

USATF Southern Association



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From the desk of Jackie Callender, Sr.

We would want to take a minute to remember the day we decided to start track and field as we approach the final day of the year 2023.

Have you satisfied your desire, for whatever reason you had, or are you still yearning to find your real purpose in the sport?

It's interesting that we will introduce you to a few of those notable people in this edition of the Southern Association newsletter. Years ago, they made a commitment to improve the lives of the children by participating, coaching, mentoring, and eventually managing.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who dedicates their time to working in their individual roles both on and off the track.

You might be one of the people who represents Team USA in the future if you remain devoted to and faithful to the sport.



Southern Association is proud to announce the following members that are apart of 2023 International teams representing Team USA:

World Championships: August 19-27 - Budapest, Hungary

Jalani Davis - Shot Put

Vernon Norwood - 400m - 4th place

JuVaughn Harrison - High Jump - Silver Medal

Shelby McEwen - High Jump - 7th place

NACAC U23 Championship: July 21-23 - San Jose, Costa Rica

Jalani Davis - Shot Put - Silver Medal

Clayton Simms - Pole Vault

Pan Am U20 Rosters - August 4-6, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Sterling Scott- Triple Jump - Gold Medal

Pan American Games: October 20 - November 5, Santiago, Chili

Byron Turner - Head Manager



The following teams and athletes finished in the top 8 in the Nation at the National Junior Olympics held in Eugene, Oregon. Congratulation goes to:

Bounce Fit (1)

200m 15-16 Boys 6th place JaMarcus Garrett

Fairley Track Club (1)

Discus 15-16 Boys 2nd place Sean Fairley

Faith Track Club (1)

Javelin 8U Girls 4th place Howard Kyle

Future Track Club (4)

1500m 9-10 Girls 8th place Eden Temple

Long Jump 9-10 Boys 7th place Caleb Clark

1500m 17-18 Women 2nd place Angelle Dupuis

400m 17-18 Women 6th place Aaryona Kinchen



Greenville Track Club (2)

Shot Put 17-18 Men 1st place Roury McCloyen

Discus 17-18 Men 1st place Roury McCloyen



Mississippi TrackStar (1)

110m Hur 17-18 Boys 4th place Jamari Page

NRPD Natural Talent (1)

Long Jump 11-12 Boys 6th place Joey Carpenter

River Cities Track Club (14)

Javelin 9-10 Boys	1 st place	Anthony Green
800m 15-16 Boys	2 nd place	Jackson Burney
110m Hur 15-16 Boys	8 th place	Jaden Youngblood
400m Hur 15-16 Boys	7 th place	Ian White
Shot Put 15-16 Boys	5 th place	Devon Oliver
Discus 15-16 Boys	4 th place	Devon Oliver
4x100m 15-16 Boys	5 th place	
4x400m 15-16 Boys	4 th place	



SPAR Track Club (5)

Discus 11-12 Boys 2nd place Tyrone Proby III
4x100m 13-14 Boys 7th place

US Express Track Club (5)

High Jump 15-16 Girls 4th place Kennedy Papillion
4x800m 15-16 Boys 8th place



The above information along with other track and field news can be found on the Southern Association website. Please stay in the know by clicking on southern.usatf.org. It is our desire to keep you informed with the most current news.

Congratulations to Southern Association Officials

2023 USATF National Officials Committee Outstanding Service Awards

- Damion Johnlouis
- Kathey Early
- Mychal Word
- Kurt Turner
- Allen Sinegal
- Brian Robinson



2023 USATF Southern Association Awards

- William Morris- Starter 45 years
- James Belton- Umpire (retired due to illness)
- Donald Mills- Horizontal Jumps and Field Referee
- Clarence Morgan-Horizontal Jumps and Field Events
- Ruby Chaney- Race Walk Judge and Umpire
- Dianne Hall- Horizontal Jumps

Southern Association Officials Nominees for 2023 USATF National Awards

USATF Officials' Hall of Fame

- Stewart Blue

James Grey Award

- James Simmons

John Davis Award

- Joan Labadie
- Donald Mills
- Glyn Trigg

Charles Ruter Award

Jackie Callender

Horace Crow Award

Jake Ford

Andy Bakjian Award

Gloria Louis

Lori Maynard Award

Ruby Chaney



Thanks for reading this Edition of the USATF Southern Association newsletter. If you have an article that you deemed news worthy, please share it with us. Our president would like to encourage you to share family stories and life's events even if they are not track related. He feels as though others should see that a lot of things occur around us and it is not all track, but it's all Good.

If you would like to be a part of the Media Team, please contact Earlett Buckley at secretary@southern.usatf.org

We're excited and looking for more innovative ways to grow the sport of track and field in our demographic areas. We welcome you to join the move.

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