



NEW MEXICO TRACK & FIELD

2026 NCAA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS MEET NOTES AND MEDIA GUIDE

2025-26 INDOOR SCHEDULE

Date	Meet	Location
Dec. 6	BU Colyear-Danville Season Opener	Boston, Mass.
Jan. 23-24	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational	Albuquerque, N.M.
Jan. 30-31	New Mexico Team Open	Albuquerque, N.M.
Jan. 30-31	BU John Thomas Terrier Classic	Boston, Mass.
Feb. 1	Millrose Games	New York City, N.Y.
Feb. 6-7	New Mexico Collegiate Classic	Albuquerque, N.M.
Feb. 12-14	UW Husky Invitational	Seattle, Wash.
Feb. 13-14	Don Kirby Elite Invitational	Albuquerque, N.M.
Feb. 20	Colorado Last Chance	Boulder, Colo.
Feb. 26-28	Mountain West Indoor Championships	Reno, Nev.
Mar. 13-14	NCAA Indoor Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.

2026 OUTDOOR SCHEDULE

Date	Meet	Location
Mar. 28	New Mexico Spring Invitational	Albuquerque, N.M.
Apr. 3-4	Mike Fanelli Classic	San Francisco, Calif.
Apr. 3-4	Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
Apr. 10-11	44 Farms Invitational	College Station, Texas
Apr. 16	Pacific Coast Invitational	Long Beach, Calif.
Apr. 17-18	Mt. SAC Relays	Walnut, Calif.
Apr. 17-18	Beach Invitational	Long Beach, Calif.
Apr. 17-18	Bryan Clay Invitational	Azusa, Calif.
Apr. 24	Don Kirby Tailwind Twilight	Albuquerque, N.M.
May 2	Desert Heat Classic	Tucson, Ariz.
May 2	Payton Jordan Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
May 14-16	Mountain West Outdoor Championships	Clovis, Calif.
May 27-30	NCAA West Region Preliminary	Fayetteville, Ark.
Jun. 10-13	NCAA Outdoor Championships	Eugene, Ore.



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UNM COMPETITOR SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Time (PT/MT)	Event	Round	Athlete(s)
5:21 / 6:21 PM	Men's 1,500m	Semifinal	Matthew Endrody
7:56 / 8:56 PM	Men's 10,000m	Final	Habtom Samuel Evans Kiplagat

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Time (PT/MT)	Event	Round	Athlete(s)
6:25 / 7:25 PM	Women's 100m	Semifinal	Taniya Looney
7:29 / 8:29 PM	Women's 200m	Semifinal	Taniya Looney
7:56 / 8:56 PM	Women's 10,000m	Final	Pamela Kosgei

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Time (PT/MT)	Event	Round	Athlete(s)
5:12 / 6:12 PM	Men's 1,500m	Final	Matthew Endrody*
6:55 / 7:55 PM	Men's 5,000m	Final	Habtom Samuel

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Time (PT/MT)	Event	Round	Athlete(s)
5:52 / 6:52 PM	Women's 100m	Final	Taniya Looney*
6:37 / 7:37 PM	Women's 200m	Final	Taniya Looney*
6:55 / 7:55 PM	Women's 5,000m	Final	Pamela Kosgei Marion Jepngetich

* if athlete advances



HABTOM SAMUEL



EVANS KIPLAGAT



MATTHEW ENDRODY



PAMELA KOSGEI



MARION JEPNGETICH



TANIYA LOONEY

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Location	Albuquerque, N.M.
Founded	1889
Enrollment	23, 955
Nickname	Lobos
Colors	Cherry and Silver
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Mountain West
President	Steve Goldstein
Director of Athletics	Ryan Berryman
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from **How turquoise became synonymous with New Mexico**
by Jennifer Barger
National Geographic (2/3/2022)

In New Mexico, turquoise is seemingly everywhere.

Bright blue paint covers city buses, light posts, and the wooden doors of adobe houses in Albuquerque, the largest city in this so-called “Land of Enchantment.” An hour’s drive northeast in the state capital of Santa Fe, Navajo and Zuni craftspeople sell handmade turquoise jewelry under the awnings of the 16th-century Palace of the Governors. All around the state, silver bracelets studded with aqua stones are paired with everything from button-downs to ballgowns to ceremonial Hopi garb on feast days.

“But for the Indigenous community, turquoise is not just a rock, it’s a sacred being,” says Porter Swentzell, a professor of Indigenous Liberal Studies at Santa Fe’s Institute of American Indian Arts. “Mining it and working with it take on deeper meanings.”

Turquoise in New Mexico has long danced between culture and commerce, between Indigenous communities wearing and sharing the stone. “For artisans working in—and selling—turquoise, this state is the center of gravity,” says Mark Bahti, author of several books on Indigenous jewelry makers and owner of Santa Fe’s Bahti Indian Arts Gallery. “Santa Fe was always a crossroads for traders, and that’s helped make the stone ubiquitous in this region.”

CHAMPIONS WEAR TURQUOISE



It was 2011 when UNM first donned turquoise at NCAA Championships, an idea hatched by former UNM Head Coach Joe Franklin at the time. In their first iteration, the uniforms were originally white and dip-dyed by hand — three times, to be exact — in order to reach the proper turquoise color. The Lobos didn’t get officially printed turquoise uniforms for nationals until after they won their first women’s NCAA team Championship in 2015.

More than a decade later, wearing turquoise has become both a privilege and a tradition that honors the state of New Mexico that the Lobos represent. Only UNM athletes that reach the NCAA Championship race in cross country or qualify for NCAA Indoor or Outdoor Championships wear turquoise — the color is meant to be earned and worn with pride.



COMPETITOR BIOS



MATTHEW ENDRODY

Career Personal Bests:

800 1:46.21
1500 3:37.66
MILE 3:55.22
3000 7:53.08
5000 14:20.02

Meet (Date)	Event	Mark (Wind)	Place
NCAA West (5/27-30)	1500	3:45.44	10th (P)
	1500	3:40.08	10th (P)
MW OTF Champ. (5/14-16)	800	1:50.26	4th (P)
	800	1:48.53	2nd (F)
Desert Heat Classic (5/2)	800	1:46.21	2nd (F)
	4x400	3:16.28	6th (F)
Bryan Clay Inv. (4/16-18)	1500	3:37.66	7th (F)
Stanford Inv. (4/3-4)	800	1:47.93	1st (F)
	5000	14:20.02	19th (F)
NCAA ITF Champ. (3/13-14)	Mile	3:57.48	8th (P)
	Mile	3:59.74	6th (F)
MW ITF Champ. (2/26-28)	800	1:52.95	2nd (P)
	800	1:53.21	1st (F)
	Mile	4:09.18	2nd (P)
	Mile	4:06.60	1st (F)
Colo. Last Chance (2/20)	DMR	10:08.85	4th (F)
Husky Classic (2/13-14)	800	1:49.53	7th (F)
	3000	7:53.08	11th (F)
BU Terrier Classic (1/31)	1500	3:39.31	15th (F)
	Mile	3:55.22	13th (F)
Dr. MLK Jr Inv. (1/23-24)	Mile	3:58.85	1st (F)
BU Season Opener (12/6)	3000	8:05.01	34th (F)

- After a huge improvement over the indoor season that saw him finish sixth in the Mile at NCAA Indoors in March, Endrody qualified for his first NCAA Outdoor Semifinals and looks to collect another All-American finish.
- The South African sophomore is a two-time NCAA West Region Qualifier but this will be his first time at NCAA Outdoor Championships.



