



United Age Group Track Coaches Association



*2014 Youth Invitational
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The Madeline Regina Willette
Scholarship Award Committee
Congratulates

Walter L. Pegues, Jr.



2014 Male MRW Award Recipient

The **United Age Group Track Coaches Association** (UAGTCA) is proud to present its 2014 *Madeline R. Willette Memorial Scholarship Award* to **Mr. Walter L. Pegues, Jr.**

Walt was a member of the **Cambria Youth Association** from 2003-2010, coached by his dad, Walt Pegues, Sr. He was the UAGTCA Outstanding Athlete runner-up in 2008.

In addition to track and field, Walt's athletic activities included football and basketball. During his high school years at Central High School, Walt participated in the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump and related relays. His personal record was in the 100 meter dash with a time of 10.77. Walt earned Public League Championship titles for the 100 meter dash, Triple Jump and Long Jump. He attributes a lot of his drive and determination to the sport of Track & Field. He says, *"many of the obstacles I had to overcome, and the lessons I learned from the sport, shaped me into the young man I am today. I learned that hard work and determination trumps just about anything."*

Walt's academic record is as impressive as his athletic record. He graduated from Central H. S., one of the most prestigious schools in the state, with a 3.82 GPA. His high school track and field coach, Fred McCray, says that Walt has displayed nothing less than a professional demeanor as an excellent student and phenomenal athlete throughout his educational career at Central. He further states that Walt is an extremely hard worker with a fierce determination and will stop at nothing to improve and attain his goals. His high school football coach, Rich Drayton, says Walt is a gifted athlete who scored 1500 plus on the SAT and 24 on the ACT. Rich expresses that Walt is a leader on and off the field, a level-headed young man that will be a productive citizen in our society.

Walt has been accepted to the Robert E. Cook Honors College at Indiana University of Pennsylvania! He will enter in the Fall 2014 term as a Communications Media major in the College of Education and Educational Technology.

Walt is obviously an excellent example of the blend between academics and athletics that exemplifies every winner of the MRW Scholarship award and the UAGTCA proudly congratulates him!