

“Elite” Track & Field Oregonians (Women)

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2013	Haley Crouser Gresham	S t a t e: State Champion in 2013 (shot put, javelin) and 2012 (100m hurdles, shot put, javelin) E l i t e: Competed in the Olympic Trials (javelin) in 2016
2012	Paige Kouba South Eugene	S t a t e: State Champion in 2012 (800m); 3 rd in 2012 (3k) E l i t e: Competed in the 2016 Olympic Trials (steeplechase)
2010	Camelia Mayfield Ashland	S t a t e: 5 th in 2010 (3k) E l i t e: Qualifier to compete in the 2020 Olympic Trials (marathon)
2010	McKayla Fricker Canby	S t a t e: 4 th in 2010 (800m, high jump); 6 th in 2009 (800m) E l i t e: Competed in the 2016 Olympic Trials (800m)
2007	Claire Michel Clackamas	S t a t e: State Champion in 2006 (3k) and 2005 (3k); 5 th in 2007 (3k) E l i t e: Competed in the 2016 Olympic Games (triathlon) representing Belgium
2006	Marci Klimek Phoenix	S t a t e: 8 th in 2005 (1500m); 8 th in 2004 (800m) E l i t e: Qualified for the 2020 Olympic Trials (marathon). Competed in the US Championships in 2013 (half marathon) and 2015 (10-mile)
2005	Melissa Penwell Churchill	S t a t e: State qualifier in the 300m Hurdles E l i t e: Ran in the 2020 Olympic Trials (marathon). She was the runner up in a 50 mile Ultramarathon in 2017.
2005	Rachel Yurkovich Newberg	S t a t e: State Champion in 2005 and 2004 (javelin for both); 2 nd in 2003 (javelin) E l i t e: Competed in the 2012 Olympic Games (javelin) and 2009 World Championships (javelin) ↳ She set the high school national record for the javelin
2004	Amanda Phillips: Phoenix	S t a t e: 5 th in 2004 (1500m); 8 th in 2001 (3k) and 2002 (3k) E l i t e: Qualified to compete in the 2020 Olympic Trials (marathon)
2000	Katy Polansky South Eugene	S t a t e: State Champion in 1998 and 1999 (javelin), 2 nd in 2000 E l i t e: Competed in the Olympic Trials in 2000 (javelin)
2000	Sarah Malone Newberg	S t a t e: State Champion in 2000 (javelin), 2 nd in 1998 and 1999 E l i t e: Competed in the Olympic Trials in 2000 (javelin)
1991	Maria Mutola Springfield	S t a t e: <i>Although she trained with her team, the league ruled her ineligible to compete in 1991</i> E l i t e: She is only the fourth athlete in history to compete in six Olympic Games – 1988 (800m), 1992 (800m, 1500m), 1996 (800m), 2000 (800m), 2004 (800m) and 2008 (800m) ↳ She won the Gold Medal in 2000 (800m) and Silver Medal in 1996 (800m), representing the nation of Mozambique

- 1987 Paula Berry
Dayville S t a t e: State Champion in 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 (all in the javelin)
E l i t e: Competed in the 1992 Olympic Games (javelin) and in the 1996 Olympic
Trials (javelin)
- 1975 Marcia Mecklenberg
Estacada S t a t e: 2nd in 1974 (discus), 3rd in 1974 (shot)
E l i t e: Competed in three Olympic Trials
*Marcia competed for three years at Estacada, but moved to Washington for
her senior year (where she will win state titles as a senior).
- 1974 Joni Huntley
Sheridan S t a t e: State Champion in 1972, 1973 and 1974 (all in the high jump).
E l i t e: Competed in the 1976 and 1984 Olympic Games (high jump). She placed 5th
and 3rd.
↳ She was the first high school girl to clear 6' in the nation!
- 1971 Caroline Walker
Grant S t a t e: State Champion in 1970 (mile)
E l i t e: Competed in the 1972 and 1973 International Cross Country Championships
↳ She once held the world record for the 5k and 10k Caroline is recognized
by the International Association of Athletic Federations as having run the
world's best time in the marathon in 1970, at age 16.
- 1969 Margaret Bailes-Johnson
Churchill S t a t e: State Champion in 1967 and 1968 (100y, 220y)
E l i t e: Competed in the 1968 Olympics (4x100m). Won the Gold Medal

