



2021 Western Sky Community Care State 4A-5A Track & Field Championships

Los Alamos Girls Dominate 4A State Track Championships

Dominant is the word to describe this year's Class 4A competition. The Los Alamos girls posted one of the highest team totals anyone can remember with a winning score of 183.50 at the Western Sky Community Care Class 4A State Track and Field Championships. The Hilltoppers more than doubled second place Artesia who finished with 76.20 points. Albuquerque Academy was third with 44.20.

Los Alamos had a monopoly on first-place finishes, winning 11 of the 20 events. They won the 4x100m relay (49.05), 4x200m relay (1:45.39), 4x400m relay (4:07.74), and 1600m relay (4:25.05). The only relay they failed to win was the 4x800m which went to Albuquerque Academy (10:26.28).

Los Alamos junior Holly Sanchez helped her team with a victory in the 100m dash (12.67) while her teammate Nyla Lee, a sophomore, won the 200m dash (26.48). Tia Hartzol of Los Alamos won the 400m dash (1:00.08). As you can tell, Los Alamos dominated most events, including wins in the 800m run (Emma Montoya-2:21.50), 1600m run (Hailey McDowell-5:31.30), long jump (Angelina Passalac-17'3"). Senior Bailey Yost was the high point finisher racking up 23.5 points with wins in the high jump (5'2") as well as her participation in their relays.

Artesia's Sadi Butler was a multiple event winner finishing first in the 100m hurdles (15.29) before breaking her mom's school record in the 300m hurdles (45.21). Academy sophomore Gigi Galles won the triple jump (36'2.50") and Kylyie Paden of Portales took top honors in the pole vault (10'7"). Artesia freshman Lori Wagner won the shot put (35'10.75") while Shealee Gallegos of Bloomfield won the discus (104'). Artesia senior Ryleigh Greer won the javelin (119') and Vanessa Gallegos of Lovington won the 3200m event.



Los Alamos Boys Win 2021 State Track & Field Title

Los Alamos made it a girls-and-boys sweep at the Western Sky Community Care Class 4A State Track and Field Championships. The Hilltoppers finished with 99 points, Albuquerque Academy was second (80) and Lovington was third (38).

Rafael Sanchez of Los Alamos was the high point individual with 21 points. His individual victories included the 800m run (1:59.43), 1600m run (4:40.56) and 3200m run (9:33.54). The Hilltoppers also won the 1600m sprint medley (3:46.13). Los Alamos senior Max Berndt also added to their team total winning the shot put (49'4.50").

Kirtland Central won the 4x100m relay (43.44), the 4x200m relay title went to Goddard High School (1:31.48) and Albuquerque Academy finished first in the 4x400m relay (3:28.57) and 4x800m relay (8:24.51).

In the sprints, Javyn Morales of Goddard High School was the 100m dash champion (11.23), Lovington junior Adam Aguilera won the 200m dash (22.40), and James Jenkins of Hope Christian won the 400m dash (49.94). Portales senior Traise Cain was a double winner as the senior claimed the 110m hurdle title (14.87) and won the pole vault (13'6"). Fenyx Morningdove of Bernalillo won the 300m hurdles (40.07). His Bernalillo teammate Nolan Ennis won the long jump (22'0.75") and triple jump (43'9.75"). Joseph Godshall of St. Pius X was the high jump champion (6'2") and Lovington's Alex Tramell won the discus (138'). Del Norte senior Adrian Marquez finished his high school career winning the javelin with a throw of 166'3".



