



Class of 2009

JoVon M. (Gordon) Henry 1989 – 1995 (National Champion, Club Record Holder)

(Eight time region champion, ten time National Champion, holds 11 club records in three different age groups, all three accomplishments are more than any other D.C. Express athlete, and Entrepreneur)

Eric L. O'Brien 1988 – 1991 (National Champion, Club Record Holder, College Athletic Accomplishment)

(First D.C. Express male athlete to excel at national level, four time region champion, three time National Champion, set 3000m national record 1988, holds 9 club records in three different age groups, 1993 World Junior Champion 1500m)

Tisha L. (Prather) Wiggins 1987 – 1989 (National Champion, Club Record Holder, College Athletic Accomplishment)

(First D.C. Express female athlete to excel at national level, six time region champion, six time National Champion, holds 1 club record, 1989 bronze medalist World Junior Team, University of Tennessee Lady Vols top performers list through 2005 - #3 100m 11.29 – 11.16w / #6 200m 23.08 / #16 53.58 400m) UT record holder in the 100m 1993 – 1998)

Karsten C. Edwards 1987 – 1991 (National Champion, Club Record Holder, Contribution to Youth Development, D.C. Express Program Support)

(National champion and holds 3 club records, D.C. Express coach for six years, Founder and Head Coach of one of the top youth programs in the U.S., Track Phi Track Elite)

Dr. Rodney S. Lyn 1990 – 1991 (Academic Accomplishment, Contribution to Youth Development, D.C. Express Program Support)

(D.C. Express coach for eight years, currently assistant head coach, board member two years, Assistant Professor in the Institute of Public Health at Georgia State University, directs the Policy Leadership for Active Youth (PLAY) initiative, dual-major Bachelor's degree in Biology and Physical Education and a Master's degree in Exercise Science, and earned his PhD at Georgia State University)

Ronald S. Henderson 1984 – 2003 (Contribution to Youth Development, D.C. Express Program Support)

(Mentor, D.C. Express assistant head coach, board member, and athlete development director, directed the development and training of distance runners and track & field athletes for more than 45 years. Served as head coach at Southern University in New Orleans and two years at Dillard University in New Orleans, coach of the Coca-Cola Company Running team, his program produced several United States corporate champions and three Coca-Cola Company team corporate national championships).

Class of 2010

Vicinda M. Crawford 1985 (National Champion, Citizenship)

(Crawford, the club's first national champion (long jump, 20', 1985), is also being recognized by the club for her outstanding citizenship, basically for her contributions to the community.

Three years after completing her involvement with the D.C. Express Track Club, Inc., she joined the Marine Corps in 1988. Upon completion of her tour of duty with the Corps, she became an officer with the DeKalb County Police Department in 1992, and in 2006 was promoted to Police Sergeant).

Leon D. Bullard 1987 – 1992 (National Champion, Club Record Holder, College Athletic Accomplishment)

(Bullard earned this distinction by virtue of being a national champion, a club record holder and his collegiate athletic accomplishments while earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Wake Forest University.

Bullard, involved in this program from 1987-1992, was a two-time region champion (400/4x800) and a national champion in the 4x800. He holds five club records in four different events, and has the club's top three times in the 800m - 1:52.76, 1:54.51 and 1:54.78).

Sue (Walton) Caldwell 1990 (National Champion, Club Record Holder, College Athletic Accomplishment)

(Caldwell earned this distinction by virtue of being a national champion, a club record holder and for her collegiate athletic accomplishments while attending the University of Tennessee, where she was a 15-time All-American.

Caldwell, who came out of the program in 1990, was a six-time region champion (100m/200m/long jump) and four-time national champion - 100m/200m - AAU/USATF, and holds the club record in 100m (11.58). She was the GHSA State Champion in the 100m, 200m, long jump and 4x100, earning Most Outstanding Athlete honors in the process along with the distinction of being the Georgia Gatorade High School Track Athlete of the Year.

She was the SEC Female Comeback Athlete of the Year after recovering from a knee operation in which she was told she would never be able to compete again.

She went on to compete in the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Trials. She anchored the 4x100 Gold Medal Team at the Penn Relays for Tennessee, and also anchored the 4x100 Gold Medal Team for the Lady Vols at the World Games in Japan.

After her athletic career came to an end, she coached track at the University of Mississippi).

Sinclair (Sheneka) L. Griffin 1995 – 1997 (National Champion, Club Record Holder, College Athletic Accomplishment, D.C. Express Program Support)

(Griffin earned this distinction by virtue of being a National Champion, a club record holder and for her collegiate athletic accomplishments, which included being a two-time All-American at the University of Texas and a two-time All-American at the University of South Carolina, where she earned a degree in Business Administration-Management Science.