HABTOM SAMUEL

Career Personal Bests:

1500 3:38.60
MILE 3:53.92 @
3000 7:37.44
2 MILE 8:11.47
5000 13:03.47
10,000 26:53.49

Meet (Date)	Event	Mark	Place
NCAA West (5/27-30)	5000	13:38.12	1st (P)
	10,000	28:42.53	1st (P)
LA Track Fest	5000	12:57.22	1st
MW OTF Champ. (5/14-16)	5000	13:25.96	1st (F)
Bryan Clay Invi. (4/16-18)	5000	13:03.47	1st (F)
Stanford Inv. (4/3-4)	10,000	27:30.51	1st (F)
NCAA ITF Champ. (3/13-14)	3000		DQ
	5000	13:36.58	1st (F)
MW ITF Champ. (2/26-28)	3000	7:48.35	1st (F)
	5000	13:30.40	1st (F)
Husky Classic (2/13-14)	3000	7:37.44	1st (F)
Millrose Games (2/1)	3000	7:39.62	9th (F)
	2 Mile	8:11.47	9th (F)
BU Season Opener (12/6)	5000	13:05.21	1st (F)

- Samuel looks to remain unbeaten by collegiate opponents this academic year and win two individual titles at NCAA Championships for the first time in his career after breezing to the fastest times of semifinals in Fayetteville. He has set a new collegiate 5,000m record twice this outdoor season and has never finished lower than second in the national 10,000m final.
- 10-time First Team All-American (XC, Indoor, Outdoor) and three-time national champion (2024 10,000m, 2025 XC, 2026 5,000m Indoor).
- Collegiate 5,000m outdoor record holder -- the first collegian to break 13 minutes

outdoors after a 12:57 performance at the LA Track Fest two weeks ago.

- No. 2 in collegiate history in the 10,000m -- won the 10K title outdoors as a freshman in 2024 and finished as runner-up in 2025 behind teammate Ishmael Kipkurui.



EVANS KIPLAGAT

Career Personal Bests:

1500 3:43.92
MILE 4:13.46
3000 7:46.32
5000 13:18.05
10,000 27:59.71
3000S 8:57.08

Meet (Date)	Event	Mark	Place
NCAA West (5/27-30)	5000	14:32.59	41st (P)
	10,000	28:56.77	8th (P)
MW OTF Champ. (5/14-16)	10,000	29:23.92	1st (F)
Bryan Clay Inv. (4/16-18)	1500	3:43.92	50th (F)
	5000	13:36.31	18th (F)
Stanford Inv. (4/3-4)	10,000	27:59.71	10th (F)
NCAA ITF Champ. (3/13-14)	5000	14:06.33	16th (F)
MW ITF Champ. (2/26-28)	3000	8:04.89	5th (F)
	5000	13:46.93	3rd (F)
Husky Classic (2/13-14)	3000	7:46.32	8th (F)
BU Terrier Classic (1/31)	3000	7:46.53	6th (F)
Dr. MLK Jr Inv. (1/23-24)	Mile	4:13.95	16th (F)
BU Season Opener (12/6)	5000	13:18.05	6th (F)

- Will be the Lobos' lone representative in the 10,000m, where he ranks No. 3 in the conference and No. 15 in the West Region. His 28:19.01 time at the Stanford Invitational ranks No. 6 on the UNM all-time list.
- Ranks second in the MW in the 5,000m behind Habtom Samuel (13:34.14) -- good for eighth-fastest in the West Region this year and 16th in the NCAA.

COMPETITOR BIOS



PAMELA KOSGEI

Career Personal Bests:

MILE 4:36.70
3000 8:43.86
5000 14:52.45
10,000 30:49.99
3000S 9:15.93

Meet (Date)	Event	Mark	Place
NCAA West (5/27-30)	5000	15:17.63	3rd (P)
	10,000	31:27.58	2nd (P)
MW OTF Champ. (5/14-16)	3000S	9:44.25	1st (F)
Bryan Clay Inv. (4/16-18)	5000	15:03.09	3rd (F)
Stanford Inv. (4/3-4)	10,000	30:49.99	2nd (F)
NCAA ITF Champ. (3/13-14)	3000	8:43.86	2nd (F)
	5000	15:07.76	3rd (F)
MW ITF Champ. (2/26-28)	3000	8:58.58	1st (F)
	5000	15:32.15	1st (F)
Husky Classic (2/13-14)	3000	8:44.91	2nd (F)
BU Colyear-Danville (12/6)	5000	15:05.41	3rd (F)

- NCAA Outdoor 5,000m and 10,000m Champion in 2025, going on to finish as a Finalist for the Bowerman Award that year.
- Holds four of the Top 10 fastest 10,000m outdoor times in collegiate history.
- Seven-time USTFCCA First Team All-American across XC, Indoor and Outdoor -- most recently finished as runner-up in the 3,000m and third in the 5,000m at NCAA Indoors in March.
- Holds the indoor mile, indoor 3,000m, indoor and outdoor 5,000m, steeplechase and 10,000m records at UNM -- all but steeplechase previously held by Weini Kelati.



TANIYA LOONEY

Career Personal Bests:

60 7.30
100 10.85 (2.1)
200 22.66 (2.0)
300 40.56

Meet (Date)	Event	Mark (Wind)	Place
NCAA West (5/27-30)	100	10.85 (2.1)	2nd (P)
	100	11.07 (1.3)	1st (P)
	200	22.66 (2.0)	8th (P)
	200	23.03 (0.4)	10th (P)
MW OTF Champ. (5/14-16)	100	11.08 (1.2)	1st (P)
	100	11.09 (-0.5)	1st (F)
	200	22.90 (2.0)	1st (P)
	200	22.81 (1.7)	1st (F)
	4x100	44.92	2nd (F)
Desert Heat Classic (5/2)	100	11.18 (0.4)	3rd (F)
	200	23.16 (-0.3)	4th (F)
Pacific Coast Inv. (4/16)	200	23.17 (2.0)	1st (F)
Mt. SAC Relays (4/15-18)	100	11.37 (-1.6)	8th (F)
	4x100	44.91	3rd (F)
44 Farms Inv. (4/9-11)	100	11.05 (2.2)	2nd (F)
	200	23.04 (5.9)	5th (F)
	4x100	45.20	4th (F)
MW ITF Champ. (2/26-28)	60	7.30	2nd (P)
	60	7.34	3rd (F)
	200	23.43	2nd (P)
	200	23.59	4th (F)
Don Kirby Elite (2/13-14)	60	7.33	7th (P)
	60	7.35	8th (F)
	200	23.78	7th (F)
NM Coll. Classic (2/6-7)	60	7.44	19th (P)
	60	7.40	13th (P)

- Looney became the first Lobo woman to advance to NCAA Outdoors in both the 100m and 200m since Barbara Bell in 1984 after a massive breakthrough performance at NCAA West Regionals that saw her become the first woman from UNM to break 11 seconds in the 100m and PR again in the 200m less than two hours later.
- Mountain West Outdoor Champion in the 100m and 200m, finishing third at MW Indoor Championships in the 60m.
- Competed at D-II NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships twice each as a freshman and sophomore while at Pittsburgh State. This is her first NCAA Championship appearance since transferring to UNM at the semester.



