

PRESS RELEASE

LOUISIANA HERSHEY YOUTH TRACK & FIELD PROGRAM

2010 NORTH AMERICAN FINALS

We have just returned from the North American Finals with 6 young men and 3 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 460 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:

Kiana Johnson	Girls 9-10	100 Meter Dash	Bastrop	4 th Place	14.86 sec.
Tamia Taylor	Girls 9-10	200 Meter Dash	New Orleans	4 th Place	31.12 sec.
Jakiya White	Girls 9-10	400 Meter Dash	Bastrop	6 th Place	1 min. 13.19 sec.
Derius Davis	Boys 9-10	100 Meter Dash	St. Francisville	3 rd Place	14.27 sec.
Treyton Barnaba	Boys 9-10	200 Meter Dash	Carencro	4 th Place	30.60 sec.
Raekwon Dupre	Boys 11-12	200 Meter Dash	Carencro	7 th Place	28.69 sec.
Joshua Jackson	Boys 11-12	400 Meter Dash	Bastrop	8 th Place	1 min. 7.6 sec.
Dorian Gregory	Boys 11-12	Standing Long Jump	Breaux Bridge	4 th Place	7' 8"
Trevious Crossley	Boys 13-14	200 Meter Dash	Bastrop	3 rd Place	24.12 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.hersheystackandfield.com

For more information on the Louisiana State Program please visit our website at: www.lahershey.net