Griffin, who competed for the club from 1995 through 1997, was the first D.C. Express Track Club female athlete to excel at the national level in the 400m. She was a two-time region champion and eight-time national champion (400m/200m/4x400) and holds club record in the 400m (52.74).

She was the 1997 Outstanding Athlete Award winner in the 17-18 Division East Coast Invitational, when she placed first in the 400m in 53.63 and second in the 200m in 24.44.

She holds the club's top three times in the 400m: 52.74, 52.97 and 53.64.

Griffin was her high school Salutatorian and the DeKalb County Board of Education Scholar in 1997.

At the University of Texas, she excelled academically as well as athletically, twice being named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll and in 1998 was named to the Big XII All-Academic Team, while being the NCAA runner-up in the 4x400 the same year.

She came back from an injury and from 1999-2002 she excelled both academically and athletically at University of South Carolina, twice earning All-American honors.

In 2001, she was the NCAA Indoor Champion and broke the record in the 4x400. Furthermore, she was an SEC Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll selection from 1999-2002.

She returned to this area and was an assistant coach for the track club from 2005-2008, and has been a Board Member of the Club since 2006).

Class of 2011

Melynda (Mendy) Springer 1990 - 1991 (National Champion, Club Record Holder)

(Mendy, earned this distinction by virtue of being a National Champion, a club record holder and for her collegiate athletic accomplishments while attending the University of Florida, where she was a 4-time All-American.

Springer, who came out of the program in 1991, was a nine-time USATF/AAU State Champion (100m/200m/4x400/4x100 relay, two-time Region Champion (4x100, 4x400 relay Region record holder 3:50.70) and USATF National Champion – 4x400 relay, and holds the club record in 4x400 relay (3:45.50) and silver medalist 4x100 relay 46.98. She was the GHSA State Champion in the 400m & 4x400 relay.

She, received a full athletic scholarship to the University of Florida, graduated in 1996 and received a BS in Public Relations with a minor in Education).

Saidah Jones 1989 – 1993 (National Champion, Club Record Holder, College Athletic Accomplishment)

(Saidah earned this distinction by virtue of being a National Champion, a club record holder and her collegiate athletic accomplishments while earning a BA in Speech Communications from the University of Tennessee.

Saidah, involved in this program from 1989-1993, was a nine-time State Champion (400m/4x100/4x400), two-time Region Champion (4x100, 4x400 relay Region record holder 3:50.70) and USATF National Champion – 4x400 relay, and holds the club record in 4x400 relay (3:45.50) and silver medalist 4x100 relay 46.98.

At Tennessee, she was a Two time team captain, three times All-American in the 4x100, 4x400 and 400m.dash, five time All-SEC in the 4x100, 4x400 and 400, shares Tennessee's Women's Gatorade Classic Record 4x100 relay 43.99.A member of the 1998 World University Games 4x400).

Sonnetta Shiree (Cutts) Reynolds 1990 - 1991 (National Champion, Club Record Holder, College Athletic Accomplishment)

(Shiree earned this distinction by virtue of being a National Champion, a club record holder and for her collegiate athletic accomplishments while earning Bachelors in Political Science from Furman University.

Summer track: traveling, meeting different people, racing against national competitors, standing on the winner's podium, all very cool! Coaches: loud, encouraging, tough, high expectations, funny. Newspaper articles and local TV feature stories were nice. What do I miss? Being in shape, and being a competitor.

Shiree, involved in this program from 1990-1991, was a five-time USATF/AAU State Champion (400m/4x100/4x400), five-time USATF/AAU Region Champion (400m, 4x100, 4x400 relay Region record holder 3:50.70) and USATF National Champion – 4x400 relay, and holds the club record in 4x400 relay (3:45.50) and silver medalist 4x100 relay 46.98.

At Furman she was All-Southern Conference's Most Outstanding Performer Indoor Track in 1994, All-Southern Conference Champion in 200, 400, 600, 1600 meter relay from 1993-1995, and setting records in the 200 and 400 dash, legendary! Quarter mile lover, the challenge, the speed, the endurance, the pain, left the journey at 54.73).

Class of 2012

Monique Hunt 1991 – 1992 (National Champion, Club Record Holder, Collegiate Athletic & Academic Accomplishment)

(The induction of this consummate student-athlete, who excelled in the program during 1991 and 1992, took place on August 11, 2012. Monique attained plaudits on the collegiate level, earned All-America honors, and was recognized for being a National Champion and club record-holder while a member of the club. During this same time, she excelled academically.

