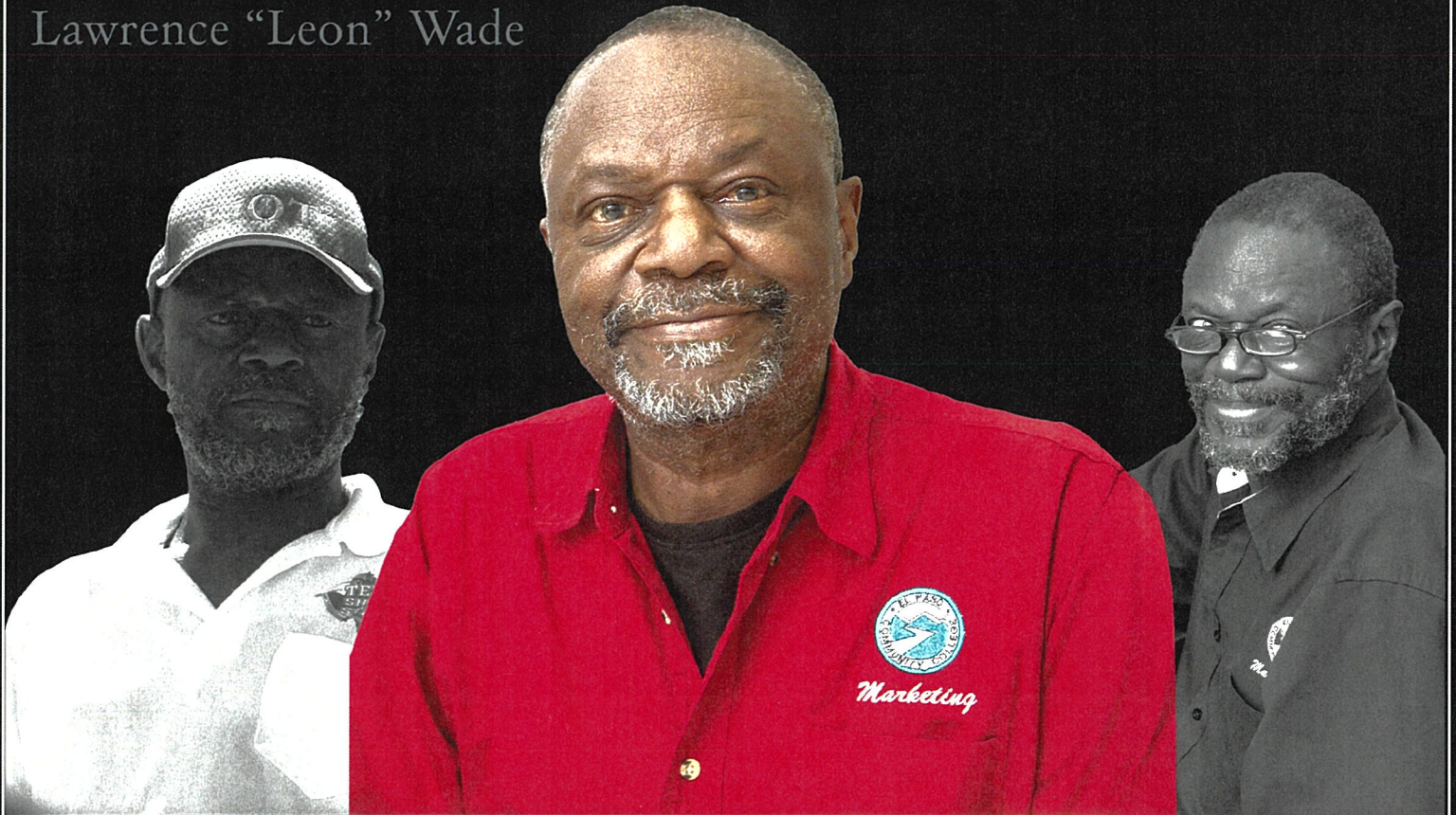


In Remembrance of Lawrence "Leon" Wade



Longtime Marketing & Community Relations team member, Leon Wade passed away last week. Leon joined EPCC in 1998, serving as an Administrative Office Assistant. He was a great friend and great working companion in the Marketing and Community Relations department who will be greatly missed.

Leon ran a EPCC Huacha Tournament for many years. He also loved helping wherever he was needed, especially at the EPCC Foundation's Fajitas and Margaritas Fundraising event, where he enjoyed watching over the raffle prizes and mingling with supporters. In 2019, he proudly served as the race gun starter for the 19th Annual National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Half Marathon Championship, hosted by EPCC, starting the race for athletes from across the country.

Leon was born in Germany, but grew up at Fort Bliss, the son of a military family. Leon was a standout athlete, running track and playing football at Burges High School, which earned him a scholarship to compete in both sports at UTEP.

After UTEP, Leon made his way to the coaching ranks, in the United States Track and Field's Border Association, serving as its chairman for many years. Leon was a coach in the Ysleta Independent School District and founded the Texas Shooting Stars Track Club in 1996, helping more than 50 athletes earn scholarships in 20+ years, coaching stars such as WNBA Champion Kayla Thornton, among countless others.

Leon was also a fantastic chef, owning and running Southern Comfort Cafe in East El Paso for many years. Leon was known for his delicious Peach Cobbler and Carrot Cake. An avid fan of music, Leon had a huge collection of records that filled up his living room wall. He also loved to create chess boards, from the board to the chess pieces. Leon is survived by his sons Lawrence and Kaiser, and daughter Brandi.

Services for Lawrence Leon Wade Jr. will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 24, 2025, at the Evergreen East Funeral Home located at 12400 Montana Avenue, El Paso, Texas, 79938.

Leon Wade Accomplishments

Date _____ Event

Youth

1960's - broke a national record in Track and Field

High School – Burges High School; Baumholder American HS, Germany (1971)

1968-1971 – Competed in Football and Track & Field

College – UTEP

1971-1973 – Competed in Football and Track & Field (B.S. Education, '76)

Track – ran under Wayne Vandenburg (67-72)

Coaching Career

1976-1995: Coached at Parkland High School

1991: won district championship for first time in school history (7 individuals)

1991, 1995 Coach of the Year

1991 Parkland Teacher of the Year

1996: Created Northeast Shooting Stars, which became Texas Shooting Stars

2002-2010: Youth Chairman for USA Track & Field

2011-2016: Regional President of USA Track & Field

Late 2000's: honored by El Paso City Council for 34 years dedicated supporting youth sports

Notable Athletes coached at youth level:

Kendra Chambers, Hanks 2006-2008: State Champ (400M), Texas 4-time Big 12 Indoor champ, USA Qualifier

Aaron and Alvin Jones (Burges 2005-2010)

Kayla Thornton, (UTEP) All-Time Leading Scorer, WNBA Champion

Coached Lisa Bennett 7th at UIL State Championships (21012), 400M (Texas Southern)

Gabriel Navarro (2017) 3rd in 400M, 4th in 200M at U.S. Junior Olympics (Stanford), All-American, name appears on Stanford's top-10 list 20 times

2017-2020: Coached Dartez Hamlin (2012-2016 Burges) 14 titles at Barton County CC (2017-2020), Won CUSA 200M title at Western Kentucky

Prince Reeves (7 yr old in 2018) won 3 gold medals at the Junior Olympics in Denver

Davion Bynaum (2019) 3A 100M State Champion

2019 – NJCAA Half Marathon National Championships starter

Additional

- Led EPCC Huacha Tournament for many years
- Owner Southern Comfort Cafe



1991
District Championship Team



February 4th, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you about Lawrence (Leon) Wade.

The Border Association would like to inform you that Leon was a valued member of the Border Association, which he served as the Youth Chair from 2002 to 2010, the President from 2010 to 2016, and he was further a Certified Official in different disciplines from 1997 through 2020 and had achieved the National Certification.

Thank you for your consideration of inducting Leon into the Hall of Fame.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you should have any further questions.

Steven Purchase

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2010 El Paso City Council Award

January 23, 2025

**El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame
Ruben R. Ramirez, President
El Paso, Texas**

To El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Committee:

This letter is about supporting the nomination of Mr. Leon Wade for the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in the Posthumous category.

Mr. Wade was an exceptional high school athlete at Burges High School after moving to El Paso, specifically Fort Bliss as his dad served in the U.S. Army. I knew Mr. Wade as he lived across the street from me while we both attended Burges High School, and I saw first-hand his amazing athleticism.

Although his skills were in Track and Field his natural ability to connect with teammates and fellow students showed his natural destiny for the future.

Mr. Wade moved back to Germany to graduate high school, and I had lost touch with him but we later reconnected at UTEP while being students. He showcased his skills with the UTEP Track and Field Program and although I was never skilled enough athletically to be on that level, it was a pleasure in knowing one of those legendary track team members in Mr. Wade.

Through college and later as an educator and Coach, Mr. Wade had a special love of Track and Field and Cross Country. This was exemplified through his high school coaching career; however his real love was Youth Summer Track. His passion for those many summers and being able to enhance their skills was like what we see now with the explosion of Club Volleyball and AAU Basketball. Mr. Wade elevated the summer track program to new heights in El Paso, giving many area youth the chance to get out of town, be seen, and later get college scholarships.

Those athletes fell in love with track and field and those that knew Leon Wade became a big fan of his by his commitment to assist and help so many over the years.

Having a beautiful family of his own if you knew Mr. Wade you too were family as he was an exceptional mobile disc jockey and great videographer known throughout the city for those skills as well.

