

2026 SEASON SUMMARY & COLLEGIATE LEGACY

UNITED SOUTHERN EXPRESS TRACK CLUB — EST. 2008

“WE BUILD CHAMPIONS”

United Southern Express Track Club (US Express) has served as an elite youth and adult athletic developmental program since 2008. Dedicated to training young champions and masters competitors, our organization is split across three distinct **Practice Sites** (Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Lake Charles). This 2026 Season Summary celebrates the record-breaking performances, National All-Americans, and the rich legacy of 73 collegiate athletic placements spanning more than 18 years of program excellence.

2026 SEASON AT A GLANCE

TOTAL ROSTER 190 Youth Athletes Trained	REGIONAL ADVANCE 71% 71% Advanced from Assoc.	ALUMNI LEGACY 73 Athletic College Placements
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SECTION 1: ROSTER SUMMARY & PRACTICE SITES

In 2026, US Express trained **190 youth athletes** across south Louisiana. Rather than operating as isolated chapters, our organization utilizes three highly integrated **Practice Sites** to ensure elite coaching resources, equipment, and championship-track schedules are delivered uniformly to all competitors. Baton Rouge serves as the central hub, complemented by regional powerhouses in Lafayette and Lake Charles.

PRACTICE SITE	ATHLETE COUNT	ROSTER SHARE	SITE ROLE & CHARACTERISTICS
Baton Rouge	168 Athletes	88.42% of Roster	Central athletic and training hub; holds majority share of youth and multi-event competitors.
Lafayette	13 Athletes	6.84% of Roster	Strong localized regional site representing elite sprint and hurdle athletic talent.
Lake Charles	9 Athletes	4.74% of Roster	Sustained athletic site with a legacy of exceptional masters points and throwers.

SECTION 2: CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRESSION SERIES

US Express athletes demonstrated elite championship competitive depth in 2026, with **71% of Association competitors advancing to Regionals**, and **70% of Regional competitors reaching the National Junior Olympics**. The club's multi-tier championship advancement rate remains one of the highest in the Gulf and USATF Southern Region.

PRACTICE SITE	ATHLETE COUNT	ROSTER SHARE	SITE ROLE & CHARACTERISTICS
1. Association	62 Athletes	32.63% of Club Roster	First championship series tier. Competed at Carl Maddox Field House and regional sites (BR: 45, Lafayette: 11, LC: 6).
2. Regional	44 Athletes	70.97% of Association	Regional qualifiers. Exceptional success rates: Lake Charles (83.3%), Lafayette (72.7%), Baton Rouge (68.9%).
3. USATF Nationals	31 Athletes	70.45% of Regional	Qualified for National Junior Olympics. Represented by 21 from BR, 6 from Lafayette, 4 from Lake Charles.
4. AAU Nationals	5 Athletes	Specialized Qualifiers	Elite competitors registering national qualifiers, including 4 from Baton Rouge and 1 from Lafayette.

Note on AAU Nationals: The club's AAU national representatives represent specialized track/field event types where athletes registered and successfully qualified in their distinct divisions.

SECTION 3: 2026 NATIONAL ALL-AMERICANS

Five exceptional young athletes from the Baton Rouge practice site earned All-American honors on the national stage, representing the highest individual athletic placements of the 2026 outdoor season. These performances secured critical national club points and highlighted versatile athletic disciplines, including multi-events.

ATHLETE	AGE & DIVISION	ATHLETIC EVENT	NATIONAL STAGE	PLACEMENT & CLUB POINTS
Bruce Matlock III	11 Years	High Jump	AAU Nationals	2nd Place (Silver) — 8 Points (Top individual placing)
Blake Pappion	11-12 Years	High Jump	USATF Nationals	6th Place — 3 Points (Elite high jump final)
Rylee Riggins	9-10 Years	Triathlon	USATF Nationals	6th Place — 3 Points (Multi-discipline performance)
Collis Temple IV	11-12 Years	Pentathlon	USATF Nationals	7th Place — 2 Points (Exceptional decathlon prep)
Madison Easley	15-16 Years	800m Run	USATF Nationals	7th Place — 2 Points (Highly competitive mid-distance)

SECTION 4: ALL-TIME CLUB POINT-SCORERS

US Express maintains an all-time point standings database. The rankings demonstrate Baton Rouge as the predominant youth division powerhouse, sweeping the top 5 historical placements. For the Masters division, Lake Charles claims the #1 spot overall through John Pouche, Jr.'s unmatched 104-point career, followed closely by Baton Rouge's Jody Shepard.