Even before joining the D.C. Express Track Club, Inc. in the summer of 1991, and helping the Young Women's 4 x 400m team earn a TAC/USA Jr. Olympic national championship with a 3:45.50 club-record clocking, and setting another individual club record with a 2:13.92 time in the 800m for Young Women during the same period, she had been already a star on the cinders.

By the time she entered The Lovett School, she had earned a Junior Olympic national title in the 1500m. At Lovett, she earned myriad academic and athletic honors, including a National Merit Scholarship and Cum Laude honors, while being the Class AA State Runner-up in cross country in 1988 and 1990 and leading the Lions to one of several state track and field championships as she excelled with individual titles and record-setting performances in the 800m and 1600m runs. In her senior year at Lovett she won additional state championships in the 400m, 800m and 1600m runs.

Such impressive credentials and accolades earned Monique a full track scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where as a freshman she earned All-American honors for her contributions to the 4 x 800m relay team that placed fifth at the indoor national meet. In 1995, she was the indoors and outdoors ACC champion in the 800m.

She graduated from UNC in 1996 with a B.S. in Biology and was invited to participate in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Trials in the 800m run).

Lonnie White, III 1989 – 1990 (Contribution to Youth Development, Citizenship, Collegiate Athletic & Academic Accomplishment)

(The induction of this special student-athlete, who excelled in the program during 1989 and 1990, and attained numerous plaudits on the collegiate level, took place August 11, 2012, when he was recognized for his myriad accomplishments, most especially those dealing with academics, and his contributions to youth development.

As a member of D.C. Express, Lonnie achieved two TAC and AAU state championships in the long jump and 4 x 100 relay events. The Stone Mountain High School graduate left that program with school records in the 110 hurdles, long jump and triple jump, and earned a track and academic scholarship to Albany State College.

At Albany State, he attained all-conference honors from Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (S.I.A.C.) in the long jump and 4 x 400 relay three times. He was a three-time Division II national qualifier and NCAA Division II Track and Field All-American in the long jump from 1991 through 1994.

Academically, Lonnie was recognized every year as a Honda Division II Academic All-American student athlete. During his senior year, he was awarded the Laura Triplett Memorial Award that is given to the S.I.A.C. male athlete with the highest G.P.A.

He graduated from Albany State with a 3.98 GPA with a degree in middle grades education, received a fellowship from the national common ground consortium to complete his master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

In 1997, Lonnie started Running Panthers Track Club, which became the first competitive summer track team to compete in Clayton and/or the Southern Crescent area).

Class of 2013

Kelly Carter - 1987

1987 USA vs Cuban 400m Hurdles Champion

1987 USA Junior National 400m Hurdles Champion

1988 USA Junior National 400m Hurdles Champion

Auburn University

Rita (Evans) Whidbee – 1984-1986

1984 – 1986 (first member of D.C. Express)

1985 – AAU Region 3 Champion 100m

1985 – AAU Junior Olympic Nationals – Silver 100m, Bronze 400m

South Carolina State University

Gloria J. Green – 1990-Present

1991 – Board Member/Parent Booster Club Representative, Executive Committee/Chaperones

1992 – Board Member/Vice Chair Administration/Vice President Administration Executive Committee

1993 – Board Member/Vice Chair/Vice President Administration

1994 - 1996 – Board Vice President Administration/Executive Committee Vice President/Corporate Fundraising

1997 – 2007 - Board Vice President/Legal Counsel

2007 – 2012 - Board Member/Legal Counsel

2013 – Board Chair/Legal Counsel

Charles Prather – 1990-2007

1991 – Executive Committee/ Parent Booster Club Fundraising

1992 – Board Member/Treasurer/Vice Chair Executive Committee

1993 – 2007 – Board Member

1992 – 2007 – Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer Meet Management – Data Entry (D.C. Express Hosted/Sponsored Track Meets) Created Registration Database (currently in use)

2009 - D.C. Express Track Club's President's Award

Class of 2014

Wendy Collins

(The induction takes place while the club is celebrating its 30th Anniversary. The awards banquet, hall of fame affair and anniversary was held at the Floyd Veteran Memorial Building in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 27, 2014.

Ms. Collins, involved with the club since 1996, has worn numerous proverbial hats to warrant this most deserved recognition, according to Ron Williams, the founder, president and head coach of the organization, who quite often refers to her as "my right-hand person."