MARION JEPNGETICH

Career Personal Bests:

1500 4:15.04
MILE 4:42.60
3000 8:44.00
5000 15:17.02

Meet (Date)	Event	Mark	Place
NCAA West (5/27-30)	5000	15:18.05	5th (P)
MW OTF Champ. (5/14-16)	5000	15:22.06	1st (F)
Bryan Clay Inv. (4/16-18)	5000	15:19.93	9th (F)
Stanford Inv. (4/3-4)	5000	15:23.68	3rd (F)
NCAA ITF Champ. (3/13-14)	3000	8:44.00	3rd (F)
MW ITF Champ. (2/26-28)	3000	8:58.81	2nd (F)
	DMR	11:02.09	1st (F)
Colo. Last Chance (2/20)	DMR	11:06.63	1st (F)
Husky Classic (2/13-14)	3000	8:45.20	3rd (F)
BU Terrier Classic (1/31)	3000	8:48.98	3rd (F)
BU Season Opener (12/6)	5000	15:17.02	14th (F)

- After finishing fourth in the 5,000m final in 2025 for the first All-American honors of her career, Jepngetich returns alongside teammate Pamela Kosgei and enters with the No. 9 time in the country after running a season best 15:18.05 in Fayetteville.
- This will be Jepngetich's third trip to NCAA Track Championships in a row after she finished 3rd in the 3,000m at NCAA Indoors in March.

ALL-TIME TOP 10'S

WOMEN'S 100 METERS

Athlete	Time	Date/Meet	Location
1. Taniya Looney	11.07 (+1.3)	May 28, 2026 / NCAA West Prelims (P)	Fayetteville, Ark.
2. Barbara Bell	11.52 (+1.73)	May 28, 1984 / NCAA Champ.	Eugene, Ore.
3. Lauren Fowler	11.54 (+0.1)	May 11, 2024 / MWC Champ.	Fresno, Calif.
4. Michelle Matthais	11.58@ (+2.0)	May 8, 1981 / AIAW Intermountain	Ogden, Utah
5. Natanya Jones	11.63@ (+2.0)	May 18, 1990 / WAC Champ.	Fort Collins, Colo.
6. McKenna Watson	11.64 (+1.8)	May 11, 2023 / MWC Champ.	Fresno, Calif.
7. Amanda Fields	11.67 (+2.0)	May 28, 1981 / AIAW Champ.	Austin, Texas
8. Pam Posey	11.68 (+2.0)	May 1, 1987	
9. Terrian Florence	11.71@ (+0.2)	May 18, 1990 / WAC Champ.	Fort Collins, Colo.
Lou-Anne Pouzancrre	11.71@ (+1.6)	March 28, 2026 / NM Spring Invite	Albuquerque, N.M.
10. Kristian Matison	11.79@ (+2.0)	May 13, 2006 / MWC Champ.	Provo, Utah
Laylah Lawson	11.79@ (+1.6)	March 28, 2026 / NM Spring Invite	Albuquerque, N.M.

MEN'S 1,500 METERS

Athlete	Time	Date/Meet	Location
1. Josh Kerr	3:35.01	April 20, 2018 / Bryan Clay Invitational	Azusa, Calif.
2. Abdrizak Ibrahim	3:37.19	June 3, 2021 / Portland Stumptown Invite	Portland, Ore.
3. Lee Emanuel	3:37.25	May 2, 2009 / Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
4. Matthew Endrody	3:37.66	April 16, 2026 / Bryan Clay Invitational	Azusa, Calif.
5. Habtom Samuel	3:38.60	April 18, 2025 / Bryan Clay Invite	Azusa, Calif.
6. Kipsubi Koskei	3:38.87@	May 5, 1979 / WAC Champ.	Albuquerque, N.M.
7. Collins Kiprotich	3:39.53	April 16, 2026 / Bryan Clay Invitational	Azusa, Calif.
8. Mathew Kosgei	3:39.54@	Mar 29, 2025 / NM Spring Invitational	Albuquerque, N.M.
9. Joshua Abraham	3:39.55	April 3, 2026 / Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
10. Peter Callahan	3:39.90	June 14, 2014 / NCAA Champ.	Eugene, Ore.

WOMEN'S 200 METERS

Athlete	Time	Date/Meet	Location
1. Taniya Looney	22.66 (+2.0)	May 26, 2021 / NCAA West Prelims (F)	Fayetteville, Ark.
2. Holmes, Tianna	23.12 (+1.5)	May 26, 2021 / NCAA West Prelims	College Station, Texas
3. Barbara Bell	23.44h	Apr. 28, 1984 / Mt. SAC Relays	Walnut, Calif.
4. Lou-Anne Pouzancrre	23.49 (+2.0)	Apr. 16, 2026 / Pacific Coast Inv.	Long Beach, Calif.
5. Michelle Matthais	23.69 (+2.0)	May 7, 1981 / AIAW Regionals	Ogden, Utah
6. Adwoa Gyasi-Nmako	23.62@	May 17, 2000 / MWC Champ.	Provo, Utah
7. Eva Ngom	23.63 (+1.7)	Apr. 16, 2026 / Pacific Coast Inv.	Long Beach, Calif.
8. Rebecca Grieve	23.68 (+1.9)	May 15, 2025 / MW Championships	Fresno, Calif.
9. Ariel Burr	23.73@ (-2.6)	Apr. 28, 2007 / UNM (Don Kirby)	Albuquerque, N.M.
10. McKenna Watson	23.75 (+2.0)	Apr. 28, 2023 / Corky/Crofoot Shootout	Lubbock, Texas

MEN'S 5,000 METERS

Athlete	Time	Date/Meet	Location
1. Habtom Samuel	12:57.23*	May 24, 2026 / LA Track Festival	Los Angeles, Calif.
2. Ishmael Kipkurui	13:09.24	Apr 17, 2025 / Bryan Clay Invitational	Azusa, Calif.
3. Collins Kiprotich	13:25.06	April 4, 2025 / Stanford Inv.	Palo Alto, Calif.
4. Iker Sanchez	13:29.11	Apr 16, 2026 / Bryan Clay Invitational	Azusa, Calif.
5. Luke Caldwell	13:29.94	Apr 28, 2013 / Payton Jordan/Stanford Invite	Palo Alto, Calif.
6. Lee Emanuel	13:31.56	April 16, 2010 / Mt. Sac Relays	Walnut, Calif.
7. Vincent Chirchir	13:31.75	Apr 16, 2026 / Bryan Clay Invitational	Azusa, Calif.
8. Matt Gonzales	13:35.59	May 30, 2004 / Payton Jordan/Stanford Open	Palo Alto, Calif.
9. Evans Kiplagat	13:35.76	Apr 17, 2025 / Bryan Clay Invitational	Azusa, Calif.
10. Chris Barnicle	13:36.02	April 16, 2010 / Mt. Sac Relays	Walnut, Calif.

