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### **Charlotte High School Wrestlers Achieve their Goals and More!**

During the WILX Channel 10 *Schools Rule* assembly a Charlotte wrestling captain was asked about the team's season goals. The reply was simple but ambitious, "for the team to win the conference and to earn team academic all-state honors." The declaration of those goals inspired the group of young men. The Charlotte High School wrestling team finished the conference 7-0, and won the first conference title in wrestling since 1978. The second of the two goals, required just as much



teamwork. Fourteen individuals from the sophomore-senior class had to have a cumulative GPA above 3.2. The fourteen wrestlers included: Dan Doty, Mike Demello, James Thurman, Ethan LaMacchia, Collen Eaton, Chris Fauson, Brody Rinehart, Clayton Jones, Jordan Chestnut, Matt Earnest, Austin Guilford, Anthony Strotheide, Jeff Hillard, and Austin Friess. This group of student-athletes combined for a cumulative GPA of 3.517. Earning the Charlotte wrestling team academic all-state honors for the second straight season. On top of team success, there was also plenty of individual success to celebrate. Sophomore Chris Fauson and Senior Mike Demello were 1<sup>st</sup> team all-conference. Freshmen Anthony Williams and Jarrett Thorne, along with junior, Collen Eaton finished with 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-conference honors. Senior, Mike Demello received individual academic all-state honors, and sophomore Chris Fauson earned all-state honors, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the individual state wrestling tournament. Congratulations to these hard working men and their coach, Bill Blair. Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!