

PRESS RELEASE

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ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDERS HONOR THE NEWARK TECH GIRLS WINTER TRACK TEAM WINNERS OF THE 2013 GROUP 1 RELAYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Newark, NJ) – During its Wednesday, April 17, 2013, meeting at the Hall of Records, the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders honored the Newark Tech Girls Winter Track Team for winning the 2013 Group 1 Relays State Championship. The Board's commendation was sponsored by acclamation and presented to the team by Freeholder President Blonnie Watson of Newark and Freeholders Carol Clark of East Orange, Gerald Owens of South Orange and Leonard Luciano of West Caldwell.



Members of the N. J. Group 1 Relays State Champion Newark Tech Girls Winter Track Team were honored by the Board during its April 17th meeting at the Hall of Records. The players are pictured above with Freeholders Blonnie Watson, Carol Clark, Gerald Owens and Leonard Luciano, as well as their coaches, Eddie Green, Aaron Brown and Nhemie Theodore, and Newark Tech Athletic Director Daniel Harris. (Photo by Glen Frieson)

The Newark Tech Girls Winter Track Team, the Lady Terriers, won the 2013 New Jersey Group I State Relays Championship, the first in school history, which was held on January 10-13 in Toms River. This unique team competition included the following events: 4x200 Meter Relay, 4x400 Meter Relay, 4x800 Meter Relay, Sprint Medley 2-2-4-8, 4x55 Meter Shuttle Hurdles, Shot Put Relay and High Jump Relay.

The team amassed 50 points to finish ahead of its nearest competitors, Bernards High School (45), Buena High School (35) and Haddonfield High School (32), through outstanding performances in the following events: 10 points for its 1st place finish in the 4x200 Meter Relay; 6 points for its 3rd place finish in the 4x400 Meter Relay; 6 points for its 3rd place finish in the Sprint Medley 2-2-4-8; 10 points for its 1st place finish in the 4x55 Meter Shuttle Hurdles; 5 points each for its 1st and 8th place finishes in the Shot Put Relay; and 4 points each for its 2nd and 16th place finishes in the High Jump Relay.

During its outstanding season, the Newark Tech Girls Winter Track Team also won its second straight Super Essex Conference Liberty Division Championship, and captured 2nd place in both the Essex County Indoor Relays Championships and Indoor Track Championships. Individual members of the team also enjoyed outstanding success at the 2013 NJSIAA Group 1 State Championships held February 15-16 in Toms River where Iana Amsterdam won the Group 1 Indoor 55 Meter Hurdles State Championship and Essence Underwood won the Group 1 Indoor Shot Put State Championship.

The team also competed in the 2013 USA Track & Field (USATF) National Youth Indoor Track & Field Championships held in Prince George's County, Maryland, on March 9-10 where the school won its first-ever national titles when the 4x200 Meter Relay team of Jalissa Hayes, Jasmine Jones, Natalia Hinton and Brionna Singleton captured first place, and Natalia Hinton won two national titles in the 55 Meter Hurdles and Long Jump.

The team is comprised of the following members: Seniors Iana Amsterdam, Natalia Hinton, Essence Underwood and Jasmine Jones; Juniors Stherline Silencieux, Brionna Singleton, Jenyce Baytops, Monique Hagan and Krissanah Phillips; Sophomores Trudie Lamby, Ledena Baytops and Imani Jackson; and Freshmen Ayanna Fate, Shanta Smalling, Jalissa Hayes, Tannia Wilkerson, Angel Kalu, Whitney Cort and Jessica Straker. It was coached by Head Coach Eddie Greene and Assistant Coaches Aaron Brown, Rolanda Bruce and Nhemie Theodore, and also received administrative support from Superintendent Dr. Michael Pannella, Principal Oge Dennis, Vice Principal Ayiesha Robinson and Athletic Director Daniel Harris, III.

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