WOMEN'S 5,000 METERS

Athlete	Time	Date/Meet	Location
1. Pamela Kosgei	14:52.45	April 16, 2025 / Bryan Clay Invitational	Azusa, Calif.
2. Marion Jepngetich	15:18.05	May 30, 2026 / NCAA West Preliminary	Fayetteville, Ark.
3. Ednah Kurgat	15:20.06	May 3, 2018 / Stanford Invite	Palo Alto, Calif.
4. Weini Kelati	15:22.71	May 3, 2018 / Stanford Invite	Palo Alto, Calif.
5. Adva Cohen	15:26.48	Apr. 29, 2022 / Payton Jordan Invite	Palo Alto, Calif.
6. Charlotte Prouse	15:29.66	Apr. 30, 2021 / West Coast Relays	Fresno, Calif.
7. Gracelyn Larkin	15:29.93	Apr. 13, 2022 / Bryan Clay Invite	Azusa, Calif.
8. Alice Seguin	15:33.10	Apr 4, 2025 / Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
9. Tilly Simpson	15:34.23	April 3, 2026 / Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
10. Amelia Mazza-Downie	15:36.02	May 24, 2023 / NCAA West Preliminary	Sacramento, Calif.

MEN'S 10,000 METERS

Athlete	Time	Date/Meet	Location
1. Ishmael Kipkurui	26:50.21*	Mar 29, 2025 / THE TEN	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.
2. Habtom Samuel	26:53.84	Mar 29, 2024 / THE TEN	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.
3. Evans Kiplagat	27:59.71	April 3, 2026 / Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
4. Vincent Chirchir	28:00.39	April 3, 2026 / Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
5. Thomas Termote	28:00.72	April 3, 2026 / Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
6. Ibrahim Juma Kivina	28:06.14h	June 1, 1984 / NCAA Champ.	Eugene, Ore.
7. Chris Barnicle	28:10.59	May 1, 2010 / Payton Jordan/Stanford Inv.	Palo Alto, Calif.
8. Matt Gonzales	28:17.46	May 1, 2005 / Stanford Inv.	Palo Alto, Calif.
9. Vincent Chirchir	28:19.01	Mar 29, 2024 / Stanford Inv.	Palo Alto, Calif.
10. Rikus Van Niekerk	28:25.63	April 4, 2025 / Stanford Inv.	Palo Alto, Calif.

WOMEN'S 10,000 METERS

Athlete	Time	Date/Meet	Location
1. Pamela Kosgei	30:49.99	Apr 3, 2026 / Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
2. Weini Kelati	32:09.10	May 9, 2019 / MWC Champ.	Fresno, Calif.
3. Amelia Mazza-Downie	32:07.62	Apr. 13, 2023 / Bryan Clay Invite	Azusa, Calif.
4. Ednah Kurgat	32:14.27	Mar. 29, 2019 / Stanford Invite	Palo Alto, Calif.
5. Alice Wright	32:15.73	Mar. 30, 2018 / Stanford Invite	Palo Alto, Calif.
6. Emma Heckel	32:31.42	Mar 31, 2023 / Stanford Invite	Palo Alto, Calif.
7. Gracelyn Larkin	32:32.61	Mar 31, 2023 / Stanford Invite	Palo Alto, Calif.
8. Mercy Kirarei	32:34.65	April 3, 2026 / Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
9. Sarah Waldron	32:36.07	Apr. 6, 2012 / Stanford Invite	Palo Alto, Calif.
10. Charlotte Prouse	32:38.81	May 13, 2021 / MWC Champ.	Fresno, Calif.

2026 MEN'S NCAA OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS

NAME	YEAR	EVENT(S)	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
Matthew Endrody	So.	1,500m	Johannesburg, South Africa / Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool
Evans Kiplagat	Jr.	10,000m	Eldoret, Kenya / Friends Bwake Boys HS
Habtom Samuel	Jr.	5,000m / 10,000m	Keren, Eritrea / Al Selef Al Salih

PRONUNCIATIONS

Matthew Endrody - En-droe-dee

Evans Kiplagat - Kipla-got

Habtom Samuel - Hab-tum

2026 MEN'S NCAA OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS

NAME	YEAR	EVENT(S)	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
Marion Jepngetich	So.	5,000m	Uasin Gishu County, Kenya / Kimwogo Secondary
Pamela Kosgei	So.	5,000m / 10,000m	Elgeyo-Marakwet County, Kenya / St. Agatha Mokpo Girls HS
Taniya Looney	Jr.	100m / 200m	Oklahoma City, Okla. / Pittsburgh St.

PRONUNCIATIONS

Pamela Kosgei - Koss-guy

Taniya Looney - Tuh-nye-uh

Marion Jepngetich - Jepingetitch

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

MEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA TEAM RESULTS INDOOR

Year	Finish	Points
1967	T-5th	12
1968	T-37th	2
1971	T-11th	8
1972	T-12th	7
1973	T-39th	2
1975	T-23rd	4
1976	T-10th	7
1977	9th	9
1978	13th	15
1979	T-47th	2
1980	T-46th	2
1983	T-38th	3
1984	10th	12
1990	T-24th	6
2005	T-34th	5
2006	T-65th	0.33
2009	T-16th	14
2010	T-8th	18
2011	T-50th	3
2012	T-15th	11
2013	T-49th	2
2014	T-45th	4
2015	T-31st	6
2017	T-22nd	10
2018	T-21st	10
2024	35th	7
2025	T-26th	10
2026	T-19th	13

MEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA TEAM RESULTS OUTDOOR

Year	Finish	Points
1958	T-20th	8
1959	10th	18
1961	T-16th	10
1962	T-27th	6
1964	T-18th	10
1965	5th	25
1966	T-11th	16
1967	T-5th	24
1968	T-46th	3
1972	T-51st	1
1976	T-43rd	2
1978	T-31st	4
1979	T-28th	6
1982	T-47th	11
1983	T-67th	5
1984	T-38th	12
1985	T-30th	8
1989	38th	7
1990	T-47th	6
1991	63rd	3.5
2003	T-37th	6
2004	T-44th	5
2007	T-70th	2
2008	T-42nd	5
2009	T-40th	6
2010	T-55th	3
2011	T-41st	5
2012	T-26th	8
2013	T-28th	8
2014	T-44th	5
2015	36th	7.5
2017	T-23rd	11
2018	T-43rd	6
2024	T-23rd	13
2025	5th	31

WOMEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA TEAM RESULTS INDOOR

Year	Finish	Points
2010	T-36th	6
2012	T-62nd	1
2015	T-46th	3
2016	T-30th	7
2018	T-10th	17
2019	5th	23
2022	T-40th	3
2023	T-43rd	2
2025	T-32nd	6
2026	T-10th	20

WOMEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA TEAM RESULTS OUTDOOR

Year	Finish	Points
1976*	12th	N/A
1979*	9th	N/A
1981*	14th	N/A
1983	57th	2
1984	T-64th	3
1990	T-56th	2
1996	T-33rd	5
2008	T-31st	8
2009	T-70th	1
2012	T-50th	3
2015	T-48th	4
2016	15th	18
2017	T-32nd	8
2018	T-17th	16
2019	8th	27
2021	T-50th	4
2022	36th	7
2023	33rd	9
2025	9th	25

UNM INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

WOMEN - INDOOR

Year	Athlete	Event	Time/Mark
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WOMEN - OUTDOOR

1969-70 – DGWS Championships

1971-81 – AIAW National Championships

Year	Athlete	Event	Time/Mark
1971	Barbara Butler	Discus	142-05
1979	Susan Vigil	800 meters	2:04.1
2016	Courtney Frerichs	3,000m SC	9:24.41#
2019	Weini Kelati	10,000 meters	33:10.84
2025	Pamela Kosgei	10,000 meters	31:17.82*
		5,000 meters	15:33.96

#UNM and Collegiate record at that time

* NCAA Championship Meet Record

MEN - INDOOR

Year	Athlete	Event	Time/Mark
1976	Charles Dramiga	600 yards	1:10.58
1977	Michael Solomon	600 yards	1:10.01
1978	J. Quade, M. Romero J. Ongwae, S. Kipkurgat	Two-Mile Relay	7:27.53
2009	Lee Emanuel	Mile	4:00.36
2010	Lee Emanuel	Mile	3:59.26
2012	Kendall Spencer	LJ	26-3 1/2
2017	Josh Kerr	Mile	4:03.22
2018	Josh Kerr	Mile	3:57.02

MEN - OUTDOOR

Year	Athlete	Event	Time/Mark
1965	Clarence Robinson	Triple Jump	50-2
		Long Jump	25-10.5
1967	Art Baxter	Triple Jump	52-4 1/4
2017	Josh Kerr	1500 meters	3:43.03
2024	Habtom Samuel	10,000 meters	28:07.82
2025	Ishmael Kipkurui	10,000 meters	29:07.70

RANKINGS HISTORY

MEN'S USTFCCCA INDOOR RANKINGS ALL-TIME

Year	PS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	NCAA
2026		19	14	20	23	24	22	20	19
2025		29	20	23	15	16	15	11	26
2024		12	30	33	37	37	34	34	35
2023		153		83	81	82	84	79	
2022		82	59	50	71	71	89		
2020	95	102	107	108	99	103	113		
2019	89	98	104	115	95	104	78		
2018	70	68	76	44	35	37	20	18	21
2017	--	--	--	--	70	69	48	46	22
2016	40	50	58	65	110	119	105		
2015	27	41	49	54	42	30	54	52	31
2014	38	42	38	39	36	40	30	35	45
2013	27	28	30	31	61	61	60	54	49
2012	53	50	63	77	44	48	30	26	15
2011	112	122	97	94	82	83	53	59	50
2010	23	26	19	20	19	22	22	13	8
2009		79	82	42	27	30	23	23	16
2008	105				87	94	96		



MEN'S USTFCCCA OUTDOOR RANKINGS ALL-TIME

Year	PS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	NCAA
2026			17	17	21	20	22	22	24	23		
2025		18	9	10	6	7	8	8	6		9	5
2024			36	37	18	26	28	26	30	28	38	23
2023		118	78	84	88	104	113	120	63	62	39	
2022		32	44	79	99	106	106	110	101	103	86	
2021		128	132	161	164	152	133	136	138	150		
2019	124	127	128	127	115	119	128	127	130			
2018	56	61	59	61	55	58	56	58	57	49		43
2017	100	100	102	60	54	45	52	53	56	40		23
2016	84	69	72	61	39	52	55	75	72	62		
2015	52	56	62	69	66	54	70	80	69	66		36
2014	42	38	37	45	30	23	23	25	25	22		44
2013	29	33	32	34	104	56	58	61	61	40		28
2012	42	52	38	40	45	38	39	44	42	76		33
2011	41	44	54	34	26	25	27	25	25	18		41
2010	33	34	34	32	29	21	23	22	22	26		55
2009	46	60	56	38	33	38	44	40	28	31		40
2008	54	62	40	38	42	32	33	36	32	35		42

WOMEN'S USTFCCCA INDOOR RANKINGS ALL-TIME

Year	PS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	NCAA
2026		40	33	26	27	28	33	32	10
2025		29	24	25	27	30	28	29	32
2024			89	90	107	113	118		
2023		23	53	58	38	35	35	34	43
2022		28	25	20	37	36	29	30	40
2020	6	8	12	12	22	23	19	18	
2019	9	11	8	8	7	5	5	5	5
2018	25	26	28	26	10	11	8	8	10
2017	30	28	25	29	65	71	76	76	
2016	38	40	35	36	33	23	28	26	30
2015	82	93	88	93	35	25	29	27	46
2014		123	84	87	79	82	89		
2013	73	73	51	52	49	62	60	68	
2012	32	30	39	41	102	109	110	80	62
2011		103	90	92	34	36	28	34	
2010	54	58	59	59	78	82	45	41	36
2009		69	66	82	80	84		81	
2008	79						85	91	

WOMEN'S USTFCCCA OUTDOOR RANKINGS ALL-TIME

Year	PS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	NCAA
2026		159	22	21	22	23	19	19	22	23		
2025		47	8	10	20	20	21	21	20	20	23	9
2024			108	102	99	99	99	99	101	97		
2023			47	50	17	20	24	23	27	23		33
2022		194	19	18	9	12	12	12	15	13	15	36
2021		77	38	42	51	33	32	32	23	49	46	50
2019	13	14	13	12	9	9	9	5	7	7		8
2018	32	40	38	39	39	44	14	12	16	18		17
2017	31	48	46	49	77	75	44	46	62	66		32
2016	17	18	18	19	22	14	12	14	16	16		15
2015	144	80	81	63	46	55	60	60	77	61		48
2014	118	121	122	121	111	117	135	141	129	100		
2013	77	102	104	106	97	78	85	94	81	60		
2012	41	41	36	35	61	59	59	58	61	58		55
2011	40	42	45	39	53	40	43	41	30	76		RV
2010	33	28	28	30	24	23	24	23	17	33		
2009	46	45	47	49	44	50	52	58	61	61		70
2008	69	24	24	34	38	40	41	34	35	47		31

LOBOS IN THE OLYMPICS

30 Lobo Cross Country / Track & Field alumni have reached the world's biggest stage in the Olympic games dating back to 1960, with at least four Lobo alumni competing in each of the last three Olympics held (Paris 2024, Tokyo 2021, Rio De Janeiro 2016) and at least one former Lobo medaling in each of the last two. In total, UNM alumni have won six Olympic medals, with four of those in the past four Olympic games.