Leon Wade passed away just two weeks ago, however his passion for life, people and such a giving and caring attitude will be forever missed as he would be a great inductee into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sincerely Yours,

**Wayne Thornton
City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department (43 Years - Retired)**



Selection Committee
February 4, 2025
El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame



Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Leon Wade, who has had a transformative impact on the sport of track and field and is deserving of an induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. Over the course of 20+ years as the head coach of the Texas Shooting Stars, Leon Wade has not only demonstrated unparalleled expertise in coaching but has also fostered a deep commitment to developing athletes, building character, and shaping the future of the sport.

Under his leadership, the Texas Shooting Stars has experienced remarkable success, winning countless regional titles, and consistently ranking among the top in national competitions. Leon Wade's ability to identify and cultivate talent, create tailored training regimens, and provide the guidance needed to succeed at the highest level has been pivotal in the development of numerous athletes, many of whom have gone on to compete at the collegiate and professional levels.

But Leon Wade's influence extends far beyond the track. He has always emphasized the importance of discipline, integrity, and perseverance, instilling in every athlete the values necessary to excel not only in their sport but also in life. His approach to coaching goes beyond the technical aspects of the sport, taking into account the mental, emotional, and personal growth of each individual athlete. Countless former athletes, myself included, can attest to how Leon Wade's mentorship has shaped us into better people.

Perhaps the most telling testament to Leon Wade's legacy is the number of former athletes who remain connected to him long after they have moved on from the program. This speaks to the lasting bond he has cultivated with those fortunate enough to be under his guidance. Many of these individuals credit their success, both on and off the track, to the lessons learned from Leon Wade.

For these reasons and many more, I wholeheartedly recommend Leon Wade for the induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. His exceptional contributions to track and field, the success of Texas Shooting Stars, and the positive impact he has had on countless athletes make him a true legend in the sport.

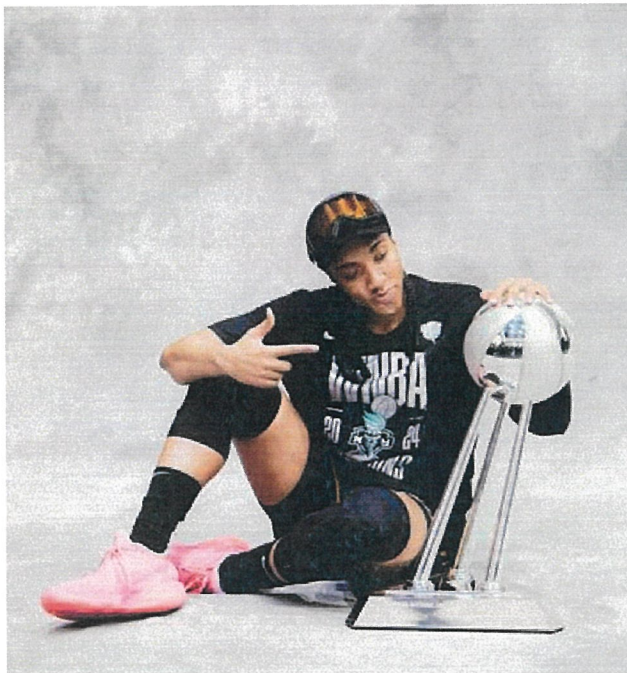
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kayla Thornton
WNBA



El Paso's champion: Kayla Thornton

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Texas Shooting Stars

Shooting Star Club El Paso, TX

Outdoor Team Records Top 20

Mens

100 Meters

1.	- Davion Bynaum	10.95	2018
2.	15-16 Dartez Hamlin	11.02 (2)	2013
3.	- Marcus Smoots	11.28	2010
4.	15-16 Jacob Mendez	11.54	2015
5.	- Eric Phillips	11.56	2015
6.	- Alexiz Aguilar	11.80	2018
7.	- Anthony Walker	11.88	2010
8.	- Keandrew Moore	12.06	2018
9.	- Patrick Overby	12.07 (-1.4)	2011
10.	- Daniel Chavez	12.10	2016
	- Xavier Barkley	12.10 (-2.1)	2011
12.	- Jose Soledad	12.13	2017
13.	- Gabriel Roberts	12.16	2015
14.	- Kenneth Jones	12.24c	2009
	- David Bownes	12.24c	2009
16.	9 Isaiah Martinez	12.25	2018
17.	15-16 Andrew James	12.26	2015
18.	- Jeremiah Satele	12.44c	2009
19.	- Andrew Rodriguez	12.50	2016
20.	- Gabriel Navarro	12.51 (1.3)	2013

200 Meters

1.	- Gabriel Navarro	22.00 (3.2)	2015
2.	15-16 Dartez Hamlin	22.06 (-.2)	2013
3.	- Davion Bynaum	22.48	2018
4.	- Anthony Walker	23.11 (3.5)	2010
5.	- Marcus Smoots	23.26	2010
6.	15-16 Jacob Mendez	23.43	2015
7.	15-16 Andrew James	23.72	2015
8.	- Daniel Chavez	23.90	2016
9.	- Aaron Jesel	24.16 (.7)	2013
10.	- Nathan Solis	24.46	2017
11.	- Alexiz Aguilar	24.64	2018
12.	- Gabriel Martell	24.94c	2009
13.	- Xavier Barkley	25.04 (-2.5)	2011
14.	- Keandrew Moore	25.10	2018
15.	- Jose Soledad	25.16	2017
16.	- Luis Baca	25.17 (.8)	2013
17.	RS Malik Jefferson	25.39	2013
18.	- Andrew Rodriguez	25.60	2016
	9 Isaiah Martinez	25.60	2018
20.	- Kenneth Golston	25.73	2017

400 Meters

1.	15-16 Andrew James	52.00	2015
2.	- Gabriel Martell	52.14c	2009

Womens

100 Meters

1.	- Lisa Bennett	12.48 (2.6)	2010
2.	- Natalia Font	12.77 (2.6)	2010
3.	- Makeeda Gaines	13.16 (.4)	2011
4.	- Kelsey Turner	13.34c	2009
5.	6 Yierra Flemings	13.38	2018
6.	- Shaday Tyler	13.40 (1.1)	2011
7.	- Alisha Monnette	13.44c	2009
8.	- Temarra Allen	13.71 (.4)	2013
9.	- Desiree Freeman	13.74c	2009
	- Melissa Amaya	13.74c	2009
11.	- Tia Belnavis	13.84c	2009
12.	9 Kahlani Robinson	13.88	2018
13.	13-14 Brianna Ingram	14.01	2017
14.	- Zia Hankins	14.02	2018
15.	- Brandi Wade	14.14c	2009
16.	- Jahyda Dixon	14.34c	2009
	9 Karen Villa	14.34	2016
18.	- Amare Sumpter	14.64c	2009
19.	- Kristina McGrew	14.74c	2009
20.	- Chantel James	14.75	2017

200 Meters

1.	- Lisa Bennett	24.94 (4.7)	2010
2.	10 Natalia Roberts	26.80	2016
3.	- Patrice Daniels	27.26	2013
4.	- Breona Pinkney	27.41	2017
5.	- Halima Marian	27.64c	2009
6.	- Desiree Freeman	27.74c	2009
7.	- Kelsey Turner	28.04c	2009
8.	10 Karen Villa	28.15 (0)	2017
	13-14 Tiana Rasool	28.15 (-.7)	2015
10.	- Kahlani Robinson	28.30	2016
11.	- Shaday Tyler	28.35 (-.9)	2011
12.	13-14 Brianna Ingram	28.42	2017
13.	- Alisha Monnette	28.44c	2009
14.	- Corissa Tory	28.45	2017
15.	- Tia Belnavis	28.66 (.4)	2013
16.	- Erika Snyder	28.70	2016
17.	5 Yierra Flemings	28.71	2017
18.	15-16 Cierra Hagens	28.94 (-1.3)	2010
	- Kiana Lewis	28.94c	2009
	- Rio Salazar	28.94c	2009

400 Meters

1.	10 Raegan Gorzeman	59.43	2018
2.	- Lisa Bennett	59.44c	2009

3.	- Daniel Chavez	52.85	2018
4.	- Allan Ortiz	52.87	2017
5.	- Nathan Solis	53.33	2017
6.	9 Kenneth Golston	53.78	2018
7.	- Alexiz Aguilar	54.02	2018
8.	- Dominick Garey	55.13	2012
9.	- Luis Baca	55.40	2013
10.	- Kobi Clay	56.31	2015
11.	- Gabriel Navarro	56.54	2013
12.	- Brandon Flores	56.77	2011
13.	- Raul Bustamante	56.83	2015
14.	10 Omar Orquiz	56.95	2018
15.	9 Reginald Robinson	57.63	2018
16.	- Christian Guerrero	58.50	2012
17.	- Andrew Rodriguez	58.56	2016
18.	- Iverson Braziel	59.36	2018
19.	- Jayden Rodriguez	1:00.64c	2009
20.	5 Shawn Owens	1:01.22	2016

