



## Above Xpectations April-June 2018 Quarterly Report

The late spring and early summer months brought many opportunities to the athletes of Above Xpectations Track Club. We focused on strengthening our athletes for upcoming meets (Districts, Regionals, New Balance Nationals, and the Delaware Elite Invitational) and giving our youth opportunities to have fun and think about the future through track camp and college visits.

The summer track camp has been a big success and has allowed our athletes to get supplemental training while having loads of fun and opportunities to explore new places.

- The camp has 30 participants and is offered to members of Above Xpectations and kids who are not associated with the track team.
- Cost was limited to \$75 for Above Xpectations members and \$100 for non-members.
- The camp serves kids from the ages of 9-15.
- On most days of camp, campers are taken to Baynard Stadium and given the opportunity train on the track and learn about the different track and field events including sprints, distance, hurdles, jumps, and throws.
- The camp offers a wide variety of unique field trip opportunities so that campers can make the most out of their summer.
- Our track camp has gone on field trips to places as simple as the movies, bowling alleys, and an escape room to major attractions on the east coast such as Hershey Park, Sahara Sams, Wildwood, and Rehoboth Beach.

In the three months of April, May, and June we were able to take majority of our middle school and high school athletes to three colleges to give them exposure to different schools help them start to plan their next steps after high school. As the summer progresses, we look to broaden our horizons and allow our athletes to look into even more schools both in and out of the Tri-State area.

- April: Kutztown University with 13 of athletes.
- May: Lincoln University with 7 athletes.
- June: Widener University with all of the athletes ages 15-18.

## District Qualifiers

On June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> our track team took to Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania in our athletes' first step of qualifying for the Junior Olympics. In order to qualify for the next round, the athletes had to place in the top 16 in individual events and top 6 in relays. The next round in qualifying for the Junior Olympics would be the regional meet at Stockton University in Plainfield, New Jersey.

- Three of our athletes were crowned District Champions. Phillip Tejan-Kamara won the 9 year old 200m dash with a time of 29.32, Jaden Dorsey won the 80m hurdles in a time of 14.40, and Maya Bordrick won the 15-16 3000m run with a time of 11:38.
- Our female athletes were able to have twenty-one top 16 places and a 4x100m relay place in the top 6.
- Our male athletes had a total of 76 top 16 finishes as well as two 4x100m, 4x400m, and 4x800m relays finish in the top 6.

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## New Balance Nationals

From June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> Above Xpectations took a total of three Delaware high school relays to the 2018 New Balance Nationals Outdoor Track and Field Championships at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. This meet is the most recognized national high school meet in the country and showcases some of the best and upcoming high school talent from around the United States. To earn All-American honors, athletes must place in the top 6 overall in either the Emerging Elite Division or Championship Division.

- The three relays that represented the state of Delaware and Above Xpectations:
  1. New Castle County Championship winning 4x100m relay team from A.I. DuPont
  2. Division 2 State Champion 4x100m relay team from Howard Tech
  3. Division 1 State Champion and First Team All-State 4x400m relay team from Newark High School.

**10 out of the 12 relay athletes were active members of Above Xpectations.**

### Relay Results

- Howard's relay team of Isaiah Kelsey, Jordan Anderson, Chandler Albertson, and Stephen Forbi finished with a respectable time of 43.98.
- Newark High School team in the 4x400m relay with Brichon Shepard, Patrick LaPorte, Zach Coffing, and Demario Morgan won their heat in close fashion, finishing with a season's best time of 3:19.41 and breaking the school record they recently set at the Delaware Meet of Champions. Their outstanding performance placed them 5<sup>th</sup> place overall, crowning all four of them as high school All-Americans.

## Region 2 National Qualifier

From June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup> our athletes competed in the second and final round of Junior Olympic qualifying at the Region 2 qualifier meet. The meet was held at Stockton University in Plainfield, New Jersey. In order to qualify, our athletes and relays had to place in the top 6.

Above Xpectations had a total of 9 Gold Medalists, 15 Silver Medalists, and 6 Bronze Medalists. Six athletes and two relays were named Regional Champions.

- Maya Bordrick toughed out one of the hardest events on the track and won the 3000m run with a time of 11:36.95.
- Phillip Tejan-Kamara won the 200m dash with a time of 29.05.
- Jaden Dorsey went two for two in gold medals, winning both the 80m hurdles and high jump with a time of 14.46 and a height a 4 feet 4 inches.
- Desi Dawkins won his age group's high jump competition with a jump of 4 feet 8 inches.
- Treasur Williams leaped his way to a stellar victory in triple jump with a jump of 45 feet 10.5 inches.
- The 15-16 year old 4x100m relay team of Jaquai Bishop, Elijah Edmonds, Nazaire Miller, and Alex Varona relied on clean baton exchanges that carried them to a 1<sup>st</sup> place victory with a time of 44.41.
- The 17-18 year old 4x800m relay team of Demario Morgan, Bryan Delledonne, Cooper Knox, and Patrick LaPorte dominated the field with a victorious anchor leg that helped pull away from the field and place 1<sup>st</sup> with a time of 8:34.51.

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## Delaware Elite Invitational

On June 30<sup>th</sup> we competed locally at Baynard Stadium in Wilmington, Delaware in the Delaware Elite Invitational. The meet lasted more than 12 hours on one of the hottest days of the summer. However, even with those challenges, the Above Xpectations athletes showed grit and an unyielding persistence to win the meet hosted by one of our fierce Delaware rivals.

Above Xpectations had 14 Gold Medalists, 9 Silver Medalists, and 12 Bronze Medalists come from the meet, 17-18 Boys and the Open/Masters winning their respective age groups and earned the winning team trophy at the meet due to the extraordinary efforts by our youth and masters.

- Our 17-18 Boys dominated the day with athletes such as Lenford Kirlew, Zahmiere Lewis, and Patrick LaPorte scoring points in both the 200m dash and 400m dash.
- LaPorte also scored a crucial ten points in the 1500m run, which was one of the last and craziest events of the night- he dominated and finished with a time of 4:33.70.
- The Above Xpectations Open & Masters team demolished the meet, including stellar performances from Shemar Parker in the 100m dash, LaMar Bruton in the 200m and 400m dash, Jerome Holder in the 110m Hurdles, and Ryan Thompson in the 400m Hurdles.