



United Age Group Track Coaches Association



2010 Youth Invitational

The Madeline Regina Willette
Scholarship Award Committee
Congratulates

Christopher Booker



2010 Male Recipient

Christopher Booker, a 2010 graduate of West Philadelphia Catholic High School, is our male recipient of the Madeline R. Willette Memorial Scholarship. He will attend Providence College in Rhode Island in the fall of 2010.

Chris, who is affectionately known as “Book” on the track, has been running track and cross country with UAGTCA since 2004. He started under the coaching of *Bob Jackson* and the Morris Estate Track Club and since 2008 has continued his running under the coaching of *Teri Bizzle* and the Mt. Airy Track Team. In addition to club affiliations, Chris has also run for West Catholic HS, and exemplified his leadership by being co-captain during the 2009-2010 year. In 2008, he was the recipient of the 1st place Outstanding Intermediate Boys Awards for the Outdoor developmental season. With PRs of 1:59.65 and 4:13.41 in the 800m and 1500m races respectively, Chris is a well respected middle distance athlete and has medaled nationally in both events.

Chris suffered an IT-Band injury in 2009 that forced him to temporarily discontinue his training. His love of the sport and his mental dedication allowed him to slowly return to form, despite some skepticism. His ability to successfully will himself back into the sport and to return to competitive race form is a testament to his character, love of the sport, and overall tenacity.

While track and field are his love, **Chris** is truly a student athlete. He finishes his HS career with a 3.9 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. His recommendations noted his ability to lead, his maturity and his positive outlook on life.

It is with great pleasure that the UAGTCA presents **Christopher Booker** with the 2010 **Madeline R. Willette Memorial Scholarship**.