3.	- Breona Pinkney	59.67	2015
4.	- Vivian Diaz	59.77	2011
5.	13-14 Tiana Rasool	1:03.20	2015
6.	10 Natalia Roberts	1:03.87	2016
7.	- Rio Salazar	1:04.14c	2009
8.	- Corissa Tory	1:04.22	2017
9.	15-16 Daniella Cortinas	1:04.57	2015
10.	- Kahlani Robinson	1:05.13	2016
11.	- Erika Snyder	1:05.29	2017
12.	13-14 Brianna Ingram	1:05.43	2017
13.	- Kimberly Johnson	1:06.49	2011
14.	5 Yierra Flemings	1:06.96	2017
15.	- Patrice Daniel	1:07.74c	2009
16.	- Chantel James	1:09.00	2017
17.	- Delaney Melendez	1:10.22	2016
18.	- Jocelyn Smith	1:10.36	2010
19.	- Evans Ericka	1:11.44c	2009
20.	- Cailee Phillips	1:12.71	2016

800 Meters

1.	- Nathan Solis	2:01.25	2017
2.	- Dominick Garey	2:02.10	2013
3.	- Pedro Arredondo	2:03.68	2011
4.	- Gabriel Martell	2:05.6h	2009
5.	- Melvin Carter	2:05.98	2011
6.	9 Kenneth Golston	2:06.02	2018
7.	- Allan Ortiz	2:07.30	2017
8.	- Darrien Woode	2:08.82	2015
9.	- Juan Rivera	2:09.89	2017
10.	- Daniel Chavez	2:13.75	2018
11.	9 Reginald Robinson	2:15.12	2018
12.	10 Omar Orquiz	2:18.04	2018
13.	RS Meshach Thornton	2:18.55	2013
14.	- Kobi Clay	2:21.70	2017
15.	- Joe Escabar	2:23.0h	2009
16.	- Gabriel Navarro	2:23.31	2013
17.	- Diego Talavera	2:23.88	2018
18.	6 Shawn Owens	2:26.04	2017
19.	- Juan Anzures-Padilla	2:26.76	2017
20.	- Andrew Rodriguez	2:27.56	2017

800 Meters

1.	- Vivian Diaz	2:16.31	2011
2.	- Patrice Daniels	2:18.92	2012
3.	10 Raegan Gorzeman	2:20.42	2018
4.	- Breona Pinkney	2:26.22	2015
5.	- Daniella Cortinas	2:27.62	2012
6.	15-16 Brooke Woodson	2:28.34	2013
7.	- Sierra Mcjunkin	2:30.2h	2009
8.	- Stephanie Diaz	2:30.40	2011
9.	- Kimberly Johnson	2:31.72	2012
10.	- Rio Salazar	2:38.9h	2009
11.	11 Karen Villa	2:40.81	2018
12.	- Corissa Tory	2:41.02	2017
13.	- Chantel James	2:41.23	2017
14.	6 Yierra Flemings	2:42.35	2018
15.	- Lauren Turner	2:46.1h	2009
16.	- Cailee Phillips	2:48.66	2016
17.	- Karla Villa	2:48.68	2013
18.	- Jocelyn Smith	2:54.0h	2009
19.	15-16 Tamara Silcott	2:56.06	2012
20.	10 Natalia Roberts	3:00.57	2016

1500 Meters

1.	- Juan Rivera	4:23.50	2017
2.	15-16 Toriell Simon	4:29.29	2012
3.	- Allan Ortiz	4:29.42	2017
4.	- Nathan Solis	4:30.00	2017
5.	- Darrien Woode	4:33.34	2015
6.	- Gabriel Martell	4:35.7h	2009
7.	- Pedro Arredondo	4:36.57	2011
8.	9 Reginald Robinson	4:48.84	2018
9.	- Juan Anzures-Padilla	4:52.96	2017
10.	- Kenneth Golston	5:04.49	2017
11.	- William Frlot	5:08.4h	2009
12.	- Joe Escabar	5:10.5h	2009
13.	6 Isaiah Owens	5:14.72	2017
14.	- Omar Orquiz	5:15.82	2013
15.	6 Shawn Owens	5:22.01	2017
16.	- Diego Talavera	5:26.31	2018
17.	- Joseph Boroff	5:37.5h	2009
18.	5 Quintin Harold	5:48.73	2015

1500 Meters

1.	11-12 Brooke Woodson	4:57.57	2011
2.	- Sierra Mcjunkin	5:18.9h	2009
3.	- Vivian Diaz	5:19.09	2012
4.	- Daniella Cortinas	5:19.96	2011
5.	- Stephanie Diaz	5:22.37	2011
6.	- Lauren Turner	5:32.4h	2009
7.	4 Alyssa Laspada	5:43.59	2015
8.	- Cailee Phillips	5:55.47	2016
9.	- Daisy Dominguez	6:16.25	2011
10.	- Delaney Melendez	6:16.50	2016
11.	- Sela Arevalo	6:19.64	2013
12.	- Emelina Talavera	6:20.41	2018
13.	- Sofia Rodriguez	6:24.26	2012
14.	- Arleth Arroyo	6:44.30	2019
15.	- Lorena Ortiz	7:01.7h	2009
16.	7-8 Paula Valdez	7:32.33	2015
17.	- Cassandra Shields	8:13.8h	2009

19.	- Fabian Cervantes	5:57.84	2017
20.	- Christian de Leon	5:59.7h	2009

3000 Meters

1.	- Juan Rivera	9:49.39	2017
2.	- Allan Ortiz	10:01.97	2017
3.	- Nathan Solis	10:10.54	2017
4.	9 Reginald Robinson	11:15.14	2017
5.	- Omar Orquiz	11:39.34	2013
6.	- Juan Anzures-Padilla	11:39.76	2017
7.	- Christian de Leon	12:24.6h	2009
8.	- Marco Chavez	12:25.0h	2009

3000m Racewalk

1.	17-18 Toriell Simon	18:49.90	2013
2.	- Chiadikaobi Njoku	20:01.26	2012

5000 Meters

1.	- Joe Escobar	21:48.1h	2009
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80m Hurdles - 30"

1.	5 Quintin Harold	15.61 ^(2.7)	2015
2.	6 Shawn Owens	15.82	2017
3.	5 Damon Flemings	15.96	2018
4.	6 Isaiah Owens	16.91	2017
5.	- Daveon Singleton	17.31	2018
6.	- Anakin Hahn	18.58 ⁽⁻⁴⁾	2011

100m Hurdles - 33"

1.	- Jose Soledad	15.21	2017
2.	- Malik Decquir	19.33 ⁽⁻⁸⁾	2011
3.	- Diego Talavera	20.21	2018
4.	- Donovan Melendez	21.78	2018
5.	- Reginald Robinson	21.85	2016

110m Hurdles - 39"

1.	17-18 Cody Johnson	14.51 ^(.8)	2015
2.	- Andre Collins	15.23 ^(1.8)	2013
3.	17-18 Scott Dungy	15.79	2013
4.	17-18 Emmanuel Ikeakor	15.84 ^(.8)	2015
5.	- Kobi Clay	16.03	2017
6.	9 Isaiah Martinez	17.19	2018
7.	- Javier Arredondo	17.31 ^(-1.9)	2011
8.	- Gabriel Roberts	19.29	2015
9.	- Ryan Austin	20.00	2016

200m Hurdles - 30"

1.	- Caleb Rivera	29.24c	2009
2.	- Donovan Melendez	31.10	2018
3.	7 Shawn Owens	31.27	2018
4.	- Nathan Retana	31.50	2018
5.	- Diego Talavera	32.72	2018

400m Hurdles - 36"

1.	17-18 Cody Johnson	53.81	2015
2.	17-18 Scott Dungy	57.80	2013
3.	17-18 Emmanuel Ikeakor	58.92	2015
4.	9 Isaiah Martinez	1:00.46	2018
5.	- Javier Arredondo	1:00.98	2011
6.	- Kobi Clay	1:03.07	2015

1500m Racewalk

1.	- Maekada Merritt	11:10.72	2011
2.	- Priscilla Parada	12:30.7h	2009
3.	- Tamia Manaway	12:32.6h	2009
4.	- Aiyana Hanson	13:15.7h	2009

3000 Meters

1.	11-12 Brooke Woodson	11:11.18	2011
2.	- Daniella Cortinas	12:42.30	2011
3.	- Daisy Dominguez	13:56.06	2011
4.	- Lorena Ortiz	16:35.6h	2009

3000m Racewalk

1.	- Nicole Woelper	20:25.6h	2009
2.	15-16 Tamara Silcott	21:41.31	2012
3.	15-16 Cierra Hagens	22:45.32	2010
4.	15-16 Acacia Covington	24:04.35	2010
5.	- Maekada Merritt	24:07.14	2013
6.	- Sofia Rodriguez	24:21.28	2012

80m Hurdles - 30"

1.	6 Yierra Flemings	13.37	2018
2.	- Karen Villa	13.91 ^(-1.1)	2013
3.	- Kailone Turner	17.68 ^(.6)	2011
4.	- Genesis McWhorter	19.91	2018

80m Hurdles - 33"

1.	5 Yierra Flemings	20.71	2017
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100m Hurdles - 30"

1.	- Jacqueline Cook	15.48	2012
2.	- Patrice Daniels	15.68	2012
3.	- Tia Belnavis	16.81	2012
4.	- Karen Villa	17.05 ⁽⁻⁴⁾	2015
5.	15-16 Cierra Hagens	19.65 ^(-1.5)	2010
6.	RS Jasmine Ereng	21.44	2012
7.	- Karla Villa	21.51	2013
8.	15-16 Tamara Silcott	22.64	2012
9.	- Victoria Ereng	22.66	2012

100m Hurdles - 33"

