

Roberta Pickens Groner

Seneca Valley Class of 1996
Cross Country, Track and Field

Earned 8 varsity letters in two sports
Co-MVP for each team as a senior
Cross Country - Pickens was key member of teams that were:
1993 2nd WPIAL Team and PIAA 3rd Place Team
1994 5th WPIAL Team
19952nd WPIAL Team and PIAA 5th Place Team
Four consecutive years Section Champs 1992 -1995 seasons
Roberta had 7 Individual 1st place finishes in 14 invitationals
Track and Field - Pickens was key member of teams that were:
1993 13-2 for 2nd place in section
1994 16-2 Section Champs and WPIAL Team Runner Up
1995 9-2 and 2nd place in section
1996 8-2 for team's 13 consecutive winning season
Junior year - Roberta broke school record in 1600 m (mile)
Placed 10th in the 1600 m in WPIAL Finals
Senior Year - Re-set school record in 1600 m at 5:17.6. 8-yr record holder.
1600 m Champ in the section and 9th at WPIALs
Collegiate runner for cross county, indoor track, and track and field
at St. Francis (PA) while in the nursing program.
Professional runner: 6th in Worlds in 2019 (marathon) 1st for Team USA.
Advanced to the 2020 Olympic Trials in the Women's Marathon at age 42.
Running career is ongoing.