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2015	Matthew Maton Summit	S t a t e: State Champion in 2014 (3k, 1500m) and 2013 (3k, 1500m); 5 th in 2012 (3k) E l i t e: Competed in the 2016 Olympic Trials (1500m)
2011	Ryan Crouser Barlow	S t a t e: State Champion in 2009 (shot put, discus) and 2011 (shot put, discus) E l i t e: Competed in the 2016 Olympic Games (shot put). Won the Gold Medal
2010	Cole Watson Rogue River	S t a t e: State Champion in 2010 (3k, 1500m), 2009 (1500m, 800m, 400m) and 2008 (800m) E l i t e: Competed in the 2017 World Mountain Championships in Italy, a 32k (19.9 mile) race with 7874 (2400m, or 2.4 mile) elevation gain!
2010	Sam Crosier Gresham	S t a t e: State Champion in 2010 (javelin, shot put, discus), and 2009 (javelin) E l i t e: Competed in the 2016 Olympics, and in the 2012 Olympic Trials ↳ He set the national high school record in the javelin
2009	Elijah Greer Lake Oswego	S t a t e: State Champion in 2009 (1500m, 800m), 2008 (800m) and 2007 (1500m) E l i t e: Competed I the 2012 Olympic Trials (800m) ↳ Set the high school national junior-class record in the 800m
2009	Daniel Winn Cleveland	S t a t e: State Champion in 2010 (3k, 1500m) E l i t e: Competed in the 2016 Olympic Trials (1500m)
2007	Ryan Bailey McKay	S t a t e: State Champion in 2007 (100m, 200m) E l i t e: Competed in the 2012 Olympic Games (100m)
2006	Ashton Eaton Mountain View	S t a t e: State Champion in 2006 (400m, long jump) E l i t e: Competed in the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games (decathlon for both). Won two Gold Medals.
2005	Cyrus Hostetler Newberg	S t a t e: 3 rd in 2005 (javelin) E l i t e: Competed in the 2012 Olympic Games (javelin)
2004	Galen Rupp Central Catholic	S t a t e: State Champion in 2004 (3k, 1500m) and 2003 (3k) E l i t e: Competed in three Olympic Games – 2016 (10k, marathon), 2012 (5k) and 2008 (10k) ↳ He won the Silver Medal in 2012 (10k) and Bronze Medal in 2016 (marathon)
2000	Ian Dobson Klamath Union	S t a t e: 2 nd in 2000 (3k, 1500m) and 1999 (1500m); 4 th in 1999 (3k) E l i t e: Competed in the 2008 Olympic Trials (5k) and 2012 Olympic Trials (5k)
1999	John Lucas Eagle Point	S t a t e: 5 th in 1999 (3k) E l i t e: Competed in two Olympic Trials – 2008 (marathon) and 2012 (marathon)
1998	Max King Crater	S t a t e: <i>He did not place at state TF</i> E l i t e: Competed in three Olympic Trials – 2008 (3k steeplechase), 2012 (30k, marathon) and 2016 (marathon)

1996	Bryan Berryhill Crater	S t a t e: State Champion in 1995 and 1996 (800m and 1500m for both) E l i t e: Competed in the 2004 Olympic Trials (mile)
1993	Dan Browne West Linn	S t a t e: 2 nd in 1993 (3k, 1500m); 5 th in 1992 (3k) E l i t e: Competed in the 2004 Olympic Games (10k, marathon) and 2008 Olympic Trials (10k)
1992	Tom Pappas Glendale	S t a t e: <i>He did not place at state TF</i> E l i t e: Competed in three Olympic Games – 2000, 2004 and 2008 (all in the decathlon). Won the Gold Medal at the 2003 World Championships (decathalon)
1989	James Harris Beaverton	S t a t e: 4 th in 1989 (1500m); 5 th (3k) in 1989 E l i t e: Competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials (1500m) and in the World Cross Country Championships
1989	Pete Julian Ashland	S t a t e: 2 nd in 1989 (3k) E l i t e: Competed in three Olympic Trials – 1966 (5k, 10k), 2000 (10k) and 2004 (marathon)
1989	Andrew Hermann Lincoln	S t a t e: <i>He did not place at state TF</i> E l i t e: Competed in the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games (50k race-walk for both)
1988	Art Skipper Sandy	S t a t e: State Champion in 1987 and 1988 (javelin for both) E l i t e: Competed in the 1988 and 1982 Olympic Games (javelin for both) ↳ He held the national high school javelin record
1987	Peter Pritchett Benson	S t a t e: State Champion in 1986 (3k) and 1987 (3k) E l i t e: Competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials (3k steeplechase)
1985	Damian Baldovino Phoenix / Medford	S t a t e: <i>He did not place at state TF</i> E l i t e: Was aiming for the Olympic Trials. He was one of the nation's top Master's distance runner.
1984	Dan O'Brien Henley	S t a t e: State Champion in 1984 (100m, long jump, 110m hurdles, 300m hurdles) E l i t e: Competed in the 1996 Olympic Games (decathlon). Won the Gold Medal
1981	Dave Johnson Crescent Valley	S t a t e: <i>He did not compete at state TF</i> E l i t e: Competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games (decathlon for both)
1981	Brian Crosier Gresham	S t a t e: State Champion in 1980 and 1981 (all three throws in both) E l i t e: Competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games (javelin in both)
1980	Kory Tarpenning Sheldon	S t a t e: 2 nd in 1980 (pole vault) E l i t e: Competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games (pole vault for both)
1978	Tim Bright Phoenix	S t a t e: 2 nd in 1978 (pole vault) E l i t e: Competed in three Olympic Games –1984 (decathlon), 1988 (pole vault) and 1992 (pole vault)
1977	Derrick Lakeman South Eugene	S t a t e: State Champion in 1977 (mile) E l i t e: Ran in the Olympic Trials (10k) in 1988
1977	Bill McChesney South Eugene	S t a t e: State Champion in 1975, 1976 and 1977 (2-mile) E l i t e: Qualified for the 1980 Olympics (5000m) *but was unable to compete due to the Olympic boycott.
1972	Craig Brigham South Eugene	S t a t e: State Champion in 1971 (pole vault) and 1972 (pole vault, high jump) E l i t e: Competed in the Olympic Trials in 1972 and 1976 (decathlon for both)
1970	Leonard Hill Phoenix	S t a t e: State Champion in 1970 (2-mile) and 1969 (2-mile) E l i t e: Competed in two Olympic Trials – 1980 (marathon) and 1984 (marathon)

