

High Point Panthers roar at AAU Nationals

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ORLANDO, Fla. – The High Point Panthers track and field made plenty of noise at the AAU National Championships.

The Panthers placed third as a team and captured 61 national medals in the seven-day event that concluded on Sunday at Walt Disney World Sports Complex.

The Panthers amassed 288 points overall and won the national title in the young men (ages 17-18) division.

Fifty-eight of the 75 Panthers' team members made it to the nationals. All top-eight finishers earned All-American honors and the top six in each event advance to the AAU Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa from August 1-8.

Individually for the Panthers, Naliah Hope won the national title in the primary girls (ages 6-8) triathlon, took third in the shot put and placed sixth in the 200.

Paisley Simmons won national titles in the girls 13-14 100 and 200 meter runs.

Cordell Livingston placed second in the boys 17-18 110 hurdles, 400

hurdles and long jump. He finished fourth in the triple jump.

Complete top-eight finishers for High Point were:

Ace Evans – fifth in primary boys shot put

Faith Hope – first in sub bantam triathlon, fifth in long jump, sixth in 400 relay

Nolan Johnson – first in sub bantam 400, second in long jump, fifth in 200

Glorie Evans – first in sub midget girls discus, third in shot put, eighth in 1,500 race walk

Chetney Taylor – second in sub midget shot put, third in discus

Sammy Iverson – third in sub midget 2000 race walk

Mia Little – third in midget girls long jump, fifth in 100

Joseph Popek – second in midget boys 1,500 race walk

Kelvin Johnson – fifth in sub-youth boys javelin, eighth in shot put, eighth in discus

Destinie Sykes – third in youth girls 200 hurdles

Xaiver Baker – fourth in youth boys 200 hurdles, sixth in 100 hurdles

Nick Iverson – second in youth boys 3000 race walk

Grace Popek – second in interme-

mediate girls sprint medley, third in 2000 steeplechase, sixth in javelin

Brielle Burnett – 2nd in intermediate girls sprint medley, fourth in 400 relay, eighth in 400

Sarah Justice – second in intermediate girls sprint medley, fourth in 400 relay, seventh in 200

Shemiah Brooks – first in intermediate girls triple jump, second in sprint medley, fourth in 400 relay

Hunter Roberts – seventh in intermediate girls javelin, seventh in high jump

Keisha Smith – fourth in intermediate girls 400 relay

Astute Evans – seventh in young men's decathlon

Devin Bennett – seventh in young men's high jump

Cameron McRae – first in young men's shot put

Oswaldo Hernandez – first in young men's 3000 race walk, third in javelin, fifth in discus

In relay action, the Panthers were sixth in the bantam girls 400, seventh in the midget girls 1,600, second in the intermediate girls sprint relay, fourth in the intermediate girls 400 and ninth in the youth girls 1600.