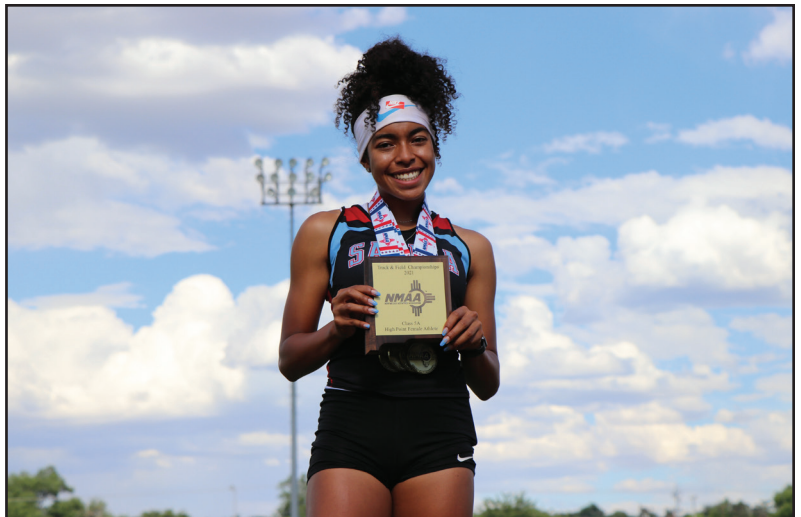
Alamogordo Girls Track Hoist Blue Trophy

The Alamogordo Tigers stood on the podium with the blue trophy at the end of the day during the Western Sky Community Care Class 5A State Track and Field Championships. It's their first title since 2017. Alamogordo finished with 79.50 points, La Cueva was second with 53, edging out third place Sandia (51). The Tigers helped their cause by winning the 4x800m relay (10:05.51), as well as Ellary Battle finishing first in the 800m run (2:20.69)

Sandia speedster Adriana Tatum was the high-point athlete with 19 overall points. Tatum finished first in the 100m dash (11.68), 200m dash (24.76) and ran her in her team's record-setting 1st place 4x100m relay (47.98). The Sandia girls also crossed the finish line first in the 4x200m relay (1:44.00).

In other relay events, La Cueva took top honors in the 4x400m (4:02.07) while Rio Rancho won the 1600m sprint medley in a time of 4:24.12

Farmington's Allie Bliss set a new state mark in the long jump of 18'6.25" and won the triple jump (36'9"). La Cueva's Hanna Kiess swept the hurdles (100m hurdles in 14.85 and 300m hurdles 44.83). Centennial senior Kuupualilipihamekea Pili was also a double winner in the shot put (44') and discus (134'1"). Her sophomore teammate Lauren Ocamp won the javelin with a throw of 121'. Other individual winners included: La Cueva's Sima Lucero in the 400m dash (57.33), Cleveland sophomore Leah Futey in the 1600m run (5:14.81), Eldorado senior Lauryynn Sisneros in the 3200m run (11:27.51), Cleveland's Abigail Goodmacher in the high jump (5'6") and Camryn Barros of Clovis in the pole vault (11'3").



Cleveland Boys Track Continues Winning Ways

Cleveland High School has dominated boys track and field for the last several seasons and 2021 was no different. Once again, the Storm finished first at the Western Sky Community Care Class 5A State Track and Field Championships. Cleveland has won the last five championships in the state's largest classification. They came close to lapping the field with 132 overall points. La Cueva was second with 71.50 and Rio Rancho finished third with 68.

Cleveland's Luke Wysong racked up 26.5 points on his own and finished as the boys high-point athlete. The senior won the 100m dash (10.55), 200m dash (22.09), and ran in his team's record setting 4x100m victory (41.88). Cleveland also took top honors in the 4x400m relay (3:22.79) and 4x800m relay (8:09.95). Cleveland junior Antonio Avila helped his team with a first-place finish in the 110m hurdles (15.05). Teammate Jason Gray won the discus (160'7") and Cleveland senior Tyler Jenson won the javelin with a throw of 192'7".

Rio Rancho claimed the 4x200m relay (1:28.55) and Eldorado finished first in the 1600m sprint medley (3:37.00). Jerrick Maldonado of Clovis wrapped up the day with multiple gold medals around his neck. The senior won the 800m run (1:55.14) and 3200m run (9:47.51).

Other individual winners included: Hobbs senior Isaiah Lewis in the 400m dash (49.01), Rio Rancho's Dawson Gunn in the 1600m run (4:30.62), Colton Romig of Albuquerque High in the 300m hurdles (39.24), Farmington junior Kayden Gonzales in the triple jump (45'3.25"), Eldorado junior Gabriel Ball in the high jump (6'9"), Christian Griego of Los Lunas in the shot put (50'10"), and Pacer Hill of Clovis in the pole vault (14'6"). La Cueva's Brad Thomas won the long jump with a new state-record mark of 23'4.25".