1969	Steve Prefontaine Marshfield	S t a t e: State Champion in 1969 (mile, 2-mile) and 1968 (2-mile) E l i t e: Competed in the 1972 Olympic Games (5k), where he placed 4 th ↳ Pre once held American records in the 2k, 3k, 2-Mile, 3-Mile, 5k, 6-Mile and 10k
1969	Mac Wilkins Beaverton	S t a t e: State Champion in 1969 (discus) E l i t e: Competed in three Olympic Games – 1976, 1984 and 1988 (discus for all). Won Gold in 1976. ↳ He broke the world record four times in is professional career
1968	Jon Anderson Sheldon	S t a t e: <i>Jon did not qualify to compete at State TF (he started running in the fall of his senior year)</i> E l i t e: Competed in the 1972 Olympics (10k) and 1977 World Cross Country Championships
1965	Dick Fosbury Medford	S t a t e: 2 nd in 1965 (high jump) E l i t e: Competed in the 1968 Olympic Games (high jump). Won the Gold Medal ↳ He invented the “Fosbury Flop” jumping technique high jumpers use today!
1964	Tim Vollmer Benson	S t a t e: State Champion in 1964 (discus) E l i t e: Competed in the 1972 Olympic Games (discus)
1962	Kenny Moore North Eugene	S t a t e: <i>He did not place at TF State</i> E l i t e: Competed in two Olympic Games – 1968 (marathon) and 1972 (marathon), and in the 1964 Olympic Trials (5k). ↳ He once held an American record (marathon)
1958	Dyrol Burleson Cottage Grove	S t a t e: State Champion in 1958 (mile, 880y); 2 nd in 1957 (mile) E l i t e: Competed in two Olympic Games – 1960 (1500m) and 1964 (1500m) ↳ He once held four American records.
1956	Dave Edstrom Sherwood	S t a t e: State Champion in 1956 (120y hurdles, 180y hurdles, high jump) E l i t e: Competed in the 1960 Olympic Games (decathlon)
1955	Jim Grelle Lincoln	S t a t e: <i>TF records from his senior year are not available</i> E l i t e: Competed in the 1960 Olympic Games (mile), and 1960 Olympic Trials (2-mile) ↳ He once held two American records (mile and 2-mile)
1952	Bill Dellinger Springfield	S t a t e: <i>TF records are not available for his senior year</i> E l i t e: Competed in three Olympic Games – 1956 (5k), 1960 (5k) and 1964 (5k). ↳ He won the Bronze Medal in 1964. ↳ He once held six American records and two world records.
1939	Bob Likins Grant	S t a t e: <i>Results from the 1936-1939 state TF meets are not available</i> E l i t e: Competed in the 1948 Olympics (javelin)
1927	Ralph Hill Henley	S t a t e: <i>TF records are not available from his era</i> E l i t e: Competed in the 1932 Olympic Games (5k). He earned a Silver Medal. ↳ He once held the American record in the Mike and 5k
1919	Arthur Tuck Redmond	S t a t e: Competed in the 1919 State Meet, singlehandedly winning the meet for his school! E l i t e: Competed in the 1920 Olympics (javelin)
Early- 1900s	Daniel Kelly Columbia Prep	S t a t e: <i>There was no state TF meet when he was young</i> E l i t e: Competed in the 1908 Olympic Games (long jump). Won the Silver Medal ↳ Held the world records of the 100m, 200m and long jump
Early- 1900s	Forrest Smithson Portland-area schooling	S t a t e: <i>There was no state TF when he was in high school</i> E l i t e: Competed in the 1908 Olympics (110 hurdles). Won the Gold Medal

Early- 1900s	Alfred Gilbert Forest Grove area	S t a t e: <i>There was no state TF when he was in high school</i> E l i t e: Competed in the 1908 Olympics (pole vault). He tied for the Gold Medal ↳ He invented the pole vault box, and set two world records.
Early- 1890s	Herbert Kerrigan Portland-area schooling	S t a t e: Won the Pacific northwest high jump champions in 1894 and 1896 E l i t e: Competed in the 1906 Intercalated Games in Greece (high jump)