



The Virgin Islands Track & Field Federation

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CAC Championships Track and Field Team Being
Finalized...Hopes Are High...Challenges Many...***

The Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation announced today the V.I. National Track and Field Team members who will compete in the 2014 CAC Games in Vera Cruz, Mexico November 23 to 30, 2014.

The very best, they may be the most talented ever as well, of the Virgin Islands have met the qualifying standards and have been selected for the team and they include...:

Females: Laverne Jones-Ferrette 100m 200m; Allison Peter 200m; Ninfa Barnard 800m; Wanetta Kirby Long Jump, 100m hurdles

Males: Eddie Lovett 110m hurdles; Leslie Murray 400m hurdles; Muhammad Halim Triple Jump, Long Jump; Leon Hunt Long Jump; Hasheem Halim Triple Jump and Eduardo Garcia 10,000 meters

Looking back at the history 1966 when the V.I. first competed in the Central America and Caribbean Games, sprinter Carl Plaskett won the first medals as a Virgin Islands Track and Field Team member, a silver and a bronze in the 100m and 200m; the games were held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Since then, four V.I. Track and Field Team members have won medals at CAC: Flora Hyacinth a Gold and a Bronze in 1986 Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Hyacinth a Gold in the Long Jump in 1998 in Maricao, Venezuela; Laverne Jones a Silver medal in the 100m 2006 in Cartagena, Colombia; Tabarie Henry and Muhammad Halim both Silver in the 400m and Long Jump respectively in 2010 in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Three V.I. National Track and Field Team members in the group of former medal winners are selected for the CAC Games in Vera Cruz, Laverne Jones-Ferrette, Muhammad Halim and Tabarie Henry. Henry is out due to injury, Jones-Ferrette is looking for a strong performance in the 100m and 200m and Halim, who won his medal in the Long Jump which is not his specialty, hopes to do well in the triple jump.

Athlete Profiles:

Eddie Lovett 110m hurdles...Lovett just finished an excellent collegiate career at the University of Florida where he earned multiple All-America honors...NCAA titles in the 60m Indoor Hurdles and Outdoors...he help his team to back-to-back NCAA National Championship titles. He won the Gold Medal at the World University Games for the



Virgin Islands the first in V.I. history; he won a medal in the NACAC Under 23 Championship in and the Bronze at the Pan Am Sports Festival all in 2014.

Majored in Family Youth Community Science

Likes videos games and technology. Also interested in music mostly r&b/hip hop and some rap. Into Greek and Roman mythology and other ancient civilizations. "... likes learning about the world before me".

His goals are to be remembered and motivate individuals to believe in themselves and also in the gifts given to them by God...to help them use those gifts to create positive change for themselves and their families and those around them...to be a positive force in life.

Allison Peter 200m...Peter is the most decorated V.I. Junior Track and Field Team member in V.I. history. She won two silver medals in the IAAF World Youth Championships 100m and 200m; she was finalist at the IAAF World Junior Championships; a "A" standard qualifier in the London Olympics 100m and 200m. She won multiple medals at the NACAC Under 23 Championships. She is a multiple CARIFTA medal winner, a silver medal winner at the inaugural Pan Am Sports Festival and a University of Texas All-American



Laverne Jones-Ferrette 100m 200m...She is a three-time Olympian finishing 9th in the 200m; she is a semi-finalist in multiple IAAF World Championships, a Silver Medalist in the CAC Games, a finalist in Pan Am Games and CAC Senior Championships. She is the V.I. record holder in the 100m and 400m; she was a multiple All-American in junior college and at the University of Oklahoma where she received her undergraduate degree.

Muhammad Halim Triple Jump, Long Jump...He is an Olympian and the Silver Medal winner in the Long Jump at the CAC Games; he was NCAA National Champion in the Triple Jump for Cornell University; he is the V.I. record holder for the Triple Jump and an NCAA All-American

Leslie Murray 400m hurdles...He is the Bronze Medal winner in this event at the IAAF World Junior Championships; he is the V.I. record holder in the event and was All-American at Delaware State University

Ninfa Barnard 800m...She is the V.I. record for this event among others; she is the most accomplished middle distance runner at her Alma Mata University of Arkansas Pine Bluff with multiple school records and All-SWAC honors.

Leon Hunt Long Jump...He is a Silver Medal winner in the CAC University Championships in the event; a member of the V.I. National World Relay 4 x 200m Team at the inaugural IAAF World Relay. Has competed in numerous championships for the Virgin Islands He is the Captain of the V.I. National Senior Track and Field Team

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My interest /hobby: i love to cook, climb coconut trees, visit family and friends, and give bavk to the community.

Life goal: i would really like to have a family reunion on both sidesof my family. So a Virgin Islands/ St. Kitts reunion and a Antigian reunion.

**"I believe family and friends is the greatest thing in the world next to coconut water"
" Leon Hunt**

Hasheem Halim Triple Jump...he had an outstanding career in the event at Virginia Tech University where he earned NCAA All-American honors

Wanetta Kirby Long Jump and 100m hurdles...She is multi-talented as she holds the V.I. National Record in the Heptathlon; she earned multiple All-MEAC Conference honors at Norfolk State University



NOTES:

1] The CAC Games competition for track and field is being held in November which is beyond the normal track and field calendar year. Athletes are challenged to train and find competition to prepare for this late date. Those selected have made a commitment to prepare as best as possible under these trying circumstances.

2] Under normal circumstances the V.I. National Track and Field Team Members selected for this competition are ranked high in the CAC and have excellent chance to advance to the finals and medal in their respective events.

3] Under the circumstances V.I. National Track and Field Team Members have extended their training period to include the November CAC Games and are giving it their best shot.

3] Tabarie Henry, Calvin Dascent, David Walters, Seymour Walter, Alexshandro Rodriquez are either injured or unable to meet the demands of the calendar for this competition.

