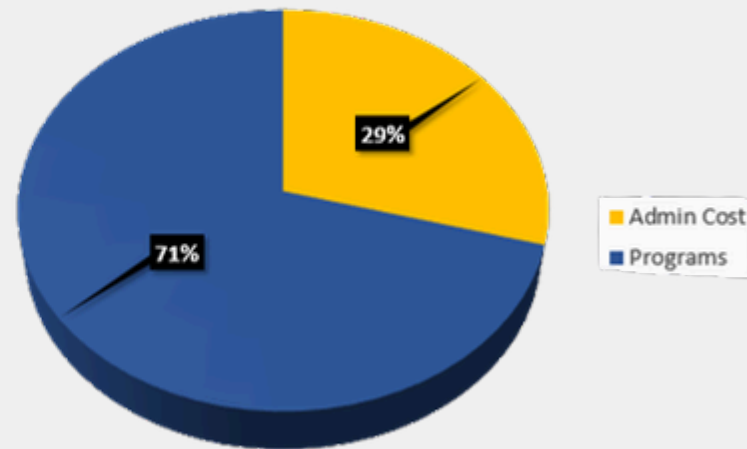
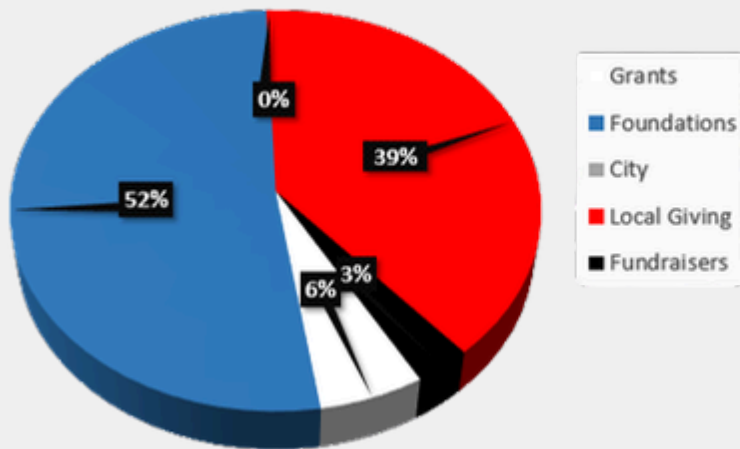
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