YOUTH RANK & ATHLETE	SITE	TOTAL PTS	MASTERS RANK & ATHLETE	SITE	TOTAL PTS
1. Laila Guy	Baton Rouge	47.00	1. John Pouche, Jr.	Lake Charles	104.00
1. Collis Temple IV	Baton Rouge	47.00	2. Jody Shepard	Baton Rouge	91.50
3. Jonah Mayes	Baton Rouge	31.00	3. Charles Jackson	Lake Charles	78.50
4. Molly Cramer	Baton Rouge	30.25	4. Jonathan Robinson	Baton Rouge	24.00
5. Danai Metoyer	Baton Rouge	29.00	4. Carey Auzenne	Baton Rouge	24.00

Coaching & Point Legacy Insights: All-time standing points are accumulated during national championships. Laila Guy and Collis Temple IV's tie in the Youth standings represents historic dominance, while John Pouche, Jr.'s extraordinary 104 points demonstrates the incredible athletic longevity trained within the Lake Charles masters program.

SECTION 5: 13 NEW CLUB OUTDOOR RECORDS

US Express athletes established **13 new outdoor records** in 2026, showcasing incredible range across six age divisions. Special recognition goes to the throwing division, where Keondric Brown and Gordon Rush set historic physical benchmarks.

- Younger Divisions (U6 - 12 Yrs)**
 - **Briton Temple (U6):** 400m Dash — 1:42.37 (June 6, 2026)
 - **Briton Temple (U6):** 800m Run — 3:52.62 (June 6, 2026)
 - **Rylee Riggins (9-10):** 100m Dash — 13.73 (July 27, 2026)
 - **Rylee Riggins (9-10):** 200m Dash — 29.13 (July 27, 2026)
 - **Rylee Riggins (9-10):** Long Jump — 4.50m (July 9, 2026)
 - **Collis Temple IV (11-12):** Outdoor Pentathlon — 2181 pts (July 27, 2026)
- Middle (13-16 Yrs) & Senior (17-18 Yrs) Divisions**
 - **Eden Temple (13-14)** — *University Lab MS:* 800m Run — 2:17.80 (May 30, 2026)
 - **Eden Temple (13-14)** — *University Lab MS:* 3000m Run — 11:04.42 (May 23, 2026)
 - **Madison Easley (15-16)** — *Slaughter Comm. Charter:* 800m Run — 2:17.47 (July 27, 2026)
 - **Angel Bolden (15-16)** — *Episcopal BR High:* Long Jump — 5.55m (July 9, 2026)
 - **William Martin (15-16)** — *Catholic BR High:* Male Long Jump — 6.37m (July 9, 2026)
 - **Keondric Brown (17-18)** — *Brusly High:* Shot Put — 14.83m (June 19, 2026)
 - **Gordon Rush (17-18)** — *University Lab High:* Javelin — 196-00.00 (May 16, 2026)

SECTION 6: 2026 SENIORS & COLLEGIATE COMMITMENTS

Seven graduating seniors from our training programs have committed to collegiate track and field programs. Among them, three outstanding leaders received club scholarships.

SENIOR ATHLETE	PRACTICE SITE / HIGH SCHOOL	SIGNED COLLEGE PROGRAM	EVENT TYPE & DETAILS
▯ Kennedy Papillion	Baton Rouge / St. Joseph High	Univ. of Southern Mississippi	Jumper — Team Scholarship Recipient
▯ Ethan Washington	Baton Rouge / Glen Oaks	Wiley College	Sprinter — Team Scholarship Recipient
▯ Peyton Porier	Lafayette High	Spring Hill College	Hurdler — Team Scholarship Recipient
Henry Mensman	Baton Rouge / Catholic High	Rice University	Sprinter — Legacy Commitment
Austen Nelson	Baton Rouge / Dutchtown High	Oral Roberts University	Jumper — Legacy Commitment
Aniyha Lavan	Lake Charles / Barbe High	Northwestern State Univ.	Sprinter/Jumper — Legacy Commitment
Dakota Pitcher	Baton Rouge / Central High	Wiley College	Sprinter — Legacy Commitment

SECTION 7: HISTORIC COLLEGIATE PLACEMENT FOOTPRINT

73 Total Alumni Placements: US Express has successfully placed 73 athletes into competitive college programs.

- **Baton Rouge:** 46 Placements (63.0%)
- **Lafayette:** 17 Placements (23.3%)
- **Lake Charles:** 6 Placements (8.2%)
- **Previous Sites:** 4 Placements (5.5%)

[Historic Placements Chart]

Top University Partners:

University of Louisiana at Lafayette leads with 7 placements, followed closely by Southern University with 6, and University of Southern Mississippi and Dillard University with 5 each. The remaining placements are distributed across 32 other prestigious colleges and universities nationwide.