YEAR (CITY)	ATHLETE	NATION	EVENT	FINISH
1960 (Rome)	Dick Howard	United States	400m Hurdles	BRONZE
1968 (Mexico City)	Ake Nilsson	Sweden	Javelin	BRONZE
1976 (Montreal)	Sammy Kipkurgat	Kenya	800 meters	Alternate
1976 (Montreal)	Fatwel Kimaiyo	Kenya	4x400m Relay	Alternate
1976 (Montreal)	Mike Solomon	Trinidad & Tobago	4x400m Relay	Alternate
1980 (Moscow)	Mike Solomon	Trinidad & Tobago	4x400 Relay	6th (F)
1980 (Moscow)	Charles Dramiga	Uganda	400 meters	5th (P)
1980 (Moscow)	Fidelis Ndyabagye	Uganda	LJ	NM (P)
1984 (Los Angeles)	Ibrahim Juma Kivina	Tanzania	10,000 meters	12th (P)
1988 (Seoul)	Gary Kinder	United States	Decathlon	DNF
1988 (Seoul)	Ibrahim Hussein	Kenya	Marathon	DNF
1992 (Barcelona)	Ibrahim Hussein	Kenya	Marathon	37th (F)
1992 (Barcelona)	Simon Arkell	Australia	Pole Vault	22nd (P)
1996 (Atlanta)	Simon Arkell	Australia	Pole Vault	NM (P)
2004 (Athens)	Angela Whyte	Canada	100m Hurdles	6th (F)
2008 (Beijing)	Angela Whyte	Canada	100m Hurdles	23rd (P)
2012 (London)	Jarrin Solomon	Trinidad & Tobago	4x400m Relay	BRONZE
2016 (Rio De Janeiro)	Angela Whyte	Canada	100m Hurdles	6th (P)
2016 (Rio De Janeiro)	Jarrin Solomon	Trinidad & Tobago	400x400m Relay	DQ
2016 (Rio De Janeiro)	Ross Millington	Great Britain	10,000 meters	31st (F)
2016 (Rio De Janeiro)	Courtney Frerichs	United States	3,000m Steeple	11th (F)
2021 (Tokyo)	Courtney Frerichs	United States	3,000m Steeple	SILVER
2021 (Tokyo)	Josh Kerr	Great Britain	1,500 meters	BRONZE
2021 (Tokyo)	Adva Cohen	Israel	3,000m Steeple	14th (P)
2021 (Tokyo)	Django Lovett	Canada	HJ	8th (F)
2024 (Paris)	Weini Keilati	United States	10,000 meters	8th (F)
2024 (Paris)	Josh Kerr	Great Britain	1,500 meters	SILVER
2024 (Paris)	Calli Thackery	Great Britain	Marathon	DNF
2024 (Paris)	Fiona O'Keeffe*	United States	Marathon	DNF

(P) - Designates a preliminary finish for an athlete that did not advance further.

(F) - Designates a Final

NM - Athlete did not record a mark

DNF - Athlete did not finish

*O'Keeffe was a member of the UNM program during the COVID pandemic in 2020 before turning pro in early 2021, and as such did not compete for the Lobos collegiately.



NEW MEXICO ALL-AMERICANS

WOMEN'S INDOOR

Year	Athlete	Event	Finish	Time/Mark
2009	Deanna Young	Triple Jump	12th	42-2
2010	Sandy Fortner	Pentathlon	3rd	4,156 points
2011	Natalie Gray^	5,000 meters	14th	16:44.36
	Ruth Senior^	5,000 meters	10th	16:18.38
2012	Deanna Young^	Triple Jump	11th	41-11 1/4
	Sarah Waldron	5,000 meters	8th	16:07.04
2013	Josephine Moultrie^	3,000 meters	10th	9:14.84
2015	Sammy Silva	Mile	6th	4:35.44
	Calli Thackery^	3,000 meters	13th	9:26.33
2016	T. Armoush, H. Van Grinsven, S. Connor, A. Wright	DMR^	10th	11:17.98
	Sophie Connor	Mile	5th	4:38.83
2017	Calli Thackery	3,000 meters	6th	9:09.35
	Jannell Hadnot^	Triple Jump	11th	42-11 1/4
2018	Hosker-Thornhill, Howell, Van Grinsven, Thackery	DMR^	12th	11:30.67
	Sophie Connor^	Mile	15th!	4:45.36
2019	Alice Wright^	5,000 meters	9th	15:56.24
	Jannell Hadnot^	Triple Jump	14th	42-0
2020	Ednah Kurgat	3,000 meters	8th	9:03.81
	Weini Kelati	5,000 meters	2nd	15:47.46
2021	Weini Kelati	3,000 meters	5th	9:03.51
	Alice Wright^	5,000 meters	5th	15:56.73
2022	K. Casey, S. Keller, A. Negrón, C. Prouse	DMR^	10th	16:07.66
	Weini Kelati	5,000 meters	2nd	15:32.95
2023	Ednah Kurgat	3,000 meters	3rd	9:02.44
	Charlotte Prouse	5,000 meters	4th	15:39.04
2024	Ednah Kurgat	3,000 meters^	9th	9:11.80
	Charlotte Prouse	5,000 meters	5th	15:39.04
2025	Weini Kelati	3,000 meters^	11th	9:15.28
	Weini Kelati	5,000 meters		
2026	Emily Martin	5,000 meters		
	A. Bendle, A. Cohen, E. Thorner, W. Kelati	DMR		
2027	A. Mazza-Downie	5,000 meters	7th	15:37.87
	Gracelyn Larkin	5,000 meters	8th	15:44.31
2028	Adva Cohen	5,000 meters	13th	16:08.97
	Emma Heckel	5,000 meters	14th	16:09.63
2029	Gracelyn Larkin	5,000 meters	7th	16:27.76
	A. Mazza-Downie	5,000 meters	10th	16:33.71
2030	Pamela Kosgei	5,000 meters	3rd	15:07.57
	Pamela Kosgei	3,000 meters^	11th	9:04.42
2031	Pamela Kosgei	5,000 meters	3rd	15:07.76
	Pamela Kosgei	3,000 meters	2nd	8:43.86
2032	Marion Jepngetich	3,000 meters	3rd	8:44.00

