

Olympians**Ashley Spencer Lawrence North 2008 – 2011**

Ashley was an IHSAA state hurdler contender from 2009 -2011, winning the 2010 100 hurdlers and placing second in the 300 hurdlers in 2009 and 2011, and 2011 100hurdles.

She attended the University of Illinois winning two NCAA titles before transferring to the University of Texas. At the 2012 World Junior Championships, Spencer won two golds (400and 4x400 relay. She finished third at the 2013 USA Outdoor Championships to assured her a place on the World Championships in Moscow and a gold medal. Spencer continued to be ranked on the world list until she won the bronze medal in the 2016 Olympics.

Athletes**Skyler Carpenter Westview 2012**

Seven-Time State Champ. 300 Hurdles 2010 43.31, 2011 42.03 (STATE RECORD), 2012 42.20; 100 Hurdles 2011 14.36, 2012 14.13; Long Jump 2011 18' 3.5", 2012 18' 10.5". Also State Runner-Up in the long jump in 2010. Fell in the finals of the 100 hurdles in 2010 after running the second fastest time in the prelims. 2011 300 hurdle victory was over future Olympic Medalist, Ashley Spencer. Competed collegiately at Vanderbilt.

Waverly Neer Westfield/Culver Academies 2011

Three-Time State Champ with 2 State Records – 2010 Cross Country, 2011 1600 at 4:43.46 (record still stands) & 3200 record at 10:20.66. Also, a member of 2007 XC state champ team & 2008 state champ 4x800 while at Westfield. Four-Time State Runner-Up 1600 2009, 2010; 3200 2008, 2009. Two-Time IN Gatorade Athlete of the Year, National HS record holder indoor 5000 at 16:35.15, & National Jr champ outdoors 3000 at 9:16.23 (meet record). Earned 5 All-American honors at Columbia & Oregon.

Andy Bayer Leo 2008

Steeplechase 2019 IAAF World Outdoor 12th place, 2 – third and 1 – fourth at USATF Outdoors, 4th place 2016 Olympic Trials, 2-Time NACAC Champion

2012 NCAA Outdoor Champ 1500 M, 2010 NCAA Indoor 3rd 3000 M
2008 IHSAA State Champ 3200, 2007 6th Place IHSAA State XC

Corey Shank Fort Wayne Northrop 2009

3-Time State Champ in the Pole Vault. State Record Pole Vault. National Freshman Record Pole Vault. USATF Youth National Champion Pole Vault, Gatorade Athlete of the Year (IN), NCAA D2 All-American (Indoor), University of Findlay Outdoor School Record, All-Conference Big 12 (Indoor).

Also was a part of 2 All-State 4x100 Relay teams at Northrop.

Coach Larry Williams Bloomington South

This season will be Coach Larry Williams 41st year with Bloomington South Track and Field and Cross Country. Larry has been an IATCCC member since 1984 and has previously served on the sectional council. The Panthers have had 12 Individual State Champions in Track and Field and 66 state medalists. Three of his athletes have won the mental attitude award and 2 earned the state Gatorade Track Athlete of the Year. His team has finished in the Top 10 at State 7 times. They have won 11 regional championships, 19 sectional championships, and 4 Conference Championships. Larry served as an assistant for the Indiana Track All-Stars for 3 years.

In Cross Country his teams have had 20 state meet appearances with 5 Top Ten finishes and 1 podium finish at 5th in 2018. They have won the semi-state 5 times, regional 7 times, and sectional 9 times. He has had 7 state medalists. He also served as the Indiana Cross Country All-Star Coach for 1 year.

Contributor**Ron Raver****Contributor**

Ron has 55 years of coaching (and still going) in small schools (never above 600 students), in 31 years of coaching cross country he had 17 conference champions, 5 sectionals and 1 regional, 49 runners went on to be college runners and 5 All Americans. In 31 years his track and field teams won 4 conferences, and 1 sectional, with two athletes placing second and another third in the state meet. Ron was the volunteer coach that coached Ellie Tidman to four IHSAA State Championships. His numerous coaching awards include Ripley County Basketball Hall of Fame, over 30 EIAC Coach of the Year Awards, and Tom Carnegie Award given to one that overcame in personal adversities. He did all this despite having developed rheumatoid arthritis at the age of 21. Ron has served on the IATCCC Council for many years and has only missed one meeting. He has also been the clinic speaker introduction chair for many years. He does all this while be on his scooter and being assisted by his wife Sally. Sally will accept this award as Ron passed away on February 20 of this year.

Relay**FW Northrop****2003****Tamara Adams, Lakeita Rox, Kyndall Carr, and Zakiya Robinson**

State Champ Relay with a record time of 45.75 that has stood for 17 years as the state meet record. Their time ranked them 5th nationally. Robinson and Carr were also part of a 1-2-3 sweep in the 200 behind teammate Shauntel Elcock. Robinson also placed 3rd in the 100 and 4th in the long jump. Adams, only a freshman at the time, also ran on the state champ 4x400 relay team and became a state champ on her own the next year in the 100 hurdles. Her senior year she was double winner in the 100 and 100 hurdles. Rox was the only senior of the group.

Pioneers**Richard Carter****Petersburg****1949 – 1950**

Richard was the 1949 IHSAA state meet pole vault champion had a serious wreck after the meet and was told that his right arm ha to be removed. He begged the doctor to not remove it and returned in 1950 to win his second IHSAA state meet. In his senior year, family conditions forced him to join the army, where he won the Medal of Honor.

Opal "Shagg" Courtney**Gary Roosevelt****1928**

A native Gary, Indiana, Opal "Shagg" Courtney was one of the greatest all-around scholastic athletes in the country. He was outstanding on track and basketball and later added football to his resume. He nearly alone won National Interscholastic Track Championship in 1930 at Lincoln University, 1931 at Hampton Institute and runner-up in 1932 at Hampton Institute. Courtney held interscholastic records in the high jump, broad jump, pole vault, shot put and high and low hurdles at Hampton Institute and Lincoln University. He later played for the Harlem Globetrotters and developed to spin of the ball on one finger.

Otha Thomas**Evansville Central****1961**

Otha won the 1961 IHSAA State Meet long jump with a record jump of 23'3.5" that broke Earl Smith, Gary Roosevelt 23'2.5" that stood for 20 years.