

2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships

Hobbs Eagles Win Second Straight Boys' 6A Cross Country Title

The Hobbs Eagles returned to the victory stand for the second consecutive year at the 2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships. This marked the Eagles' third blue trophy in school history, the first came in 1965.

As a team, Hobbs tallied 54 points with four of their five scoring runners finishing in the top-10. Rio Rancho finished second with 73 points, followed by Eldorado (73), Oñate (80) and Volcano Vista (92) rounding out the top-5.

Individually, senior Andrew Bosquez was crowned the 2016 individual champion, crossing the finish line in a time of 15:48.90. Bosquez won the event for the second straight year and became the first Eagle in school history to win the cross country championships twice. He also finished the race in under 16 minutes for the second straight year.

Rio Rancho's Devin Paredes placed second in a time of 15:54.25, followed by Conner Laktasic of Eldorado, who crossed the finish line in a time of 16:02.50. Jericho Cleveland of Volcano Vista (16:10.40) and Yonas Haile (16:16.50) of Cleveland completed the top-5.

Other medalists included Patrick Colborn (Hobbs), Jessie Madrid (Hobbs), Ivan Pineda-Dominguez (Volcano Vista), Victor Saldana (Hobbs) and Harrison Smith (Eldorado).



Chargers Win 5A Boys' Blue Trophy for Second Straight Year

The 2016 Laguna Development Corporation Boys' State Cross Country Championships in class 5A featured a repeat champion as Albuquerque Academy won their second straight blue trophy.

The Chargers of Albuquerque Academy hoisted the blue trophy for their 12th state title since 1999 under head coach Adam Kedge.

As a team, Academy recorded 39 points, with three runners in the top-10, 42 points ahead of second place finisher Kirtland Central (61). Los Alamos took third place (76), as Aztec (108) and St. Pius X (182) rounded out the top-5.

Senior Jordan Lesansee of Academy captured the individual state title, crossing the finish line in a time of 15:29.15, followed by Kashon Harrison of Kirtland Central, who placed second in a time of 15:54.85.

Steven Nez of Gallup placed third, finishing in a time of 16:32.15. Additional medalists included Rafael Sanchez (Los Alamos), Nicholas Jameson (Miyamura), Mark Harrington (Albuquerque Academy), Aric Kedge (Albuquerque Academy), Koby Blackwater (Kirtland Central), Andrew Day (Aztec) and Jacob Hawkins (Kirtland Central).



Navajo Prep Boys' Win First State Title

The Navajo Prep Eagles captured the boys' 4A division, winning their first blue trophy in school history at the 2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships.

By race's end, the Eagles had tallied 66 points as a team, winning the title by six points over second place finisher East Mountain (71). Shiprock finished third with 82 points, followed by St. Michael's (82) and Pojoaque Valley (121).

Santa Fe Indian School's Michael Tenorio was crowned the state individual champion, crossing the finish line almost 14 seconds before the closest competitor with a time of 16:25.60. Tenorio placed second in the 2015 cross country state championships.

Aaron Gould of Shiprock finished second with a time of 16:36.30, followed by Miguel Coca of West Las Vegas (16:45.40). East Mountain's Isiah Padilla finished fourth overall (16:46.85), followed by Justin Angel of St. Michael's (16:46.95).

Other medalists included Sean Dwyer (East Mountain) and Simon Mount (Taos), as Justin Yazzie (Shiprock), Austin Luttrell (St. Michael's) and Levi Shije of Sandia Prep finished 8-9-10.



Pecos Wins Third Boys' State Title in School History

Pecos High School hoisted the blue trophy at the 2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships, winning their third state title in school history. The first two titles came in 1999 and 2015.

