

The Gloucester County College Track and Field teams wrapped up their season this past weekend at the NJCAA Division III National Championships hosted by Alfred State College in Alfred, NY. Both teams headed into the national meet following their wins at the Northeast District Championships. Both the men and women finished the meet with 58pts; this placed the men 5th in the nation and the women 7th.

On the men's side, the action from GCC was dominated by Ozzie Huerta, a name that became very familiar to anyone in the stands at the meet, as the announcers seemed to be constantly proclaiming his amazing feats on the track. On day one of the meet, Ozzie defended his national championship from last year in the 10,000m with a dominating performance that just missed setting a national record (I told him to relax and save some energy for the rest of the meet.) On day two of the meet, Ozzie won his second national championship, also defending a title he won last year in the 5,000m. This time he went for all the glory and ran strong all the way to the finish to set a new national meet record. On day three of the meet, Ozzie continued to amaze the crowds with a come from behind win in the 3,000m steeplechase and another national meet record as well as smashing his own school record. These efforts earned Ozzie the title of National Male Track Athlete of the Year for a second year in a row. Ozzie Huerta is now the most accomplished athlete in GCC track/xc history, earning 6 individual national championships and he will be going for his 7th during the Fall cross country season.

The other members of the men's team also spent plenty of time atop the awards podium. A surprise national title came from Greg Taylor in the 110m high hurdles. In only his second time doing the event all season, he walked away with a national championship. Unfortunately, in the 400m hurdles, the race he was defending national champion in, he hit a hurdle and fell to the track before finishing a respectable 8th place. Allen Jackson ran a great race in the 400m to finish 4th. The men's 4x400m team of Alan Lemmerman, Greg Taylor, Derek Waters and Allen Jackson ran their fastest time of the year to place 5th while the 4x800m team of Ryan Gorz, Danny Colon, Taylor and Jackson finished 6th. In the field events, Michael Efelis set a new school record in the men's hammer and placed 7th while Justin DeShazo placed 6th in the javelin.

The lady Roadrunners did not have a single dominating person, but several consistent performers spread out over many events. The ladies had two individual national champions as well. Abby Majekodunmi defended her title from last year by winning the javelin again, while Christina Lees earned a title in the pole vault with a new national meet record and also placed 6th in the high jump. Amanda Dole wrapped up a stellar career at GCC with personal bests and award podium performances in all of her events: 7th in the 1500m, 6th in the 10k, 4th in the 5k and steeplechase. She was also part of the 6th place 4x800m relay along with Rejeena Whittington, Stephanie Lees and Frankie Contino. Rejeena Whittington placed 7th in the 5k. Alyssa Figueroa placed 5th in the pole vault and ran to a 5th place finish in the 100m hurdles despite an injured hip flexor. Stephanie Lees placed 4th in the pole vault. The women's 4x100m relay team of Majekodunmi, Contino, Christina Lees and Figueroa ran their fastest time of the season to place 7th.

This wraps up the 8th season for GCC Head Coach Ryan Hughes who has helped lead the Roadrunners to 33 track All-Americans, 21 individual track national champions, 15 school records and 4 national records during his tenure (at a school without a home track.) This also wraps up the 5th season for GCC Assistant Track Coach Joe Kalnas, who has helped lead the Roadrunner throwers to 6 individual national champions, 3 school records and 1 national record during his tenure. For his hard work, dedication to the sport and for leading GCC to having yet another throwing event national champion, he was named NJCAA National Assistant Coach of the Year.