1.	11 Karen Villa	15.42	2018
2.	- Kayla Thornton	15.74c	2009
3.	- Patrice Daniels	15.98	2013
4.	- Geneva Carter	16.99	2013
5.	- Karla Villa	17.03	2013
6.	- Tia Belnavis	17.47	2013
7.	- Zia Hankins	18.68	2018
8.	- Breona Pinkney	20.99	2015
9.	- Ana marie Thompson	23.04c	2009
10.	- Leah Green	26.62	2018

200m Hurdles - 30"

1.	- Zia Hankins	34.07	2018
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400m Hurdles - 30"

1.	- Kayla Thornton	48.84c	2009
2.	- Patrice Daniels	1:06.06	2012
3.	- Breona Pinkney	1:06.16	2015
4.	- Jacqueline Cook	1:10.14	2012

7.	- Christian Guerrero	1:07.45	2012
8.	- Jesse Carrillo	1:12.22	2012
9.	- Daniel Green	1:22.94c	2009

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1.	- Nathan Solis	7:39.01	2018
2.	17-18 Toriell Simon	7:48.71	2013
3.	- Joe Escobar	9:14.5h	2009

4x100 Relay

1.	Aaron Jesel Scott Dungy Andre Collins Andres Guerrero	44.47	2013
2.	Eric Phillips Gabriel Navarro Luis Baca Meshach Thornton	44.75	2014
3.	DAVID BOWNES ADRIAN MONTES JORDAN SUMPTER MARCUS SMOOTS	45.04c	2009
4.	Relay Team	45.60	2010
5.	Relay Team	46.01	2011
6.	Alexiz Aguilar Daniel Chavez Kenneth Golston Isaiah Martinez	47.64	2018
7.	Relay Team	53.49	2012
8.	Relay Team	58.00	2015
9.	Relay Team	1:00.02	2016
10.	Logan Clift Devon Ellsworth Jordan Owens Tyler Tercero	1:05.77	2017

4x400 Relay

1.	Andre Collins Scott Dungy Dominick Garey Aaron Jesel	3:29.68	2013
2.	Donovan Decquir Gabriel Navarro Luis Baca Meshach Thornton	3:33.02	2014
3.	Relay Team	3:34.77	2015
4.	Relay Team	3:41.24	2011
5.	Alexiz Aguilar Daniel Chavez Kenneth Golston Isaiah Martinez	3:42.74	2018
6.	Relay Team	3:42.76	2010
7.	MARCUS SMOOTS JORDAN SUMPTER ADRIAN MONTES DAVID BOWNES	3:44.6h	2009
8.	Relay Team	3:45.10	2012

5.	9 Natalia Roberts	1:10.45	2015
6.	- Tia Belnavis	1:11.39	2011
7.	10 Karen Villa	1:11.82	2017
8.	- Erika Snyder	1:14.78	2016
9.	15-16 Cierra Hagens	1:17.56	2010
10.	17-18 Jazmin Padilla	1:18.12	2012
11.	- Ana marie Thompson	1:38.24c	2009

4x100 Relay

1.	Relay Team	51.24	2010
2.	MELISSA AMAYA LISA BENNETT HALIMA MARIAN DANIELLE RICHARDSON	51.74c	2009
3.	Relay Team	51.83	2011
4.	Janaia Jackson Tiana Rasool Karen Villa Shonte Woode	58.03	2013
5.	Relay Team	59.17	2012
6.	Anika Thomas Janaia Jackson Kahlani Robinson Tiana Rasool	59.43	2014
7.	Rhian Gee Emily Jaramillo Lyric Ponce Alina Strickler	1:05.95	2017
8.	Kaelynn Garcia Melodi Jackson Jailen Roberts Maia Rodriguez	1:06.95	2018
9.	Nevaeh Austin Melodi Jackson Mariela Medina Maia Rodriguez	1:15.75	2016

4x400 Relay

1.	Relay Team	4:09.52	2011
2.	Breona Pinkney Brooke Woodson Daniella Cortinas Natalia Roberts	4:10.65	2015
3.	Relay Team	4:15.00	2010
4.	Relay Team	4:19.05	2012
5.	LISA BENNETT HALIMA MARIAN DANESHA SHIPMAN JOCELYN SMITH	4:24.0h	2009
6.	Anika Thomas Janaia Jackson Kahlani Robinson Nia Goode	4:38.33	2014
7.	Relay Team	5:18.53	2013
8.	Rhian Gee Emily Jaramillo Lyric Ponce Alina Strickler	5:44.52	2017

9.	Fabian Cervantes Isaiah Owens Michael Owens Shawn Owens	4:14.82	2017
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9.	Kaelynn Garcia Jailen Roberts Maia Rodriguez Emelina Talavera	5:49.45	2018
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4x800 Relay

1.	Javier Arredondo Phillip Banks Melvin Carter Isaiah Clark	8:50.20	2011
2.	Michael Contreras Malik Jefferson Meshach Thornton Darrien Woode	9:34.12	2013
3.	Relay Team	10:10.19	2012
4.	Fabian Cervantes Isaiah Owens Michael Owens Shawn Owens	10:34.71	2017
5.	AKIL ALEXANDER PATRICK HART CALEB RIVERA JAYDEN RODRIGUEZ	10:43.2h	2009

4x800 Relay

1.	Breona Pinkney Brooke Woodson Daniella Cortinas Natalia Roberts	9:40.04	2015
2.	Tia Bowens Patrice Daniels Stephanie Diaz Vivian Diaz	10:07.09	2011
3.	Patrice Daniels Stephanie Diaz Vivian Diaz Michaela Kirkland	10:23.19	2013
4.	Relay Team	10:34.09	2012
5.	Relay Team	10:57.80	2010
6.	TIA BOWENS GABRIELA BRIONES STEPHANIE DIAZ VIVIAN DIAZ	11:06.5h	2009

Shot Put - 2kg

1.	1 Tony Oatis	14' 3.5	2017
2.	- Dillon Vanley	9' 4.5	2017

Shot Put - 2kg

1.	- Nevaeh Austin	18' 11	2017
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Shot Put - 6lb

1.	- Vincent Moore	41' 5.25	2009
2.	- Isaac Avila	41' 3	2009
3.	- Annthony Dudley	39' 8.5	2009
4.	- James Forrister	36' 10.5	2009
5.	11-12 Frederick Caldwell	34' 0	2015
6.	- Thomas Cox	33' 6	2016
7.	- Clarence Caldwell	33' 1.75	2009
8.	6 Isaiah Owens	30' 5	2017
9.	- Jared Douglass	28' 11.25	2009
10.	- Vincent Zuniga	24' 2.25	2009
11.	- Malik Decquir	23' 10.25	2009
12.	6 Shawn Owens	23' 2	2017
13.	- Isaish Harrison	22' 0.75	2009
14.	- Alejandro Martinez	21' 8	2009
15.	- Emmanuel Jackson	21' 7	2012
	4 Omajuwa Etiwe	21' 7	2012
17.	5 Quintin Harold	21' 3.25	2015
18.	- Alejandro Rocha	19' 11.75	2016
19.	5 Damon Flemings	18' 2.75	2018
20.	- Jose Chavez	17' 0	2009

Shot Put - 6lb

1.	- Kashara Moore	33' 1.75	2009
2.	- Elizabeth Teague	27' 11.75	2018
3.	- Ariana De la canal	26' 7.75	2016
4.	- Kayla Morales	24' 7.5	2018
5.	- Daniella Teague	24' 0.5	2018
6.	- Sashenka Teague	23' 11.25	2016
7.	6 Yierra Flemings	21' 4.75	2018
8.	- Paige Davis	21' 3.25	2009
9.	- Amaya Galberth	20' 6	2018
10.	- Maya Rivera	18' 3.75	2009
11.	- Nevaeh Austin	18' 2.5	2017
12.	- Nichole Garza-Reynosa	16' 3.5	2018
13.	- Xiamairi Holloway	12' 8	2017

Shot Put - 4kg

1.	- Thomas Cox	40' 9	2018
2.	- Troy Dillard	33' 9.5	2012
3.	- Frederick Caldwell Jr	33' 7	2016
4.	- Elijah Munoz	32' 3	2017
5.	- Aiden Munoz	26' 1	2017
6.	- Reginald Robinson	19' 7.75	2016

Shot Put - 4kg

1.	- Gwendolyn Murchison	38' 11.75	2015
2.	- Karen Villa	33' 3.75	2015
3.	- Morgan Hunt	32' 2.75	2015
4.	17-18 Nadia Ornelas	31' 0	2015
5.	- Elizabeth Teague	29' 0	2017
6.	- Alina Salazar	28' 11.25	2013
7.	- Carmen Rivas	28' 4.5	2017
8.	- Kiara Austin	25' 11.75	2017
9.	- Karla Villa	23' 11.75	2013
10.	15-16 Cierra Hagens	23' 2	2010
11.	- Breona Pinkney	23' 1.5	2016
12.	- Kayla Tubbs	22' 10.25	2017
13.	15-16 Tamara Silcott	22' 6	2012
14.	- Patrice Edmonds	22' 4	2016
15.	- Oliva Villa	22' 3	2017
16.	- Sashenka Teague	20' 10.75	2017

Shot Put - 12lb

1.	- Anthony Munoz	44' 0.75	2017
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2.	- Kevin-Allen Rincon	43' 0.5	2012
3.	- Josh Brady	40' 8.5	2011
4.	- Michael Wolski	37' 5	2010
5.	- Clarence Caldwell	33' 3.5	2011
6.	15-16 Oscar De La Rosa	31' 7.5	2015

