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## A Caring Hand: The Hillcrest Academy Care Closet

The Hillcrest Academy Activities Committee has always operated from the company's mission: "Dedicated to Improving the Lives of Youth." Student-athletes who are preparing to exit the program often exhibit special needs. They can lack clothing and basic hygiene products as well as the financial resources to purchase these items. In an effort to fill that gap, the Hillcrest Care Closet was born.

The HCA Care Closet was created to alleviate some of the student's burden and provide a fresh start in the community. Students are invited to "shop 'til they drop!" One of the items students "shop" for is clothing. Thanks to the generous donations of staff and community members, students can choose various pieces to build their wardrobe for employment interviews or for casual activities. There is also footwear available for various occasions to complement their new wardrobe. Other items students can "shop" for include hygiene products and basic necessities. If students need hygiene items, the closet has new towels, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. These small items fill large needs for their transition to their community and home.

Hillcrest Academy strives to ensure that student-athletes leave with the essential tools they need to continue their path of successful re-integration into the community. The Care Closet adds an extra layer of provision and support for our student-athletes.