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR

1971-81 - AIAW National Championships				
Year	Athlete	Event	Finish	Time/Mark
1970	Barbara Butler	Discus	2nd	135-10
	Barbara Butler	Shot Put	4th	40-3
1971	Barbara Butler	Discus	1st 1	42-5
	Lisa Chivario	Long Jump	2nd	19-6
1973	Lisa Chivario	100y Hurdles	5th	11.5
	Lisa Chivario	200m Hurdles	3rd	28.9
1976	Barbara Butler	Long Jump	4th	18-1
	Karen Cramond	Discus	4th	139-8
1978	Susan Vigil	Two Miles	5th	10:38.0
	Cindy Ashby	Three Miles	3rd	16:16.8
1979	Susan Vigil	800 meters	5th	2:08.99
	Susan Vigil	800 meters	6th	2:08.93
1981	Susan Vigil	800 meters	4th	2:07.93
	R. Dramiga, L. Brasher, M. Metcalf, S. Vigil	800 meters	1st	2:04.1
1981	Michelle Mathias	200 meters	2nd	8:43.52
	C. Zepherin, A. Fields, P. Mallory, M. Mathias	4x100m Relay	4th	23.77
1990	Lavern Clarke	5th	45.63	
	Lavern Clarke	Long Jump	8th	19-11.75
1996	Tangi Galloway	Triple Jump	8th	42-01.50
	Sara Nicholson	10,000 meters	4th	34:07.01
2008	Katie Coronado	Javelin	12th	150-05
	Katie Coronado	Javelin	2nd	179-06
2009	Michelle Corrigan	10,000 meters	8th	32:20.24
	Katie Coronado	Javelin	11th	161-6
2010	Deanna Young	Triple Jump	14th	41-10 1/2
	Sarah Waldron	10,000 meters	6th	32:58.84
2012	Charlotte Arter^	1,500 meters	14th	4:19.271
	Chloe Anderson^	1,500 meters	15th	4:19.821
2014	Sammy Silva^	1,500 meters	16th	4:22.95
	Calli Thackery	5,000 meters	6th	15:47.15
2015	Alice Wright	10,000 meters	8th	33:41.86
	Courtney Frerichs	3,000m Steeple	1st	9:24.41
2016	Alice Wright	10,000 meters	2nd	32:46.99
	Sophie Connor^	1,500 meters	11th	4:17.27
2017	E. Hosker-Thornhill^	1,500 meters	14th!	4:17.74
	Alice Wright	10,000 meters	2nd	32:42.64
2018	Charlotte Prouse	3,000m Steeple	2nd	9:45.45
	Alice Wright	10,000 meters	4th	32:17.92
2019	Ednah Kurgat	5,000 meters	6th	15:46.31
	Weini Kelati^	5,000 meters	9th	15:46.57
2020	Weini Kelati	10,000 meters	1st	33:10.84
	Weini Kelati	5,000 meters	5th	15:54.46
2021	Ednah Kurgat	10,000 meters	4th	15:39.031
	Charlotte Prouse	3,000m Steeple	2nd	9:44.50
2022	Charlotte Prouse	5,000 meters^	15th	16:26.57
	Adva Cohen	3,000m Steeple	4th	9:46.36
2023	Stefanie Parsons	5,000 meters^	DNF	
	Stefanie Parsons	1,500 meters	9th	4:14.46
2024	Abbe Goldstein^	1,500 meters	21st	4:25.25
	Elise Thorner	3,000m Steeple	5th	9:33.99
2025	Adva Cohen	3,000m Steeple	8th	9:35.60
	Gracelyn Larkin	5,000 meters	7th	15:33.10
2026	A. Mazza-Downie^	5,000 meters	16th	15:58.39
	A. Mazza-Downie^	10,000 meters	9th	33:31.99
2027	Emma Heckel	5,000 meters^	18th	16:01.51
	Emma Heckel	10,000 meters^	14th	33:43.01
2028	Abbe Goldstein^	1,500 meters	9th	4:11.86
	Maisie Grice^	3,000m Steeple	12th	10:11.62
2029	Gracelyn Larkin^	5,000 meters	15th	16:08.22
	Gracelyn Larkin^	10,000 meters	14th	34:00.22
2030	A. Mazza-Downie	5,000 meters^	9th	15:56.35
	A. Mazza-Downie	10,000 meters	4th	32:51.90
2031	Elise Thorner	3,000m Steeple	5th	9:42.45
	Pamela Kosgei	10,000m	1st	15:33.96
2032	Pamela Kosgei	5,000m	1st	31:17.82
	Marion Jepngetich	5,000m	4th	15:35.14
2033	Louanne Pouzancrè^	4x400 Relay	16th (P)	3:32.38
	Hanna Kiess^	4x400 Relay		
2034	Sofia Pineda^	4x400 Relay		
	Rebecca Grieve^	4x400 Relay		

HEAD COACH DARREN GAUSON

Darren Gauson was named UNM's Head Coach for Track & Field / Cross Country on June 30, 2023. In his first two seasons at the helm in Albuquerque, Gauson has led the Lobos to five individual national titles, nine Mountain West team titles and 43 First and Second Team All-American finishes. In the 2024-25 academic year, New Mexico was the only program in the nation to finish in the Top 10 in the team score at both NCAA Cross Country & Outdoor Track & Field Championships — the Lobo women finished seventh in the nation in XC and ninth outdoors, while the men finished ninth in cross country and fifth outdoors.

This year, the Lobos finished 2nd in the men's score and 4th in the women's score at NCAA XC Championships -- the first time both teams have finished on the podium in program history.

2024-25

In Gauson's second year at the helm, the Lobos reached new heights on the national stage for both men and women. They won four Mountain West titles — including the first sweep of women's cross country, indoor and outdoor track & field team titles in program history — and finished in the Top 10 nationally for men & women at both NCAA XC and Outdoor Track & Field Championships, with Ishmael Kipkurui (10,000m) and Pamela Kosgei (5,000m & 10,000m) winning individual national titles outdoors.

At NCAA Cross Country Championships, the Lobo women finished 7th and the men finished 9th, making UNM one of just three schools in the nation with both teams finishing in the Top 10 alongside NAU and BYU. Habtom Samuel repeated as national runner-up despite losing a shoe halfway through the race and Pamela Kosgei finished as national runner-up on the women's side — both earned USTFCCCA Mountain Region Athlete of the Year honors following the conclusion of the season.

At the conclusion of the indoor season, UNM qualified five athletes for NCAA Indoor Championships — Brodie Young (400m), Collins Kiprotich (Mile), Ishmael Kipkurui (3,000m; 5,000m), Habtom Samuel (3,000m; 5,000m) and Pamela Kosgei (3,000m; 5,000m). Samuel (2nd, 5,000m) and Kosgei (3rd, 5,000m) both took home First Team All-America honors.

During the outdoor regular season, Ishmael Kipkurui broke the NCAA collegiate record in the 10,000m at Sound Running's THE TEN (26:50.21). Habtom Samuel broke the collegiate 5,000m record (13:05.87) and Pamela Kosgei ran the second-fastest 5,000m (14:52.45) and 10,000m performances (31:02.73) in NCAA history.

At NCAA West Region Preliminaries, 11 Lobos qualified for NCAA Outdoor Championships — the second-most in program history and most since a 28-athlete showing in 2011.

In addition to national titles from Pamela Kosgei (5,000m, 10,000m) and Ishmael Kipkurui (10,000m), Mathew Kosgei (6th, 3,000m Steeplechase), Habtom Samuel (2nd, 5,000m & 10,000m) and Marion Jpngetich (4th, 5,000m) all earned First Team All-America honors. With Kosgei and Kipkurui's 10,000m victories, UNM became the first D-I institution to sweep both men's and women's 10K titles at the same NCAA Outdoor Championships.