Discus - 1kg

1.	- Annthony Dudley	150' 10	2009
2.	- Vincent Moore	131' 1	2009
3.	- Elijah Munoz	117' 7.75	2017
4.	- Isaac Avila	114' 4	2009
5.	- Thomas Cox	109' 4.25	2018
6.	- James Forrister	107' 4	2009
7.	- Frederick Caldwell Jr	106' 5.5	2016
8.	- Clarence Caldwell	99' 7	2009
9.	- Jared Douglass	99' 0	2009
10.	- Malik Decquir	88' 1	2011
11.	- Aiden Munoz	85' 8.25	2017
12.	11-12 Frederick Caldwell	70' 4	2015
13.	- Vincent Zuniga	47' 2	2009
14.	- Alejandro Rocha	40' 3.75	2016

Discus - 1.6kg

1.	- Anthony Munoz	136' 5.25	2017
2.	- Clarence Caldwell	112' 9.5	2011
3.	- Michael Wolski	104' 6	2010
4.	15-16 Oscar De La Rosa	77' 6	2015

Javelin - 300g TJ

1.	- Isaac Avila	142' 8	2009
2.	- Marvin Lewis	104' 2	2009
3.	11-12 Frederick Caldwell	91' 11	2015
4.	- Daniel Green	61' 3	2009
5.	- Isaish Harrison	58' 5	2009
6.	- Carlos Puente	56' 7	2017
7.	- James Forrister	54' 11	2009
8.	- Thomas Cox	53' 11.5	2016
9.	- Alejandro Rocha	52' 11	2016
10.	- Devon Ellsworth	48' 1	2016
11.	1 Tony Oatis	46' 4.25	2017
12.	- Vincent Zuniga	42' 0	2009
13.	- Christopher Edmonds	38' 7.25	2016
14.	- Isaiah Pace	35' 4	2009
15.	- Avery Leverett	30' 0.25	2017
16.	- Kaleb Hanson	15' 5	2009

Javelin - 600g TJ

1.	- Frederick Caldwell Jr	80' 7	2016
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Javelin - 450g AeroJav

1.	- Elijah Munoz	105' 8.5	2017
2.	- Aiden Munoz	72' 1	2017
3.	- Christopher Edmonds	62' 10.75	2017
4.	- Thomas Cox	52' 7.75	2017

Javelin - 600g

1.	- Elijah Munoz	136' 4.5	2017
2.	- Aiden Munoz	68' 8	2017
3.	- Troy Dillard	62' 9	2011

17.	- Patrice Daniels	20' 3.25	2013
18.	- Maya Rodriguez	16' 2	2017

Discus - 1kg

1.	- Elizabeth Teague	121' 2.25	2017
2.	- Morgan Hunt	115' 7	2015
3.	- Gwendolyn Murchison	105' 7.75	2015
4.	17-18 Nadia Ornelas	99' 5.75	2015
5.	- Carmen Rivas	85' 11.5	2017
6.	- Kashara Moore	85' 10	2009
7.	- Alina Salazar	78' 1	2013
8.	- Sierra Black	77' 11.75	2017
9.	- Kiara Austin	74' 2	2017
10.	- Sashenka Teague	69' 7.5	2016
11.	- Kayla Morales	66' 0	2018
12.	- Daniella Teague	65' 5	2018
13.	- Patrice Edmonds	61' 3.5	2016
14.	- Kayla Tubbs	60' 10.75	2017
15.	15-16 Tamara Silcott	58' 11	2010
16.	- Ariana De la canal	57' 8.5	2016
17.	- Amaya Galberth	50' 0.75	2019
18.	- Paige Davis	49' 8	2009
19.	- Maya Rivera	46' 4	2009
20.	- Alyssa Martinez	44' 3	2009

Javelin - 300g TJ

1.	- Kayla Morales	74' 9.25	2016
2.	15-16 Tamara Silcott	62' 5.25	2012
3.	- Elizabeth Teague	61' 5.25	2017
4.	- Carmen Rivas	57' 11.25	2017
5.	- Daniella Teague	50' 9.5	2016
6.	- Karla Villa	45' 2.5	2013
7.	- Amaya Galberth	43' 1.25	2018
8.	- Patrice Daniels	43' 0.5	2013
9.	15-16 Cierra Hagens	41' 0	2010
10.	- Jaelynn Leverett	39' 2.5	2017
11.	- Sashenka Teague	34' 7	2015
12.	- Nichole Garza-Reynosa	30' 9.75	2018
13.	13-14 Evalynn Quintero	25' 7	2015

Javelin - 450g AeroJav

1.	- Sierra Black	57' 5	2017
2.	- Daniella Teague	52' 4.25	2018
3.	- Amaya Galberth	33' 5.25	2019

Javelin - 600g

1.	- Morgan Hunt	94' 2	2015
2.	10 Karen Villa	93' 7.25	2017
3.	- Ariana De la canal	75' 8.25	2016
4.	- Gwendolyn Murchison	65' 6.5	2015
5.	- Patrice Edmonds	63' 0.75	2016
6.	- Sashenka Teague	50' 2.75	2018
7.	- Kayla Tubbs	42' 5	2016
8.	- Paige Davis	41' 8	2009
9.	- Maya Rodriguez	33' 5.5	2017
10.	- Aiyana Hanson	19' 5	2009

High Jump

1.	- Karla Villa	5' 10	2016
2.	- Erika Snyder	5' 8	2016

Javelin - 800g

1.	- Kevin-Allen Rincon	169' 9.75	2012
2.	- Michael Wolski	117' 1	2010
3.	- Anthony Munoz	100' 11.75	2017

High Jump

1.	17-18 Carlos Hernandez	7' 0.5	2010
2.	- Andre Collins	6' 8.75	2012
3.	15-16 Daniel Hernandez	6' 2.75	2012
4.	17-18 Emmanuel Ikeakor	6' 0.75	2015
5.	- Gabriel Roberts	5' 7	2015
6.	- Taylor Mobley	5' 5.75	2009
7.	- Reginald Robinson	4' 7	2016
8.	9-10 Toristeju Etiwe	4' 7	2012
9.	7 Isaiah Owens	4' 5.5	2018
10.	5 Quintin Harold	4' 5	2015
11.	7 Shawn Owens	4' 3.5	2018
12.	4 Omajuwa Etiwe	4' 3.25	2012
13.	- Daniel Green	4' 2	2009
	- Ivan Medina	4' 2	2017
15.	- Donovan Ortega	4' 0	2009
16.	5 Damon Flemings	3' 11.25	2018
17.	- Emmanuel Jackson	3' 3.25	2012

Long Jump

1.	- Devon Ellsworth	26' 4.5	2016
2.	- Jayden McGill	24' 1	2016
3.	- Taylor Mobley	21' 4.75	2009
4.	15-16 Jacob Mendez	19' 11.75	2015
5.	- David Bownes	18' 11.5	2009
6.	- Iverson Braziel	18' 10.25	2018
7.	- Adrian Montes	18' 6.5	2009
8.	- Keandrew Moore	18' 2	2018
9.	- Andrew Rodriguez	17' 8.5	2017
10.	- Brandon Flores	16' 8.75	2011
11.	- Christopher Edmonds	16' 4.75	2018
	- Gabriel Roberts	16' 4.75	2015
13.	- Ryan Austin	15' 3.5	2016
14.	9-10 Toristeju Etiwe	14' 2.75	2012
15.	- Jailyn Mayfield	14' 1.75	2016
16.	4 Jordan Owens	14' 0.5	2018
17.	- Derrick Patterson	14' 0	2009
	- Patrick Hart	14' 0	2009
19.	- Ivan Medina	13' 11.25	2017
20.	- Donovan Melendez	13' 9.25	2017

Triple Jump

1.	- Andre Collins	43' 2.5	2012
2.	15-16 Jacob Mendez	40' 3	2015
3.	9 Isaiah Martinez	37' 8	2018
4.	- Andrew Rodriguez	34' 9.25	2017
5.	- Adrian Montes	33' 11.75	2009
6.	7 Shawn Owens	33' 1.5	2018
7.	- Donovan Melendez	32' 1.5	2018

Hammer - 12lb

1.	- Anthony Munoz	104' 11.75	2017
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Hammer - 16lb

1.	- Kevin-Allen Rincon	147' 7.5	2012
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3.	9 Karen Villa	5' 6	2016
4.	- Patrice Daniels	5' 1	2013
5.	- Kahlani Robinson	4' 11	2016
6.	- Kiana Lewis	4' 9.5	2009
7.	- Danielle Richardson	4' 9	2011
8.	- Melissa Amaya	4' 7.75	2009
9.	- Makeeda Gaines	4' 7	2011
10.	- Patrice Daniel	4' 6	2009
11.	- Gabriela Briones	4' 4	2009
12.	6 Yierra Flemings	4' 1.25	2018
	15-16 Tamara Silcott	4' 1.25	2012
14.	15-16 Cierra Hagens	3' 11.25	2010
15.	- Ashlyne Golston	3' 11.25	2018
16.	- Delaney Melendez	3' 9.25	2016