Ms. Collins had two children, Darryl and Teresa, participate in the program from 1996 through 2008, to experience first-hand the benefits of being members of the celebrated organization, which promotes much more than athleticism, mainly character development and academic excellence.

From 1996-2006, Ms. Collins was a Board Member and served as Vice President of the Executive Committee. She also took the time to chaperone events.

And from 2007-2010, she continued her leadership role as a Board Member, serving as Executive Vice President and continuing to volunteer time as a chaperone.

Since that time, until the present, Ms. Collins has been the Board Vice Chair. "Your commitment to this program, to the youth that have come through this organization, and your support of my efforts to ensure that this program continues to operate on a first-class basis, certainly has been laudable and truly commendable."

Dwight Phillips

(The induction takes place while the club is celebrating its 30th Anniversary. The awards banquet, hall of fame affair and anniversary was held at the Floyd Veteran Memorial Building in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 27, 2014.

Phillips, a Tucker High School product, was only involved in the program in 1994, but he made the most of that one year and used that one season to springboard into National and World wide prominence. In his lone season with the club, Phillips became the USATF Region III champion in the long jump, setting the record in the process. He also was a USATF Region III silver medalist in the 400m run. And at the USATF Youth National Championships he was a silver medalist in both the 200m and long jump.

From there, Phillips matriculated to Arizona State University, where he went on to attain national prominence and became the most celebrated Olympic athlete the program has produced. Though this list of accomplishments does not record all of Phillips' achievements, it demonstrates the scope of his outstanding career in track and field and why honoring him to the organization's Hall of Fame was richly deserved and obligatory).

- * Five-time USA Outdoor Long Jump Champion - 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009 and 2010.
- * Three-time USA Outdoor Runner-up Long Jump - 2005, 2006, 2008.
- * 2001 USA Indoor Long Jump Champion.
- * Four-time World Outdoor Championships, Gold Medalist - 2003, 2005, 2009, 2011.
- * 2004 Olympic Games Gold Medalist.
- * 2003 World Indoor Championships Gold Medalist.
- * 2007 World Outdoor Championships Bronze Medalist.
- * Two-Time NCAA Outdoor Runner-up - 1999, 2000.
- * 2014 USOC Ambassador / Role Model - Youth Olympic Games Nanjing, China.

Ron Williams

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In 1984, Williams founded the D.C. Express Track Club with the purpose of creating a developmental/competitive program that focused on combining the physical attributes of student-athletes with that of academic excellence.

And to see that his dream would be operated as he intended it, Williams became the president and head coach of the organization, which prides itself on developing quality performers, both as athletes and citizens, not just running through large numbers of participants, in keeping with his concept of doing everything -- literally and figuratively -- first class.

Over the past 30 years Williams, who played baseball and ran track at Murphy High School in Atlanta, got involved in track and field because his daughter took to it, has gone on to earn international acclaim for his knowledge of the sport, his ability to coach and motivate young track and field athletes, and for his commitment and dedication to spreading the proverbial gospel of its benefits).

Here are some of the honors that have been accorded to this soft-spoken and devoted proponent of the sport.

* 1996 - Field of Play Marshall and Warm-up Track Coordinator at Olympic Stadium/Summer Olympic Games and US Olympic Trials

* 1996 - USA Track & Field National Youth Committee "Frank Sevigne Award" recipient for outstanding contribution to Youth Athletics

* 2001 - Head Coach - Team USA/IAAF World Youth Championships held in Debrecen, Hungary, the first USA World Youth Team Championship

* 2009 - Assistant Manager/Relay Coach - Team USA/IAAF World Youth Championships, Bessanone, Italy

* 2011 - Elected President - USATF National Youth Track Coaches Association

* 2014 - Head Coach - Team USA Summer Youth Olympic Team / Nanjing, China

Class of 2017

Janelle Briggs

D.C. Express member 1993 – 1995

1993 - 800m USATF Region Champion

1994 – USATF Youth National Champion 4x100 & 4x400 relay

USATF Junior Olympic silver medalist 4x100 relay

1995 - USATF Youth National silver medalist 4x100 relay

2008 – 2016 - Assistant Coach

2012 - President's Award

2015-2016 - Board Member

University of Tennessee

Stone Mountain High School

Janelle, whose dedication and support have been vital to the success of the organization, has contributed her many talents in countless ways, as a athlete, supporter, and unselfishly involved as a coach, her leadership have helped bring to fruition our purposes and goals.

