From June 25th to June 29th, Velocity Track Club competed in the 2024 USATF Youth Outdoor Championship at Icahn Stadium in New York City. There were over 4,000 entries from athletes from throughout the country in attendance. A medal and a trophy were awarded to the champion and medals to 2nd through 8th place. The competition was good, and Velocity Track Club was up for the task.

Velocity was Blessed with 24 medals and two trophies! We started the week off, with Lyon winning the 11/12 Girls Pentathlon which consists of the 80 meters hurdles, shot put, high jump, long jump and 800 meters run. National Champion! Then she competed in the individual 80 meters hurdles and won that too.

Plus, she earned a Silver medal in the 11/12 Girls long jump.

Her brother Xoan in the 9/10 Boys division joined the medal parade too! He took 4th place in the long jump, 5th in the 200 meters and 7th in the 400 meters, earning three medals. Also in the 9/10 Boys division, Noah, Dwight, Dylan and Mason won 4th place medals in the 4x100 meter relay. Mason also earned a 4th place medal in the shot put. In the 9/10 Girls division, Ekaete earned a 5th place medal and Autumn a 6th place medal in the Shot Put. In the 11/12 Girls division, Savannah earned a 4th place medal in the Shot put and 8th place medal in the 80 meter hurdles. In the 13/14 age Girls division, Jennifer earned 5th place medal in the Long Jump. In the 15/16 age Girls division, Jordan earned a Bronze medal in the Shot Put and Shyenne earned a 4th place medal in the Long jump. In the 15/16 age Boys division. Zorion earned three medals. He took 2nd in the Long Jump, 4th in the 400 meters and 6th place in the 200 meters. In the 17/18 Girls division, Saniah earned a 7th place in the Triple Jump. In the Boys division, Pierce earned two medals. He earned a Bronze medal in the 400 meter and 8th place medal in the 800 meters. Great job to all that competed in this National Championship, you all are winners.

Also, on an encouraging note. Many medalists are at the bottom of their age group. USATF have a two age division, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16 & 17/18. Therefore, they will be competing in the same division next year. Such as Jennifer, who is still 12 years old, competing in the 13/14 age division. Other medalists at the bottom of their age division are Savannah, Zorion, Shyenne, Mason, Noel, Dwight, Ekaete, and Autumn. An extra year of growth does make a difference.

Our next track and field meet is Tuesday, July 9th to Saturday, July 13th, the 2024 AAU Club Championship at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville FL.

Thank you,

Coach Dinkins