Track and Field Senior Spotlight

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As the season comes to a close, CP Track and Field celebrated senior night on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>5/1</u> highlighting the amazing accomplishments of the team's graduating class.

<mark>West Burns</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? Four years.

What is your favorite memory?

Getting post-practice food at Teapot or Juneov with Aurey, Cole, and Caleb, as well as running at Dan Gabor while it was pouring rain multiple years in a row.

What are your plans after CP?

I am planning on going to San Diego State University and majoring in biology.

What do you do with your free time?

In my free time, I love to go to concerts, go to the beach, and hang out with friends.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your CP experience?

I had a really wonderful time running track and field on this team, and I would like to thank all of my coaches and teammates.

Jamilton Choc

How long have you been doing T&F? Three years.

What is your favorite memory?

Teamwork. Runners always help each other to inspire and discipline others as well as themselves.

What are your plans after CP?

After CP, I'm going to a four-year college and pursuing my career!

What do you do with your free time?

Photography, running, and reading.

Nathanial Fiddyment

How long have you been doing T&F? Three years.

What is your favorite memory?

Doing runs with friends and getting together during pasta feeds.

What are your plans after CP?

Going to DVC and graduating.

What do you do with your free time?

Video games and zoology.

<mark>Vahe Gregorian</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? Four years.

What is your favorite memory?

Breaking the five-minute mile mark in the mile for the first time.

What are your plans after CP?

Attending DVC.

What do you do with your free time?

Hang out with friends and family, spend time outside, play video games, and work on cars.

<mark>Violet Gum</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? Four years.

What is your favorite memory?

Receiving my varsity letter in junior year.

What are your plans after CP?

I plan on going to DVC for two years for general education and studying about the human body, and then transferring to a UC to get my bachelor's degree. My ultimate goal is to become a physical therapist/sports trainer.

What do you do with your free time?

I hang out with my best friends and my mom, play with my dogs and farm animals, and take photos. I watch anime and cosplay as my favorite characters. I've done taekwondo for 11 years and I'm a third-degree black belt.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your CP experience?

Treasure the time that you have right now because you won't ever get it back. Make as many memories as you can, because before you know it, you'll be a senior.

<mark>Izaac Jinks</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? Four years.

What is your favorite memory?

Running and beating my PR for long jump this year.

What are your plans after CP?

I plan to attend a four-year university.

What do you do with your free time?

In my free time, I lift weights, play video games, go fishing, and box.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your CP experience?

Overall I had a great four years of track.

<mark>Abby Knipping</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? Four years.

What is your favorite memory?

Getting two PRs at Granada Sprint and Distance Festival sophomore year.

What are your plans after CP?

Going to DVC and then transferring to a UC to major in Administration of Justice.

What do you do with your free time?

I see friends and play in band.

Blake Leung

How long have you been doing T&F? Four years.

What is your favorite memory?

Driving out to Berkeley to run along the water with Brennon, Noah, and Griffin, and winning NCS during the cross-country season.

What are your plans after CP?

Double majoring in Criminology & Law and Theater at the University of California Irvine.

What do you do with your free time?

Blake has been an actor at Poison Apple Productions for 13 years. He is currently playing the starring role in Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your CP experience?

It has been such a privilege to see you all learn to love the sport and achieve your goals during my time here.

<mark>Cole Maciula</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? Three years.

What is your favorite memory?

My favorite memory in track was getting boba with West and Aurey after practice and witnessing someone randomly break into dance.

What are your plans after CP?

After CP I plan to attend UC Santa Cruz and major in Business Managerial Economics.

What do you do with your free time?

In my free time, I enjoy playing basketball, going to the gym, thrifting, and hanging out with my friends and girlfriend.

<mark>Liam Moore</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? Four years.

What is your favorite memory?

Going to Arcadia to run the 4x1600 relay where we broke the school record.

What are your plans after CP?

Attending Cal Poly SLO to major in Business Administration.

What do you do with your free time?

I play video games and hang out with family and friends.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your CP experience?

I've really enjoyed all four years here, it's been an awesome experience.

<mark>Andrew Oiwa</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? Three and a half years.

What is your favorite memory?

Meeting new people.

What are your plans after CP?

Attending a four-year college.

What do you do with your free time?

I'm interested in mechanics/engineering.

<mark>Yumiko Oiwa</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? One year and one day.

What is your favorite memory? Jumping.

What are your plans after CP? Surviving.

What do you do with your free time? Homework.

<mark>Aydin Quatacker</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? Three years.

What is your favorite memory?

My favorite memory was all of freshman year. We only had a couple of seniors to help coach hurdles and they were so much fun to work with. They hooked in my love for the event and that's why I still run hurdles to this day.

What are your plans after CP?

I plan on attending CSU Monterey Bay and majoring in Japanese Language and Culture. Afterwards, I hope to become a music and English teacher in Japan.

What do you do with your free time?

In my free time I like to draw and read. I also love spending time with friends and family and going out for food.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your CP experience?

Shout out to Gianna and Coach Steve for being amazing hurdle coaches.

<mark>Jack Rattary</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? Four years.

What is your favorite memory?

Going to Arcadia all four years and breaking the school record in the 3200 meters.

What are your plans after CP?

Attending Chico State and running cross country and track.

What do you do with your free time?

Hang out with friends, explore, and play Fortnite.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your CP experience? Lock in.

<u>Molly Rattary</u>

How long have you been doing T&F? This is my first year doing track.

What is your favorite memory?

Making new friends and pushing each other to run faster times.

What are your plans after CP?

After CP, I plan to attend DVC for two years and then transfer to a four-year school, or go to LMC for firefighting.

What do you do with your free time?

In my free time I like to hang out with friends, go on adventures, bake, play other sports, or just spend time with my family.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your CP experience?

I want to say thank you to the coaches for this season. I had a really fun season and enjoyed getting to share my last high school sports season with my brother who definitely encouraged me to run better and better as the season went on.

<mark>Aurey Taylor</mark>

How long have you been doing T&F? Four years.

What is your favorite memory?

Running at NCS during sophomore year, hitting a PR, and then watching the team in last place run two seconds faster than us. Also, witnessing the man, the myth, the legend, Samson, run a wind legal, sub-14 second 100M dash, or witnessing the final 100 meters of his 400-meter dash at the Benicia Dual Meet.

What are your plans after CP?

Go to Cal Poly SLO for Business.

What do you do with your free time?

Make money, cook, and of course play Clash Royale.