



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: May 23, 2014

CONTACT: Steve Aggers, Athletic Director
(310) 287-4513 | 9000 Overland Ave. - Culver City, CA 90230

2 From WLAC Track Take State Championships 5 Named to All-American Team



WLAC's Ashlie Curenton wins State long jump championship with leap of 20'6.5"

Five student-athletes from the West Los Angeles College track & field team, including two who earned State Champion titles, were named to the United States Community College Track Coaches Association (USCCTCA) All-American team for Community Colleges. Earlier this season, the Wildcats men and women squads finished 2nd place in the competitive Western State Conference. Both programs have either placed 1st or 2nd every year since 2009, winning a total of 7 team titles and 68 individual titles.

The All-American were Dylan Alexander, men's 5000 meter State Champion; and Ashlie Curenton, women's long jump State Championship. Also honored were women's 4x100 relay team which included Shadonna Hunter, Mariah Richards-Maynard, Taji McKinley, and Curenton.

At the State meet held at Mt. San Antonio College earlier this month, Curenton won the title with a school record leap of 20'6 ½" in the long jump. Not to be outdone, the men earned a State championship in the 5000 meters; Dylan Alexander ran the 3.1 mile distance in 14:41.45. His mark was also a new school record. The two were named Western State Conference female and male "Athlete of the Year." The pair were part of 20 student-athletes named to the All-Conference team.

THE WOMEN

The ladies 4x1 quartet, Western State Conference Champs and SoCal runner-ups, placed 3rd at State. All four ladies were named to the All-Conference 1st Team. Hunter (long jump, 100, triple jump), McKinley (400), and Curenton (LJ, 100, 200), teamed up with Keishonda Rose (400) to win the conference 4x400 relay title, taking conference top honors. In addition to the 4x100, sophomore, Richards-Maynard was named All-Conference 1st team for the 100 hurdles, 400 hurdles, and triple jump; along with Frances Barnes in the pole vault. Susana Usher was named to the 2nd team in the 400 hurdles, and triple jump, as was Makenna Powell (pole vault). Kailah Padgett (high jump) and Yaminah Edwards were named to the honorable mention team.

~ continued ~

May 23, 2014

5 FROM WLAC TRACK NAMED TO ALL-AMERICAN TEAM...continued

THE MEN

All-Conference 1st Team selections for the Wildcat men, along with Alexander, included relay specialists Darien Richardson, Johnathan Douglas, Venzel Rucker, Terrynce Duke, Celestine Ikechi, Byran Lowery, and Kenneth Beaumont-Russell. Duke (high jump and long jump), Lowery (400 hurdles), Richardson (110 hurdles), and Ikechi (long jump) as were also named to the 1st team as individuals, in addition to Adrian Galindo (pole vault) and SoCal champ DeAndre Miller (triple jump 49'0 ³/₄"). Athletes named to the 2nd team for Wildcats included: Jude Olear (triple jump), Julio Romero and Issac Ortega (steeplechase), DeAnthony Evans (discus), and Lawrence Mendenhall (110 hurdles). Rounding out the Wildcat honorees with honorable mention all-conference honors were hurdler Jurnee Gibson, 400 meter runner Teyler Walker-Devine, vaulter Alex Sullivan, and multi-event athlete Tyler Bodison.

In total, 20 Wildcats earned All-Conference Honors.

###