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Recently I, Ms. Chiwanda Jenkins and my colleague Ms. Kennedy Rhoden, had the pleasure of putting together an Etiquette ball for our female student athletes here at AJATC. Etiquette is the customary code of polite behavior in society and we used this event as a way to teach these young ladies proper etiquette skills to utilize upon their re-entry to society. We spent five weeks working with these young ladies as they put in the effort to master these skills. They learned things proper greeting etiquette, dining etiquette and of course social etiquette. They also learned a waltz dance which our guests were able to see them perform. The idea of this event stemmed from our staff wanting to provide them with an opportunity to learn something new that's both exciting and beneficial, and this was just that. They were excited from day one knowing that this was an opportunity to show everyone a piece of how great they can be. They benefit from the skills they learned by being able to display respect for themselves and others, daily. They have become young, empowered women who now have the ability to empower other young women and hopefully they will pay this forward to their peers within their communities.