

# PRESS RELEASE

## LOUISIANA HERSHEY YOUTH TRACK & FIELD PROGRAM

### 2009 NORTH AMERICAN FINALS

We have just returned from the North American Finals with 4 young men and 2 young women from Louisiana for the Hershey Youth Track & Field Program. There are more than one million young people, aged 9 to 14, each year that participate in the program through Local meets. Local meets are held throughout each State, Washington D.C. and each Province in Canada. Winners from these meets advance to State/Provincial meets. Each State/Provincial champion has their score compared to others in their same Region. There are eight Regions throughout North America. The Regional champion in each event is then chosen to represent their community, State and Region at the Finals. Only 550 young men and women are chosen for the all-expenses paid trip to the Finals. Each year the finals are held in Hershey, PA, the Sweetest Place on Earth. The four-day trip included parties, amusement parks, the track meet and a chance to meet people from all over North America.

Our nine participants, their age group, their events, their hometown, and their results are listed below:

Da'Naisha Lewis	Girls 9-10	100 Meter Dash	Lafayette	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	14.98 sec.
Morgan Thibeaux	Girls 11-12	100 Meter Dash	Youngsville	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	14.43 sec.
Mark Bonnet, II	Boys 9-10	Softball Throw	Lafayette	11 <sup>th</sup> Place	113' 10.5"
Quaterius Hawkins	Boys 9-10	100 Meter Dash	Bastrop	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	14.52 sec.
Kameron Cummings	Boys 11-12	100 Meter Dash	Baton Rouge	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	14.33 sec.
Trevious Crossley	Boys 13-14	100 Meter Dash	Bastrop	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	12.11 sec.

We congratulate these participants on their hard work and efforts to excel. Information and complete results for this program can be found at the website: [www.hersheystrackandfield.com](http://www.hersheystrackandfield.com)

