

Golden Elite Track & Field Club NewsLetter



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Golden Elite athletes recently enjoyed a VIP experience courtesy of the Pensacola Opera Voices for Change Event, where they were treated to a special reception before attending a performance of Die Fledermaus! At Golden Elite, we go beyond traditional track club activities by exposing our athletes to a diverse range of experiences, including the arts. It's moments like these that enrich their lives and broaden their horizons, instilling in them a passion for culture and creativity that extends far beyond the track.



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Community Recognition

Golden Elite is thrilled to announce that we've been awarded the prestigious Special Achievement recognition from the Pensacola Sports Association! This honor not only celebrates our organization's outstanding accomplishments but also acknowledges our recent accolade as the AAU Zone B Club of the Year. None of this would have been achievable without the unwavering support of our incredible board, dedicated volunteer coaches, and the relentless commitment of our athletes and parents. But the celebration doesn't end there! We're ecstatic to share that our high school freshman sensation, Andrew Beronet, has also been bestowed with the Special Achievement Award. Andrew's remarkable feat of being the fastest 14-year-old in the nation in the 3000m race is a testament to his extraordinary talent and dedication. We are immensely proud of Andrew and grateful for the continued success and recognition of Golden Elite. Here's to many more victories and milestones ahead! 🏆🌟

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The Justin Gatlin Freshman & Sophomore Invitational

Golden Elite Track and Field Club joined forces with Pensacola native and five-time Olympian, Justin Gatlin, to orchestrate the inaugural Justin Gatlin Freshman and Sophomore Invitational on March 23, 2024. This landmark event underscored Gatlin's dedication to giving back to his community and the sport that shaped his journey.

Sanctioned by the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA), the invitational introduced an innovative format previously unseen in Florida high school track and field. Over 280 promising athletes from various schools across the state, including Blountstown, Choctawhatchee, and Escambia, showcased their talents at the meet.

This invitational set itself apart by focusing exclusively on freshman and sophomore athletes, providing them with a platform to shine. Participants received personalized medals and trophies, with top achievers even crowned and seated on a throne chair, symbolizing their triumphs.

The event's success was made possible by the generous contributions of donors, supportive parents, dedicated athletes, the Golden Elite Track and Field Club board, and diligent volunteers. Their unwavering commitment illuminated the invitational, making it an unparalleled success.

Golden Elite extends gratitude to Event Sponsor Pensacola Sports Association, which granted a \$5000 Community Grant to further the club's initiatives. Over five years, Pensacola Sports Association has been an invaluable ally, championing track and field in the community.

At its core, Golden Elite strives to offer a safe and inclusive platform for young athletes to showcase their abilities, nurture confidence, and embrace a healthy lifestyle through track and field.

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Athlete's Spotlight



Let's highlight three remarkable athletes from our program. Joshua Chappell, who discovered his passion for distance running in 7th grade, has since participated in prestigious events like the Krul Lake Half Marathon and the Double Bridge Run. With notable achievements like placing 9th overall in the Bay to Breakfast 8K, along with multiple age group awards in Turkey Trot 5Ks, Joshua's dedication to logging hundreds of miles this year alone is truly commendable.

Next, we celebrate Bryson Bivins, whose academic prowess shines brightly with seven A's on his Quarter 4 report card in various subjects. Not only excelling academically, but Bryson is also coming out of his shell through participation in extracurricular activities like being cast in the 3rd grade play, much to the delight of his supportive parents.

Lastly, let's recognize Ava Gossett, a kindergarten student who's already exceeding expectations in reading. Not only is Ava showing advanced reading skills for her age, but she also demonstrates promising talent in basketball dribbling and gymnastics, currently excelling at level three. These three athletes exemplify the dedication and talent fostered within our program.

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Our Impact

Our 2024 outdoor track and field season boasts a strong roster of 91 registered athletes aged 6-18, showcasing our commitment to providing opportunities for youth development and athletic growth.

Coaches Corner

Inspirational words... “Know that you will never be perfect, but always try your best as you do not want to look back on life and think, I should have tried harder.”

Coach Natalie Lyle-Moore



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



2024 FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL

Fred Levin Way Fest
Celebration of Giving

FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
KIDS ACTIVITIES • PRIZES • FOOD TRUCKS
DJ LAO • JORDAN CHASE FROM AMERICAN IDOL/THE VOICE
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SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024 11:00-3:00
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