Avery (Kelley) Luna

D.C. Express member 1990 - 1999

Six time National Champion (4x400)

Four time silver medalist (Nationals) 4x400

Silver & Bronze medalist 800m (Nationals)

Silver medalist 400m (Nationals)

Bronze medalist 400m (Nationals)

Technical Sergeant Avery Kelley Luna currently serves her country with honor in the United States Air Force. She graduated with honors from Lithonia High School, attended Georgia Tech and received her Aviation Maintenance Technology degree from the Community College of the Air Force. During her fifteen year career in the Air Force, she has received many awards. Some of the awards received by Tech Sergeant Luna include the meritorious service award for service at the Royal Air Force Base in Lakenheath, England, several achievement medals and two Korean Defense medals. An avid traveler, she has been fortunate to have been stationed in such places as Honolulu, Hawaii, the United Kingdom, Korea, New Mexico, South Carolina and Texas. Through her service, Tech Sergeant Luna has also traveled to such places as Germany, Dubai, Scotland, Italy, Japan and Spain. During her career, she held special duty assignments in Las Vegas, Afghanistan and Alaska and was nominated for a prestigious assignment at the US Air Force Academy.

She is married to Andrew Luna, also serving in the Air Force and has two sons.

Nathaniel Jackson

Coach Jackson has been an invaluable asset to the club for numerous years through the present. He has been selfless in his service of time, skills and financial support.

Board Member: 1991-1998

Volunteer/Supporter: 1998 – 2003

Assistant Coach: 2004 – present

President's Award: 2009

Nathaniel Jackson has had a passion for track and field since he ran his first Peachtree Road Race in 1989. He later became the track booster club president at the local high school where son ran track.

Jackson extended his running to participate in 5K, 10K, half marathons, and 4 marathons. He was a certified track official for USA Track and Field in 1997.

Myles Mitchom

D.C. Express member 1989 – 1990

1989 – USATF Region Champion 4x800 Relay

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AAU Region Champion 4x800 Relay

USATF National Champion 4x800 Relay

Upon graduating from high school, Myles accepted an athletic scholarship to continue his track career at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While there, he competed in the 400 and 800 meters and metaled in several Atlantic 10 conference championships. In August 1995, he received a Bachelor's of Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from the school.

A month later, he began his professional career as a Sales Consultant at Gwinnett Place Honda in Duluth, Ga. In October 1999, he made a career change and joined State Farm Insurance where he has been for nearly 18 years serving in various leadership positions in their Public Affairs and Marketing departments.

Myles is also the founder and Chief KARologist at KAR Atlanta, a licensed independent pre-owned vehicle dealership who has served thousands of customers over the past 14 years.

Class of 2019

Ronnie White – 2006 – 2019 (Contribution to Youth Development, D.C. Express Program Support & Outstanding Service)

2006 - 2019 – Board Member – Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

2014 - D.C. Express Track Club's President's Award

Ron, whose dedication and support have been vital to the success of the organization, has contributed his many talents in countless ways, treasurer, chief financial officer, supporter, and unselfishly involved as a major financial contributor, his leadership have helped bring to fruition our purposes and goals.

Yvonne Bryant – 1989 – 1998 (Coach, Board Member, Contribution to Youth Development, D.C. Express Program Support & Outstanding Service)

1989 - Parent

1990 – Assistant Coach & Fund-Raising Committee

1991 – 1992 - Assistant Head Coach

1992 – Board Secretary

1993 – Assistant Coach & Secretary

1994 – 1996 – Assistant Coach

1997 – 1998 – Assistant Head Coach

2017 – 2019 – Board Member

Yvonne, whose dedication and support have been vital to the success of the organization, has contributed her many talents in countless ways, as a secretary, supporter, and unselfishly involved as a coach, board member and parent, her leadership have helped bring to fruition our purposes and goals.

Andrea (Pappas) Ausmus – 1995 – 1996 (National Champion, Club Record Holder, College Athletic Accomplishment)

Discus – Shot Put – Javelin (Club Records)

1995 – Region 3 Champion – Discus, Javelin and Silver – Shot Put

1995 – USATF Youth Nationals – Silver – Shot Put, Bronze – Discus, Javelin

1995 – USATF Junior Olympic Nationals – Bronze – Discus

1996 – Region 3 Champion - Discus, Javelin, Shot Put

1996 – USATF Youth Nationals – Silver – Shot Put, Bronze – Discus, 4th Javelin

1996 – USATF Junior Olympic Nationals – Gold – Shot Put

USA Junior National Champion in the shot put and was a two-time Georgia high school state champion in both the shot and the discus.

Brookwood High School

Florida State University

College of San Mateo

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Andrea was the best all-around thrower I've met, she was a great asset to our program, willing to try a new event (javelin) and became pretty good at it!