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Leslie Murray sets national records...wins Silver in the 400m Hurdles...has two CARIFTA medals...

The Virgin Islands Track and Field announced today that Leslie Murray won the 400 meters hurdles at the XXXVIII CARIFTA Track and Field Championships in St. Lucia with a time of 51.20 for a personal best time and the V.I. Junior and Senior National Record in the event.

Murray, a freshman at Delaware State University, took Bronze in the 400m earlier in the competition. He won the silver medal over a strong field of hurdlers dominated by competitors from Jamaica, Barbados, Bahamas and Martinique. Jehue Gordon of Trinidad and Tobago won the race with a time of 50.1 for a CARIFTA record. His time surpasses the current Jamaican senior hurdlers who are on the IAAF World List.

The concern with athletes in the college system is that they are required to run multiple events in effort to score points for the team. Murray did just that in the indoor season as he competed in a number of events. With the focus on the hurdles he has the opportunity to qualify for the IAAF World Championships to be run this summer. Murray was born in St. Croix and attended the Seven Day School for one year before moving to the U.S. He was one to the top ranked hurdlers in the U.S. high schools gaining and invitation to the Nike Nationals. He graduated from High Point High School in Beltsville, Maryland.

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38th Carifta Games Championship - 4/10/2009 to 4/13/2009

St. Lucia National Stadium

Vieux Fort, St. Lucia, B.W.I.

Event 44 Men 400 Meter Hurdles Under 20

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| World: W | 46.78 | 8/6/1992 | Kevin Young, USA |
| World Junior: J | 48.02 | 6/17/1984 | Danny Harris, USA |
| Carifta: C | 50.85 | 3/31/2002 | Gregory Little, Jamaica |
| W. Youth Qul: % | 56.00 | | |

| Name | Year | Team | Finals |
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| Finals | | | |
| 1 Gordon, Jehue | | Trinidad & Tobago | 50.01C |
| 2 Murray, Leslie | | U.S.V.I. | 51.20% |
| 3 Extol, Dwayne | | Jamaica | 52.34% |
| 4 Williams, Sheldon | | Jamaica | 52.41% |

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| 5 | Burnside, Nejmi | Bahamas | 53.69% |
| 6 | Taitt, Dane | Barbados | 54.87% |
| 7 | Norgrove, Kemar | Barbados | 55.06% |
| 8 | Bourgeois, Gerald | Martinique | 55.22% |