



WINGS OF AMERICA

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WINGS ANNOUNCES ITS 2014 NATIONAL TEAM AND COACHES

Santa Fe, NM- Fourteen American Indian student-athletes have been selected to represent Wings at the 2014 USAT&F Cross Country Championships in Boulder, CO on February 15, 2014. Both a men's and women's team will compete in the Junior division amongst some of the nation's top recruits. Laverne Lomakema of Hopi Senior High and Sampson Sage of Piedra Vista HS (Farminton, NM) have been named honorary coaches for the squad.

Wings of America has fielded an all-Native contingent at the USA Cross Country Championships since 1988. As Wings runners step to the line on February, 15th, they will be chasing the organization's 25th national team title in 26 years. The 2014 Wings National Team is comprised of the top late-season performers in an applicant pool of over 75 young runners from across Native America. Each applicant competed on their high school or college cross country team during the fall of 2013 to prepare for one of eleven regional qualifying races sanctioned by Wings. Team members will receive workouts and training guidance from the Program Director and honorary coaches through the winter. Travel expenses and team uniforms will be provided by the organization in February.

Based in Santa Fe, NM, Wings of America is a not-for-profit [501(c)3] organization. The mission of Wings is to enhance the quality of life for American Indian youth. In partnership with Native communities, Wings uses running as a catalyst to empower American Indian and Alaskan Native youth to take pride in themselves and their cultural identity, leading to increased self esteem, health and wellness, leadership and hope, balance and harmony.

PLEASE SEE LIST OF 2014 TEAM MEMBERS ON NEXT PAGE

2014 WINGS NATIONAL TEAM:
 Selected Athlete (Tribal Affiliation), School, Town

Men	Women
Binahnii Curley (Navajo), Central Arizona College, Coolidge, AZ	Kimberly Chapman (Zuni Pueblo), Cibola HS, Albuquerque, NM
Donevan Gravelle (Laguna Pueblo), Taos HS, Taos, NM	Nikeshia Eagleman (Rosebud Sioux), Ganado HS, Ganado, AZ
Jordan Lesansee (Jemez Pueblo/Zuni Pueblo), Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, NM	Daangoina Haven (Navajo), Ganado HS, Ganado, AZ
Shawvan Levi (Navajo), Shiprock HS, Shiprock, NM	Hope Johnson, Cibola HS, Albuquerque, NM
Anthony Masayesva (Hopi), Tuba City HS, Tuba City, AZ	Annoesika Laughlin (Navajo), Navajo Pine HS, Navajo, NM
Brian Masayesva (Hopi), Tuba City HS, Tuba City, AZ	Valene Madalena (Jemez Pueblo/Navajo), Jemez Valley HS, Jemez Pueblo, NM
Niles Thomas (Navajo), Miyamura HS, Gallup, NM	Maricia Pacheco (White Earth Ojibwe), Farmington Senior HS, Farmington, MN