Long Jump

1.	- Maia Rodriguez	27' 4	2016
2.	- Nevaeh Austin	24' 0.25	2016
3.	17-18 Jazmin Padilla	16' 6.75	2012
4.	- Patrice Daniels	15' 10	2013
5.	- Evans Ericka	15' 5.5	2009
6.	11 Karen Villa	15' 4.5	2018
7.	6 Yierra Flemings	15' 4.25	2018
8.	- Natalia Font	15' 0.75	2009
9.	9 Shalicia Lamons	14' 11.5 (1.1)	2010
10.	- Melissa Amaya	14' 9.75	2009
11.	- Danesha Shipman	14' 9.5	2011
12.	- Erika Snyder	14' 6.25	2016
13.	13-14 Tiana Rasool	14' 3.25	2015
14.	- Karla Villa	14' 2	2013
15.	- Mariela Medina	14' 0.5	2016
16.	- Chantel James	13' 9.25	2017
	- Allyson Bond	13' 9.25	2016
18.	- Kristina McGrew	13' 8.25	2009
19.	- Delaney Melendez	13' 4.5	2016
	- Kahlani Robinson	13' 4.5	2016

Triple Jump

1.	- Kayla Thornton	35' 10.25	2009
2.	- Halima Marian	34' 7	2009
3.	- Danesha Shipman	32' 1	2009
4.	9 Amalia Dorion	27' 0	2015
5.	- Corissa Tory	25' 10.5	2018

Hammer - 4kg

1.	- Morgan Hunt	115' 1	2015
2.	- Sashenka Teague	77' 7.5	2018
3.	17-18 Nadia Ornelas	61' 11.75	2015
4.	- Gwendolyn Murchison	45' 5.5	2015

Weight Throw - 20lb

1.	- Elizabeth Teague	44' 0.75	2018
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Pentathlon (Outdoor) - Standard

1.	- Karen Villa	2585	2015
2.	6 Yierra Flemings	2181	2018

Heptathlon - Standard

1.	11 Karen Villa	3974	2018
2.	- Patrice Daniels	3685	2013

Dale Laverty

February 2, 2025

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El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Dear Members of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

I am honored to submit this letter in strong support of Leon Wade's induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. Leon's decades of tireless dedication to the sport of track and field and his profound impact on the El Paso community make him a truly deserving candidate for this prestigious recognition.

Leon began his coaching journey in the late 1970's at Parkland High School, where he quickly earned a reputation as both a fierce competitor and a passionate mentor. His commitment to encouraging athletes, regardless of school affiliation, became a hallmark of his career. He was known to stop at finish lines to cheer on athletes from all schools, always taking the time to ask names, offer words of encouragement, and celebrate their successes.

In 1996, Leon expanded his influence by founding the El Paso TX Shooting Stars (EP TXSS), a track and field program that not only mentored athletes but also nurtured coaches and volunteers. His dedication to creating opportunities for youth athletes, as well as his constant efforts to stay informed about meet schedules and provide valuable resources, helped shape the local track and field landscape for years to come.

Leon's leadership extended beyond the local community when he served as the Youth Chair for USA Track & Field from 2002 to 2010 and as President from 2011 to 2016. His role was pivotal in organizing regional championships, where his exceptional organizational skills ensured smooth logistics, from event scheduling to securing facilities and hotel accommodations. Leon's ability to work with athletes from all over the country, across 51 states, further exemplified his commitment to the sport. His athletes have gone on to become National Champions and All-Americans, further cementing his legacy as a coach and leader.

Beyond coaching, Leon's contributions to the track and field community are far-reaching. He was a dynamic announcer and DJ, bringing energy and excitement to meets while also capturing special moments on film as a videographer. His dedication extended to his work with both the UIL and USA Track & Field, where he was a constant presence, offering support, guidance, and expertise to those in the track and field world.

Most importantly, Leon is known as a supportive mentor, always available to offer advice and encouragement to athletes, coaches, and fellow enthusiasts. His enduring commitment to the success of others, along with his service to youth sports in El Paso, has left a lasting mark on the

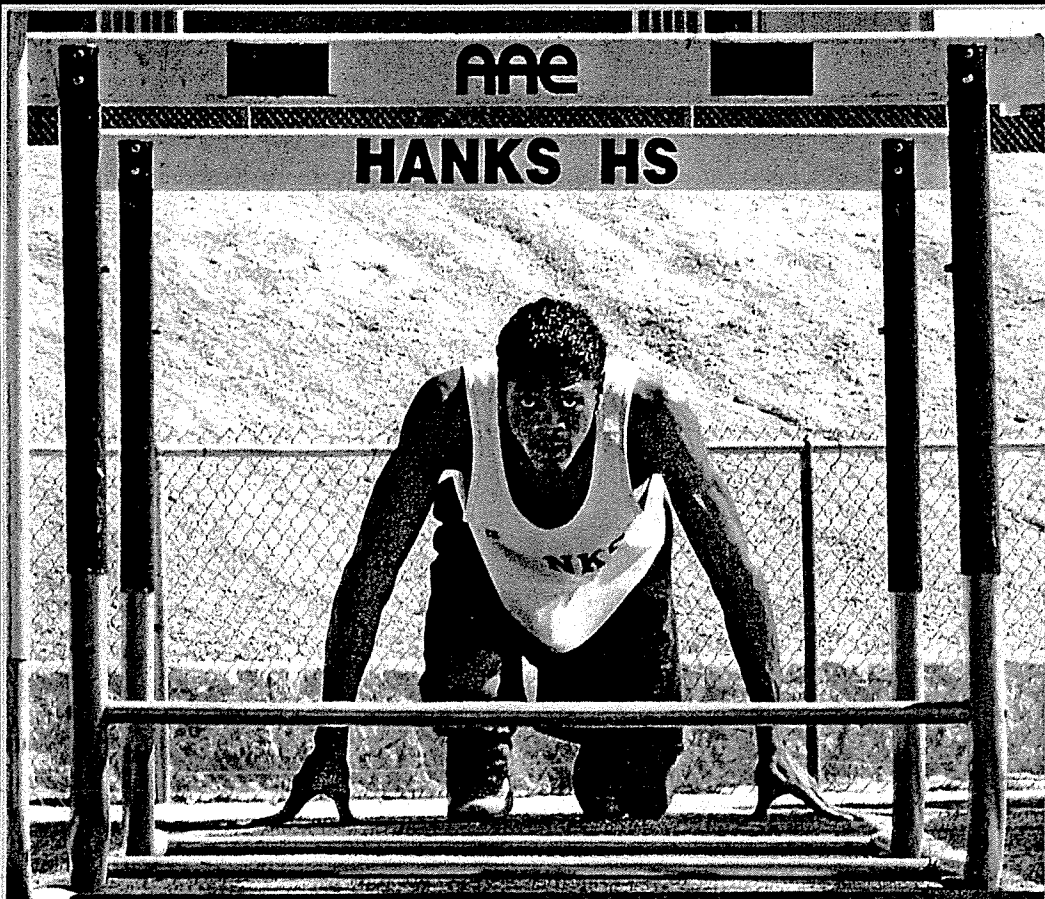
community. In recognition of his years of service, the City Council honored him for over 34 years of dedicated support to youth sports.

Leon Wade's incredible impact on the development of local athletes, his leadership in organizing events, and his unwavering commitment to the track and field community make him a deserving and exceptional candidate for induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Thank you for your time and consideration. It is with great pride that I recommend Leon Wade for this esteemed honor.

Sincerely,
Dale Laverty
USATF Vice-President
El Paso Flames Head Coach

One final hurdle



Victor Calzada / El Paso Times

Hanks High School hurdler Kaiser Wade will compete at the state track and field meet this weekend in Austin.

Hanks senior wants strong finish

By Lenny Jurado
El Paso Times

Kaiser Wade knew the rain and wind would threaten his 110-meter hurdles race, but he never thought the qualifier would end the way it did. Off balanced by the elements, the Hanks High School senior hit the fifth hurdle and stumbled over the sixth at the Class 5A regional track meet April 29 in Lubbock.

He didn't recover, crushing all hope for a return trip to the state championships in that event.

"I felt bad. I felt really bad," Wade recalled.

Although disappointed, the 11-year track and field veteran shook off the loss and redeemed himself by placing second in the 300 hurdles the next day to punch his ticket to Austin this weekend.

Gold is his goal, and the 17-year-old is ready to medal and culminate a career in which he was engineered to be a champion.

"In my opinion, I think his chances are good because in the hurdles, you don't know what is going to happen," Hanks head coach Dave

McKinney said. "You have to run your own race, and Kaiser has really matured and understands the race now. Physically, he's ready. It's just a mental thing for him now."

Apparently, he has the psychological part down pat.

As a junior, Wade showed poise by running 14.34 seconds in Austin for sixth place at arguably the most competitive state meet in the nation. And, of course, he was able to overcome the discouraging loss this year in Lubbock.

State meet

- ▶ **What:** UIL state track and field championships.
- ▶ **When, where:** 8 a.m.-9 p.m. MDT Friday-Saturday, University of Texas at Austin.
- ▶ **Notes:** Wade will compete at 6:40 p.m. Saturday.

▶ **Players sign 4C**

Please see Hurdle 4C



January 28, 2025

Dear El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

This letter is to nominate and recommend Mr. Lawrence “Leon” Wade for the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Wade has been an athlete himself, a coach, and champion for all athletes whose integrity and kind character have impacted countless individuals and our community. While I’m so saddened he is no longer with us to know of this nomination, Mr. Wade has earned his space in the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame and should be inducted in the posthumous category in honor of his legacy and lasting impact.