The UNM men finished 5th in the team score — their highest finish ever — with the most points in program history (31 points). The women placed ninth with 25 points — their second-best finish in history. The two squads' 56 points combined were the most in any single season at UNM, more than twice the previous highest combined of 22 points (2018).

After outdoor championships, Gauson was named USTFCCA Mountain Region Coach of the Year for both men and women, with Pamela Kosgei named Regional Athlete of the Year and becoming the first finalist for The Bowerman in program history.

2023-24

In his first season at UNM, the Lobo men won their first Mountain West Championship since 2014, and Gauson was named MW Men's Coach of the Year. Led by a Mountain



transfer who followed Gauson to Albuquerque, qualified as an individual and finished 36th at the National Championship race to become the third XC All-American of Gauson's tenure.

In the first meet of the 2023-24 indoor season, Samuel broke the indoor 5,000m record and Lukas Kiprop broke the 3,000m record at the Sharon Danville-Colyear Season Opener.

In the 2023-24 indoor season, UNM athletes produced 33 marks that rank among the Top 10 in program history in their respective events. The women finished 4th and the men finished 5th at MW Indoor Championships, with Habtom Samuel and Mercy Kirarei sweeping the men's and women's 3,000m and 5,000m titles — the first time in program history that UNM won all four races at the same indoor championships. 10 Lobos earned indoor All-MW honors following the meet, with Habtom Samuel named Performer of the Meet and Indoor Track Athlete of the Year.

Samuel and Kiplagat both qualified for NCAA Indoor Championships, with Samuel finishing 4th in the 5,000m and 7th in the 3,000m for his second and third All-American awards and Kiplagat finishing 15th in the 5,000m for 2nd Team honors.

The Lobos put up 18 more Top-10 marks in the outdoor season, with Samuel breaking the UNM outdoor 5,000m and 10,000m records in the spring, winning his first NCAA individual title in the 10,000m and NCAA Outdoor Championships and finishing 6th in the 5,000m to make it five All-American honors in his freshman year alone. Maja Gebauer also matched the previous UNM record in the pole vault and became the first Lobo to win a MW title since 2009.

The UNM women finished 6th and the men finished 5th at Gauson's first MW Outdoor Championships in Clovis, with 11 All-MW honorees. Samuel won both the 1,500m and 5,000m races — his 4th and 5th conference individual titles — to join Gebauer as at the top of the podium, later being named MW Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year to complete the season sweep of conference yearly awards.

At 2024 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Ore., Samuel scored 13 points in total for the Lobos with his first- and sixth-place finishes — the most points the UNM men have scored as a team at NCAA Outdoor Championships since 1967 (24) — to help the Lobos finish tied for 23rd in the men's team score with Northern Arizona. It's only the fifth time UNM has produced 13 or more points in the men's team score in program history and the highest the Lobo men have finished in the team score since 2017.

UNM concluded the week as the second-highest placing non-P5 team in the men's field behind Harvard (T-16th), outscoring 113 of 137 teams competing.

PRIOR TO UNM

Gauson has spent the last eight years as the head coach of the track and field and cross country programs at Bradley University in Illinois. He led the Braves to 10 Missouri Valley cross country titles, six by the men and four by the women, including this past year when Bradley swept both the men's and women's titles at the 2022 Missouri Valley Championships. Prior to arriving in Peoria, Gauson was the cross country coach and

Region individual title by freshman Habtom Samuel, the Lobos finished third at regionals — their best finish since 2013 — and qualified for the NCAA Championship race as a team for the first time since 2014. They went on to finish 18th in the nation, with Samuel finishing as a national runner-up and Evans Kiplagat also earning All-American honors. Nicola Jansen, a Bradley

assistant track and field coach at Lamar University, where he guided the Cardinals to back-to-back Southland Conference men's and women's cross country titles in 2013 and 2014.

During his time at Bradley and Lamar, in addition to the 14 team conference titles, Gauson has coached 75 conference champions,

14 conference athletes of the year and 15 conference freshman of the year. He has mentored four All-Americans and six conference outstanding track performers.

A 10-time Missouri Valley Coach of the Year and the 2018 USTFCCCA Midwest Region Men's Coach of the Year, Gauson built Bradley into a powerhouse. His teams included a record-setting performance by the men's cross country team in 2019, when the Braves had the top four finishers at the conference meet to set the modern-day Missouri Valley scoring record with 17 points. A year earlier, Bradley qualified for the NCAA Men's Cross Country Championship for the first time in program history, finishing 24th at the 2018 meet. The Bradley women's team had the second-lowest score in MVC history in 2017, when it had five runners in the top eight en route to the conference title.

On the track, Gauson coached the first individual outdoor and indoor MVC champions for the BU men in 30 and 34 years, respectively, during the 2016 and 2017 championships. Additionally, the Bradley women won their first distance medley relay crown in school history in 2019. Bradley set school records for points scored at the MVC Indoor and Outdoor Championships by both the men and women over the past five seasons. In 2017, Daniel Gagne became the first BU man to qualify for the NCAA Track and Field Championship in 42 years, where he earned second-team All-America honors in the 1,500m run in 2017. In 2021, Wilma Nielsen became the first Bradley freshman to qualify for the NCAA Championship and finished the campaign as the nation's third-ranked rookie in the 800m. Earlier this month, Tiana LoStracco earned honorable mention All-America honors as she qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championship in the 1500m.

In addition to success on the course and on the track, Bradley also had success in the classroom under Gauson. He has coached seven Academic All-Americans and 11 MVC Elite 17 Award winners. Bradley has earned USTFCCCA All-Academic Team honors in each year of his tenure. The men ranked as high as fourth nationally in team GPA (2019 and 2021), while the women peaked at fifth in 2017.

Gauson came to Bradley from Lamar University, where he guided both the Cardinals men's and women's cross country programs to consecutive Southland Conference championships in 2013 and 2014. In addition to the championship success of the cross country teams at Lamar, Gauson coached the Cardinals runners to 29 individual Southland Conference championships in cross country and track in just three seasons. Among his star runners, Gauson helped Matt Johnsen to a 33rd-place finish at the 2012 NCAA Cross Country Championship and the first All-America honor for the Cardinals since 1969. Additionally, Sam Stabler posted the second-fastest 5,000m time in the nation in 2015 to go along with Academic All-America honors.

A 2006 graduate of Napier University in Edinburgh, Scotland, with a degree in sport and exercise science, Gauson competed two years at Butler University where he was coached by former UNM head coach Joe Franklin. He earned a master's of science degree in education from Butler in 2008. With the Bulldogs, Gauson earned a Horizon League title in the 1,500m during his final year of eligibility in addition to claiming Scottish national championships in the event in both 2004 and 2005.

Following graduation, Gauson was also an assistant cross country/track and field coach at Butler for four seasons. The Butler men were able to extend their streak of consecutive conference cross country titles to 14 during Gauson's time in Indianapolis and the team finished 29th at the NCAA Championship during his first season on the coaching staff. Butler boasted four All-Americans overall during his tenure at the school.