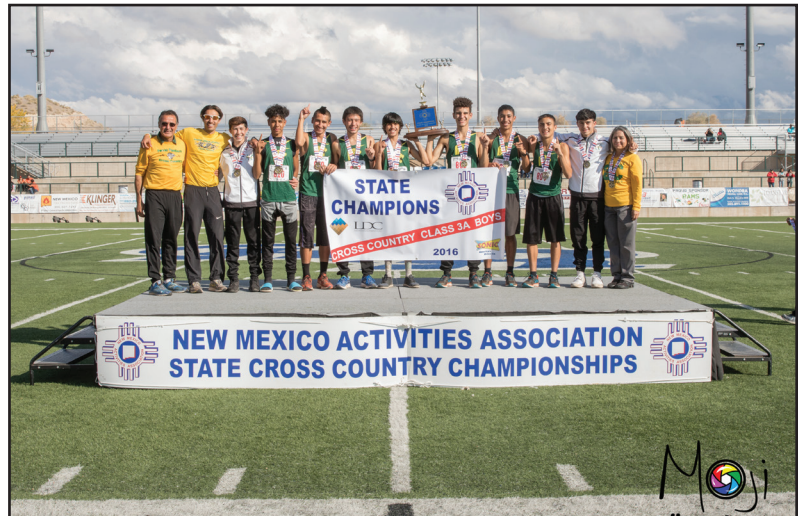
The Panthers recorded the best team score of any classification on the day, scoring 34 points, as four scoring runners finished in the top-10. In fact, Pecos had five runners in the top-15 and six finished in the top-20.

Laguna Acoma, who previously had won four of the last six state titles entering the 2016 state championships, finished second with a team score of 43.

Zuni (48), Cottonwood Classical (126) and Cuba (145) rounded out the top-5 in the team competition.

Senior Julian Garcia of Pecos won the individual title for the second straight year in a time of 16:46.65, finishing ahead of teammate and 2014 individual champion Joshua DeHerrera, who crossed the finish line in a time of 16:48.20. David Charlie of Zuni placed third in a time of 16:54.00, followed Deion Lukee of Laguna Acoma (16:57.50) and Deshawn Goodwin of Zuni (16:58.85) rounded out the top-5.

Additional medalists included Ryan Bowekaty (Zuni), Kenzie Alonzo (Laguna Acoma), Michael Montano (Pecos), Colton Salvador (Laguna Acoma) and Angel Varela-Gomez (Pecos).



Mesa Vista Boys' Hoist Blue Trophy for Second Time

Mesa Vista High School lifted the blue trophy overhead for the second time in school history at the 2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships. The Trojans scored 39 points to capture the boys' A-2A state title, 22 points in front of Alamo Navajo (61).

The Trojans had four runners in the top-10 and all five scoring runners placed 13th or better. Navajo Pine (92), Maxwell (155) and Cimarron (162) rounded out the top-5 teams.

Alamo Navajo's Raul Ganadonegro captured the individual crown with a time of 17:27.35, crossing the finish line just over four seconds before the closest competitor. Ganadonegro became the first runner from Alamo Navajo to win the boys' individual state title.

Mesa Vista's Brian Gollas placed second overall in a time of 17:31.70, followed by Michael Marshall of Navajo Pine (17:37.00). Andrew Archuleta of Maxwell (17:43.50) and Martin Flores of Hagerman (17:47.95) placed fourth and fifth respectively.

Rounding out the top-10 on the podium were Justin Madalena (Jemez Valley), Sundeep Taniguchi, Daniel Goolas and Anthony Vigil of Mesa Vista and Tyree Monte (Alamo Navajo).



Rio Rancho Dominates Race for 6A Girls' Title

After losing a close race in 2015 to Cleveland by one point, the Rio Rancho Rams left no doubt who was the top team at the 2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships, winning by 42 points over second place finisher Volcano Vista.

The Rams won the 2016 championship over the Hawks, scoring 30 points, compared to Volcano Vista's 76 points. It was the first state title for the Rams since 2008 and the second in school history.

Cleveland (91), Eldorado (95) and Albuquerque High (175) rounded out the top-5 teams.

Cleveland's Amanda Mayoral won the individual title for the second straight year, crossing the finish line in a time of 18:20.55, almost 25 seconds in front of the closest competitor. It marked the fourth time in the last six years a runner from Cleveland has been the state's 6A champ.

Alliana Atencio of Rio Rancho placed second overall with a time of 18:44.95, followed by Isabella Schrader of Volcano Vista (18:52.80). Andi Almodovar (Rio Rancho) and Reina Paredes (Rio Rancho) completed the top-5 runners.

Other medalists included Jasmine Turtle-Morales (Eldorado), Irene Fernald (Las Cruces), Kelsey McNaughton (Clovis), Alisa Fishbein (Albuquerque High) and Paris Chee (Piedra Vista).