I met Leon at El Paso Community College (EPCC) where he proudly worked in our Marketing & Community Relations Department. I knew Leon as a kind, generous and giving colleague who always offered a warm hello. He worked hard and was willing to help on anything that was needed. It wasn’t until 2019, when the college was hosting the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Half Marathon National Championships that I learned about his incredible influence on our athletic community. Leon simply let me know that he was passionate about track, athletes and wanted to help. He was too modest and humble to tell me more. I had to learn the rest from others. But I’m happy to share he proudly served as the NJCAA Championship race gun starter, beginning the race for athletes across the country and also cheered them on at the finish line.

It was that day of the national championships and through others in the athletic community, that I discovered that Mr. Wade was a standout athlete in his own right, who competed in both track and football at Burges and later UTEP. I also learned that he was a coach and mentored countless athletes even founding the Texas Shooting Stars Track Club. Coaches, athletes, students, sportscasters and countless others all started telling me about Mr. Wade’s incredible influence, long history and commitment to athletics in El Paso. Ever since then, I have met so many who credit Mr. Wade with coaching them, mentoring them and making a difference in their lives.



From knowing Mr. Wade personally, being inspired by him myself, seeing the inspiration and commitment he shared with others and the El Paso athletic community, he is highly deserving of this nomination. It is unfortunate this didn’t happen while he was living, but we can honor his legacy permanently now by inducting Mr. Leon Wade in to the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keri Moe".

Keri Moe, Ed.D.

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January 29, 2025

El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame

To the members of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame

Leon Wade embodied the true spirit of the award. Having had the privilege of witnessing his exceptional coaching career, I can confidently assert that he stands out as a dominant and impactful coach.

Looking at Leon's coaching resume it is obvious he can coach. What you don't see is how he has affected each student/athlete that has gone through his program. They would give everything for him and vice versa. The stories of how Coach Wade has touched the lives of student-athletes are endless.

The title "Coach" is an honorable, understated colloquialism for what Leon means to those who come under his influence. To his runners, he becomes a second father. Regardless of their background, he'll be "all in" for all his kids helping them deal with every aspect of their lives from scholastics to peer pressure to home problems.

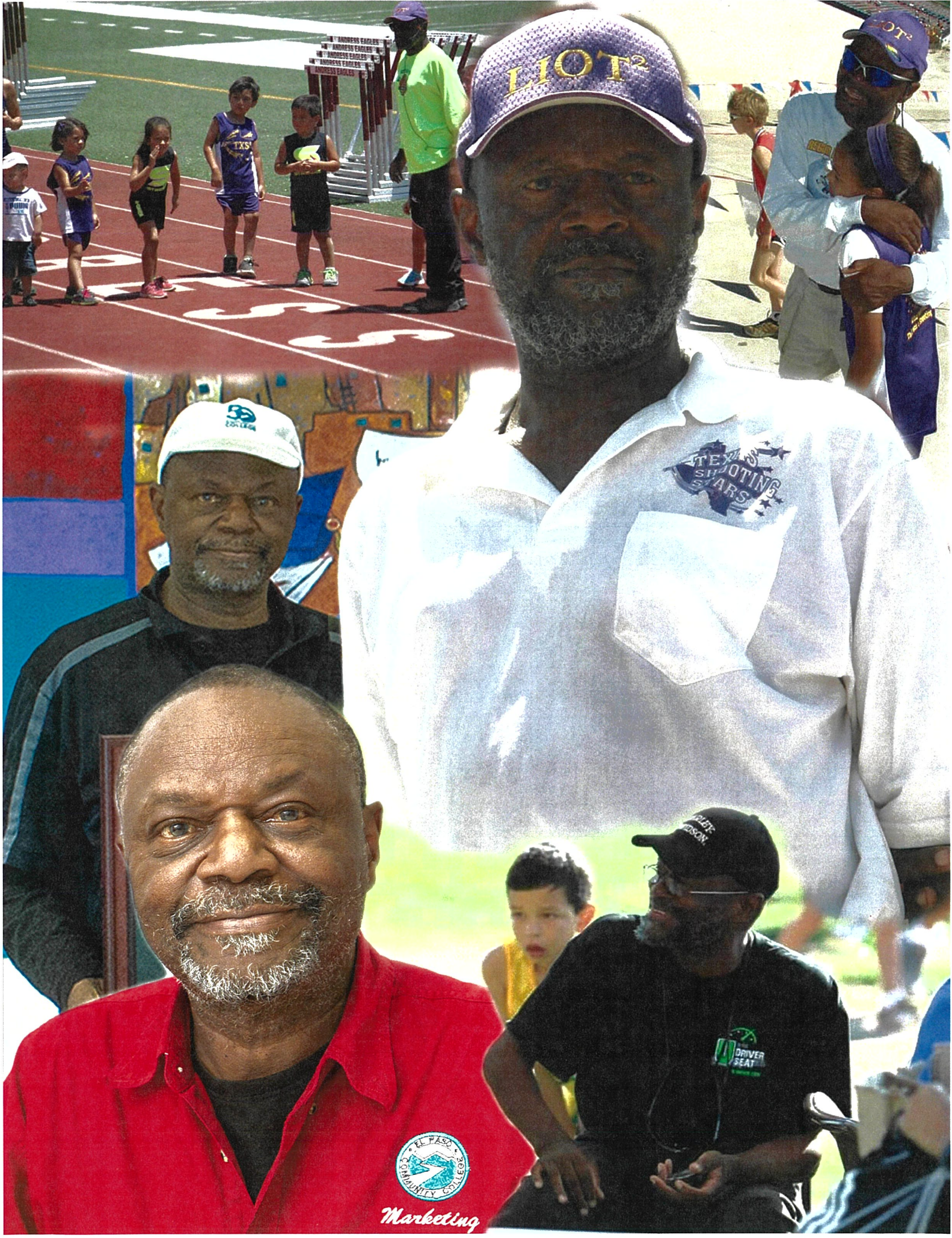
Everyone in his realm, I assure you, knows that he had their back. Leon's determination to help everyone he touches transcends sports to encompass the very essence and potential of one's life. It is a gift possessed by few. He was a shining example of what it means to be a true champion, and I am honored to support his nomination for the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Hinojosa", written in a cursive style.

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Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my interest in nominating Coach Lawrence Leon Wade Jr. for the induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. I have witnessed and have been apart of the remarkable impact Coach Wade has had on the sport of Track and Field. I believe his exceptional career and whole hearty contributions make him an outstanding candidate for this prestigious honor.

Coach Wade has achieved significant milestones throughout his career, including winning the first ever District Championship in Track and Field for Parkland High School in 1991, with only 7 scoring members to dominate a powerhouse rival of Eastwood high school. Coach Wade created and established a USA youth Track and Field program for Northeast El Paso (Northeast Shooting Stars), which yielded numerous of young athletes that continued their athletic careers at D1,D2, and D3 level colleges, the semi-professional level, and at the world professional level.

Beyond these accomplishments, Leon has also demonstrated an unparalleled dedication to Track and Field, serving as a role model for future athletes and inspiring others to become High school coaches, Youth coaches, School District administrators, and Community leaders.

I am confident that Leon Wade would be a deserving addition to the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame, and I humbly submit this nomination for your consideration. Should you require any further information or documentation to support this nomination, please don not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for considering this nomination and I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss the incredible contributions of Coach Leon Wade.

Sincerely,

Rummie Gray II



January 27, 2025

El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame
Ruben R. Ramirez, President
El Paso, Texas

To El Paso Athletic Hall Fame Committee:

This letter is in supporting the nomination of Mr. Lawrence Leon Wade for the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Posthumous Category.

Though I met Mr. Wade later in his life, I spent 16 years as a coworker and learned about his history and what he meant to young and old in Track and Field in the El Paso area. Leon, as he was known, cared about the young men and women he coached and they considered him their father.

Mr. Wade was a star athlete in his own right starring in football and track at both Burgess High School and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), being a major contributor to the UTEP Track and Field dynasty of the 1970s.

After school, he coached and mentored hundreds of young athletes, many rising to state, regional and national acclaim. Every one of them I have had the privilege to meet, honor every moment they spent being coached by Leon.

Not only in the world of athletics Mr. Wade was revered by those who came in contact with him. As a coworker of his at El Paso Community College (EPCC), he gained respect from me and all those around him. The way he carried himself to assist students and coworkers alike, makes him a man who deserves all the accolades he has received.

I could not think of anyone who deserves the honor of being inducted into the El Paso Sports Hall of Fame than Mr. Lawrence Leon Wade and I thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Heiney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

James Heiney
EPCC Marketing Director

Parkland star one of the best ever

By Lenny Jurado

El Paso Times

Tina Madry knows jumping down to a science, so much so that she probably is more knowledgeable than some high school coaches.

Yet when the recent Parkland High School graduate was a freshman, she didn't know a hitch kick from a hang.

"I didn't know anything," Madry said with her trademark giggle. "I tried to act like I knew what the coaches were talking about so they wouldn't be like, 'Oh yeah — freshman.' ... I just came out there like a dumb freshman — as they called me — so I was just like, 'OK, yeah, let's go.' But I met some girls who were really sweet to me, who watched me and came to me with open arms. I just wanted to fit in with them. I didn't expect to do anything big."

But she did.

Once competing simply to have fun, Madry wound up cementing a golden legacy in Parkland's tradition-rich program — no El Paso high school girl has ever leaped farther in the long jump.

