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### **FBU Top Gun Showcase returns to Rock Hill/York County, SC**

*The two-event national football showcase will make an encore appearance at South Pointe High School for the second consecutive year*

ROCK HILL, SC — From July 7-14, the [Football University](#) (FBU) [Top Gun Showcase](#) returns to South Pointe High School for its annual national showcase event. FBU Top Gun is considered the largest national showcase event in the U.S., and features some of the best-student athletes from across the country at middle and high school. The High School Showcase will take place between July 8-10, and the Middle School Showcase from July 12-14. Before the camp begins this year, the [All American Games](#) will host its inaugural [Women's Athletic Leadership Academy](#) on July 9, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. also at South Pointe High School.

This is the second year that the July showcase has been held in Rock Hill, SC, also known as Football City USA. FBU brings in approximately 1,500 of the top student-athletes from across the country and pairs each with one of 60 NFL-experienced coaches. Around 10 local players at the middle and high school level are representing Rock Hill/York County this year.

“We are thrilled to have the country’s largest football showcase back for a second year,” says Avis Cole, Interim Executive Director for the Rock Hill/York County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB). “The community has really embraced this event as their own with the Rock Hill School District being our biggest partner so that we may keep this event in York County.”

The Specialists Showcase will take place July 7-8, with Chris Rubio of [Rubio Long Snapping](#) and Chris Sailer of [Chris Sailer Kicking](#). Rubio is the #1 snapping instructor in the country. Sailer offers 15 years of football experience.

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At the High School Showcase, up to eight invitations to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl will be given along with 250 invitations to the National Combine in San Antonio, TX. Rock Hill's own Derion Kendrick from South Pointe High School has accepted his invitation to the Army All-American Bowl and will participate in San Antonio, TX. At the Middle School Showcase, invitations to the FBU Freshman All-American Bowl will be given on-site and the top performers at each middle school grade level will be ranked and named to the All-Top Gun Team.

"The platform and the opportunity these athletes have are off the charts," says Steve Quinn, VP of Player Development at Football University. "There won't be another showcase this summer that will rival the platform on which FBU Top Gun puts these athletes. Most of the next crop of elite prospects will no doubt be at FBU Top Gun."

In addition to the FBU Top Gun camp, this year the All American Games will host the Women's Athletic Leadership Academy (WALA) on July 9, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at South Pointe High School. The leadership academy will feature a keynote address by [Dr. Jen Welter](#), the first female NFL coach and International Federation of American Football (IFAF) Gold Medalist. Attendees at WALA will learn leadership skills, strategies for success, conquer challenges women athletic leaders face, and will participate in Q&A and small group sessions.

Registration is \$20 for WALA. Seating is limited and there will be no opportunity for walk-ups. Log on to [www.bit.ly/WALA17](http://www.bit.ly/WALA17) to register for the Women's Athletic Leadership Academy.

**FBU Top Gun and WALA facts:**

- FBU | July 7 - 14
- South Pointe High School; 81 Neely Rd., Rock Hill, SC
- 1,500 elite football athletes from across the country
- Specialists Showcase | 9th - 12th grade | July 7 - 8
- High School Showcase | July 8 - 10
- Middle School Showcase | July 12 – 14
- WALA | July 9 | 1 – 5 p.m. | South Pointe High School

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*[Football University](#) (FBU) and the [FBU Top Gun Showcase](#) are owned and operated by [All American Games](#), America's premier youth and prep sports marketing and event management company. AAG creates experiences for student-athletes to develop, reach their potentials, and achieve their dreams.*

*The [Rock Hill/York County Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) (CVB) is the destination marketing organization (DMO) responsible for developing an authentic, unified identity for York County, SC. As a DMO, the CVB's goals are to promote the long-term development and marketing of their destination, focusing on convention, sports and leisure sales, tourism marketing and services. The organization works in collaboration with the CVB Board as well as the York County Council and appropriate funding sources. In 2008, the Rock Hill/York County CVB became the first accredited destination marketing organization in South Carolina.*