Albuquerque Academy Wins Third Girls' Cross Country Championship

The Albuquerque Academy Chargers won the 2016 Laguna Development Corporation 5A Girls' State Cross Country Championships, marking their third state title with 52 points, while knocking off Los Alamos, who had won seven in a row. It was the first title for Albuquerque Academy since 2008.

It was Chargers' 3rd overall blue trophy and the first under head coach Adam Kedge.

The Chargers' 5A rival, Los Alamos, placed second as a team with 58 points, followed by Alamogordo (127), Gallup (134) and Kirtland Central (139).

Academy's Carly Wall was crowned the 2016 individual 5A girls' champion with a time of 19:15.15, followed by the Hilltoppers' Zoe Hemez (19:17.55), Malena Espinsosa of Lovington (19:25.60), Jayleen Guerrero (19:30.90) and Lidia Appell (19:36.15). Wall became the third Charger to win the event and the first since 2010.

Also standing on the podium were Maritza Alvarez (Roswell), Celeste Martinez (Albuquerque Academy), Jessica Ramirez (Gallup), Sheyenne Drake (Alamogordo) and Ashley Thomas (Miyamura).



Taos Win 2016 4A Girls' Cross Country Championship

The Taos Tigers hoisted the girls' 4A blue trophy for the third time in four years and the fifth time in school history at the 2016 Laguna Development Corporation 5A Girls' State Cross Country Championships.

Taos earned 48 points, holding off East Mountain (57), defending state champion Shiprock (96), followed by Robertson (135) and Hope Christian (151).

East Mountain's Aubri Wrye earned the 2016 individual honor, crossing the finish line in a time of 19:10.55. She is the second Timberwolf to win the honor since 2011. Cora Cannedy of Taos, who won the 2014 state race, finished second in a time of 19:16.25, followed by Elizabeth Reyes of Taos (19:29.35), Sierra Walker of NMMI (19:54.05) and Kylie Poole of Hope Christian (20:10.50) rounding out the top-5.

Other medalists included Khadija Lapahie (Shiprock), Sierra Stapleton (East Mountain), Skylar Jones (Cobre), Megan Herrera (Pojoaque Valley) and Rubie Trotter (East Mountain).



Zuni Earns Girls' 3A Title for 10th Time

The Zuni Thunderbirds captured their first blue trophy in girls' cross country for the first time since 2009 at the 2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships. It was the 10th championship in school history.

The Thunderbirds tallied 63 points in the win, tying Cottonwood Classical (63), but Zuni's sixth runner finished ahead of Cottonwood Classical's sixth runner, breaking the tie. Pecos finished third with 75 points, followed by Santa Fe Prep (80) and Laguna Acoma (109) to complete the top-5.

Terri Dailey of Laguna Acoma crossed the finish line first to win the 3A individual crown in a time of 20:11.90 after finishing second in 2015. Lia Kane of Desert Academy finished second with a time of 20:4.75, followed by Jaimey Fastnacht of Estancia (20:28.05).

Ariel Pena and Rhylyn Jones of Cottonwood Classical placed fourth and fifth respectively.



Vanessa Dominguez (Pecos), Chelsea Hughte (Zuni), Maggie Rittmeyer (ATC), Mone Mondragon (Pecos) and Aidyn Hesuse (Cottonwood Classical) finished off the top-10, earning individual medals.

Peñasco Wins Girls' A-2A Cross Country Championships

The Peñasco Panthers placed three runners in the top-10 on their way to the school's first ever girls' cross country state title at the 2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships, scoring 49 points.

Jemez Valley, who had won three of the last five years, finished second with a team score of 88, followed by Ramah (98), Hagerman (102) and Navajo Pine (126).

Natalia Marrujo of Mora was the individual state champion, crossing the finish line in a time of 20:14.90. She became the first runner from Mora High School to win the state title.

Carly Gonzales of Peñasco placed second with a time of 20:38.75, followed by Kiana Chavez (Ramah), Kalika Bryant (Navajo Pine) and Jordan Louis (Navajo Pine) capped the top-5.

Also stepping onto the podium that day were: Makayla Moberly (Cloudcroft), Adreanna Tafoya (Peñasco), Charlyna Gonzales (Peñasco), Kennette Eriacho (Alamo Navajo) and Alyssa Lee (Shiprock NW).