Her best mark is 19 feet, 7¾ inches, which tied her for first place at the Class 4A state championships. Meanwhile, she triple jumped 38-10 for a bronze medal.

Like other Matadors before her, Madry also won five gold medals at the 2006 District 2-4A championships, breaking three records in the process.

Such a season easily earns the University of Miami-bound athlete the El Paso Times' 2006 All-City Girls Track and Field Most Valuable Performer award.

It is an honor befitting a girl considered one of Parkland's best-ever female track and field ath-



MOST VALUABLE PERFORMER

TINA MADRY

- ▶ **School, class:** Parkland, graduate.
- ▶ **Events:** Long and triple jumps; 100- and 200-meter dashes; 400, 800 and 1,600 relays.
- ▶ **Best marks:** 19 feet, 7¾ inches and 39-7; 12.06 and 25.04 seconds (both hand-timed); 48.80 (HT), 1 minute 49.00 seconds (HT) and 4:08.28 (fully automatic).
- ▶ **Notable:** Tied for first place in the long jump at the Class 4A state championships, while also winning bronze in the triple jump; long jump is the farthest-ever high school mark for an El Paso girl and tied for third-best among all classes in Texas this past season; set District 2-4A records in the 100, 200 and long jump; signed with the University of Miami.

letes, head coach Lou James said.

COACH OF THE YEAR

LOU JAMES JR.

- ▶ **School, district:** Parkland, 2-4A.
- ▶ **Tenure:** Finished 10th season as head coach.
- ▶ **Notable:** Took nine girls and won the program's fifth consecutive district championship and seventh under James; Matadors edged out Del Valle 155.33 to 153 for the crown; also took a girl to the 4A state championships for the second consecutive year.



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Parkland High School jumping coach Al Licon

"I had Kara Roberts, Avonay Williams, Alicia McClennon, Thereza Wright, Alex Jamison, Nina Costley and Tina Madry, and to be honest, Tina sits at the top of that list," James said. "Tina is the best athlete that I've ever

coached in my 10 years here."

Few doubted that the 5-foot-6 Madry would find success at Parkland. After all, her talent was obvious, and the program was blessed with quality coaching and a tradition of state-qualifying athletes.

The question was where she would fit in.

"Tina was a 13-foot long jumper and 29-foot triple jumper as a freshman, and we weren't sure if those would be her events," James recalled. "But over the years coach (Al) Licon did a heck of a job developing her, and she's now become the best jumper in the city."

Not only an elite jumper, Madry also was El Paso's fastest girl this past season, as well as a respected leader.

Sacrificing basketball certainly made a difference, but having role models and mentors early in her career was just as vital.

"I remember Thereza Wright — I just loved her," Madry said. "I was so young, and she did the camp thing here and I was in awe of her. I would always hear about how well she did in track and volleyball and basketball. I also knew Kara because she is Marissa (Manaway's) older sister, and I'd run summer track with her (Manaway) for a little bit.

"Then my freshman year there was Ebony (Stevens), who was really strict, and the way she kept us together, I loved it. I also wanted Alicia's speed, but more so Ebony's mentality toward getting things done and keeping the team together."

The result was an athlete whose name can be mentioned along with such Parkland greats as Gwen McCray, the Austin sisters and Sonya Wills.

"She's got to be the best jumper ever to come out of El Paso," said Licon, El Paso's premier long jump specialist. "She's a role model for the kids coming up, and we will be talking about her for years."

Lenny Jurado may be reached at ljurado@elpasotimes.com; 546-6167.

SECOND TEAM

- ▶ **High jump:** Isabel Flores, Eastwood, upcoming senior (5 feet, 4 inches).
- ▶ **Long jump:** Adrian Monroe, Hanks, graduate (17-7¼).
- ▶ **Triple jump:** Vanessa Romero, Montwood, graduate (37-8¼).
- ▶ **Shot put:** Leeza Henry, El Dorado, upcoming senior (41-1).
- ▶ **Discus:** Norma Rueda, Socorro, graduate (119-7).
- ▶ **Pole Vault:** Lenee Reyes, Franklin, graduate (10-6).
- ▶ **3,200-meter run:** Ingrid Flores, Jefferson, graduate (11 minutes, 21.47 seconds FAT).
- ▶ **800-meter run:** Marissa Paz, Chapin, upcoming sophomore (2:23.00 FAT).
- ▶ **100-meter hurdles:** Kristen Barrios, Coronado, upcoming senior (14.99 FAT).
- ▶ **100-meter dash:** D.J. Silcott, Andress, graduate (12.48 FAT).
- ▶ **400-meter run:** Ale Cano, Coronado, upcoming senior (59.98 FAT).
- ▶ **300-meter hurdles:** Brandi Wade, Hanks, upcoming sophomore (45.53 FAT).
- ▶ **200-meter dash:** Kendra Chambers, Hanks, upcoming junior (25.76 FAT).
- ▶ **1,600-meter run:** Brissia Montalvo, Del Valle, upcoming senior (5:19.14 FAT).
- ▶ **400-meter relay:** Parkland, 48.80 (hand-timed).
- ▶ **800-meter relay:** Coronado, 1:45.41 (FAT).
- ▶ **1,600-meter relay:** Coronado, 4:03.95 (FAT).

Bob Anderson- Retired Head Football Coach/ Athletic Coordinator, Coronado High School

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El Paso Hall of Fame

Dear Hall of Fame Committee,

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically recommend Coach Leon Wade for induction into the El Paso Hall of Fame.

My name is Bob Anderson. I was one of the thousands of El Paso kids that ran track for Coach Leon Wade and was blessed by knowing him. Coach Wade had many personal accomplishments during his time as an athlete in El Paso. I can only speak to his accomplishments as a Track Coach at Parkland High School as well as his Summer Track Team he coached. He is a big reason for the success of Summer Track and Field in El Paso.

Coach Wade was my Track Coach from 1980-1983 at Parkland High School. Unlike all the “ball sports”, Track and Field was not the most popular sports. Coach Wade had a knack for encouraging kids to come out for Track and made you look forward to practice. Coach Wade developed many great athletes that went on to have success in El Paso, at the State level, the National level at the college and professional level. I myself was a 6’2, 200-hundred-pound hurdler who, through his coaching, qualified for the Texas High School Regional Track Meet. Coach Wade served the kids in El Paso through his countless hours inside and out of work hours. His example of hard work, dedication and love of kids inspired many of his former athletes to enter the Education and the Coaching profession. I am one of those kids. I was a Teacher and Coach for 33 years in El Paso. I can only hope that I impacted my students and players the way Coach Leon Wade did me.

I hope that you will consider inducting Coach Leon Wade into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Bob Anderson

Head Football Coach/ Athletic Coordinator (Retired)

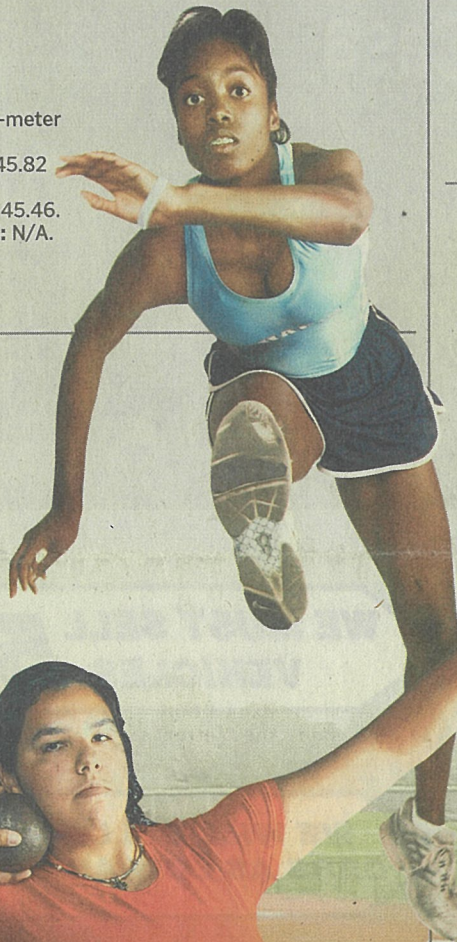
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athletes aim for state

2006 regional track athletes to watch

EVONNE BRITTON

School: Chapin.
Class: Freshman.
Top-seeded event: 300-meter hurdles.
Qualifying time, seed: 45.82 seconds, first.
Personal best in 2006: 45.46.
Regional finish in 2005: N/A.



MATT DUDLEY

School: Parkland.
Class: Sophomore.
Top-seeded event: Discus.
Qualifying mark, seed: 166 feet, 6 inches, first.
Personal best in 2006: 177-8.
Regional finish in 2005: Fourth place.



KENDRA CHAMBERS

School: Hanks.
Class: Sophomore.
Top-seeded event: 400-meter dash.
Qualifying time, seed: 56.66 seconds, first.
Personal best in 2006: 56.66.
Regional finish in 2005: Fifth place.



ANA ALVARADO

School: Canutillo.
Class: Senior.
Top-seeded event: Shot put.
Qualifying mark, seed: 39 feet, 10 inches, first.
Personal best in 2006: 40-5.
Regional finish in 2005: Seventh place.



Photos by Debra Gulbas

Region 1-5A track meet

Friday-Saturday: Fuller Track Stadium, Lubbock.

Compiled by Lenny Jurado

Region 1-4A track meet

Friday-Saturday: ASU Multipurpose Complex San Angelo, Texas.