2011 NJCAA Division III Outdoor Championships

Women 800 Meter Run

13 Rejeena Whittington	(Triton)	2:42.14
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Women 1500 Meter Run

7 Amanda Dole	(Clearview)	5:22.27
9 Rejeena Whittington		5:28.63

Women 5000 Meter Run

4 Amanda Dole 20:18.51
7 Rejeena Whittington 20:39.37

Women 10000 Meter Run

6 Amanda Dole 44:46.01
9 Rejeena Whittington 48:07.39

Women 100 Meter Hurdles

5 Alyssa Figueroa (Clearview) 17.02
10 Francesca Contino (Washington Twp.) 18.58
11 Christina Lees (Sterling) 19.19

Women 400 Meter Hurdles

14 Alyssa Figueroa 1:17.53
15 Francesca Contino 1:17.84
18 Victoria Peacock (O.L.M.A) 1:18.94

Women 3000 Meter Steeplechase

4 Amanda Dole 12:43.82

Women 4x100 Meter Relay

7 Gloucester County 53.15
(Abby Majekodunmi, Christina Lees, Francesca Contino, Alyssa Figueroa)

Women 4x800 Meter Relay

6 Gloucester County 11:06.46
(Amanda Dole, Rejeena Whittington, Stephanie Lees, Frankie Contino)

Women High Jump

6 Christina Lees 1.40m

Women Pole Vault

1 Christina Lees 3.18m (national meet record)
4 Stephanie Lees (Sterling) 2.73m
5 Alyssa Figueroa 2.73m

Women Long Jump

16 Francesca Contino 3.85m

Women Javelin Throw

1 Abby Majekodunmi (Clayton) 34.28m
13 Victoria Peacock 22.31m

Men 400 Meter Dash

4 Allen Jackson (Timber Creek) 49.24
18 TK Oyefesobi (Williamstown) 54.92

Men 800 Meter Run

19 Allen Jackson 2:04.26

Men 1500 Meter Run

9 Ozzie Huerta (Kingsway) 4:20.30

Men 5000 Meter Run

1 Ozzie Huerta 15:10.92 (national meet record)

Men 10000 Meter Run

1 Ozzie Huerta 32:36.04

Men 110 Meter Hurdles

1 Greg Taylor (Sterling) 15.95
9 Kieran Boland (Audubon) 17.10

Men 400 Meter Hurdles

8 Greg Taylor 55.89
 11 Chaz Moss (Pennsauken) 1:01.81

Men 3000 Meter Steeplechase

1 Ozzie Huerta 9:28.34 (national meet record, school record)

Men 4x100 Meter Relay

9 Gloucester County 44.87
 (Justin DeShazo, Roland Lytle, Alan Lemmerman, Derek Waters)

Men 4x400 Meter Relay

5 Gloucester County 3:22.68
 (Alan Lemmerman, Greg Taylor, Derek Waters, Allen Jackson)

Men 4x800 Meter Relay

6 Gloucester County 8:25.46
 (Greg Taylor, Danny Colon, Ryan Gorz, Allen Jackson)

Men Shot Put

12 Darrell Corbin (Kingsway) 12.05m

Men Discus Throw

11 Michael Efelis (Pennsville) 37.14m
 14 Darrell Corbin 34.37m

Men Hammer Throw

7 Michael Efelis 39.53m (school record)
 11 Darrell Corbin 35.10m

Men Javelin Throw

6 Justin DeShazo (Kingsway) 48.29m
 13 Will Dickinson (Haddon Twp.) 42.95m
 16 Al Hall (Timber Creek) 41.35m

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 Men - Team Rankings - 22 Events Scored
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1) Harper College	152	2) Delhi	129
3) Mohawk Valley CC	74	4) Alfred State	61
5) Gloucester County	58	6) Kingsborough CC	49
7) Prince George's CC	41	8) Thaddeus Stevens	39
9) Herkimer County CC	37	10) Roxbury CC	36
10) Suffolk CC	36	12) Howard CC	34
13) CC Rhode Island	26	14) Queensborough CC	24
15) Bergen CC	21	16) Nassau CC	11
17) Bronx CC	10	17) Finger Lakes CC	10
19) Middlesex CC	4	19) Wentworth JC	4

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 Women - Team Rankings - 22 Events Scored
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1) Harper College	132	2) Kingsborough CC	92.5
3) Mohawk Valley CC	90	4) Alfred State	83.5
5) Howard CC	78	6) Herkimer County CC	61
7) Gloucester County	58	8) Delhi	55
9) Prince George's CC	31	10) Queensborough CC	29
11) Fashion Institute of Tech.	18	11) Roxbury CC	18
11) Northern Essex CC	18	14) Sullivan County CC	17
15) CC Rhode Island	15	15) Montgomery College	15
17) Finger Lakes CC	12	18) Middlesex CC	10
18) Suffolk CC	10	20) Bronx CC	9
21) Bergen CC	3		

