



## **NEXT LEVEL ATHLETICS HAS THE BEST OF THE BATCH ADVANCE TO JUNIOR OLYMPICS**

With 13 years of successfully combining education and sports, Best of the Batch Foundation continues this mission with its latest educational sports program, Next Level Athletics Track Club. With an all volunteer run coaching staff, Next Level Athletics includes children ages 7-18 from Pittsburgh and the surrounding area. Reading requirements as well as health and wellness education are built into the program and are required for participation.

This week, 16 of the 23 Next Level athletes will advance to the Junior Olympic Nationals in Greensboro, NC. Held at North Carolina A & T State University, and running from July 21 through July 28, athletes will have a chance to place nationally. A list of athletes, their school districts, and their events can be found below:

<i>Michael Crawford 8 &amp; under (Gateway)</i>	<i>400m</i>
<i>Danielle Bryant 9-10g (Pine Richland)</i>	<i>200m, 400m</i>
<i>Raven Haston 11-12g (Pittsburgh Public)</i>	<i>100m, 400m</i>
<i>Mikayla Logan 13-14g (North Allegheny)</i>	<i>200m</i>
<i>Karrson Ewing 13-14b (Plum)</i>	<i>100m, 200m</i>
<i>Summer Thorpe 15-16g (Sewickley)</i>	<i>400h, 100h</i>
<i>Aiyanna Crawford 15-16g (Gateway)</i>	<i>400m, 800m</i>
<i>Aja Thorpe 17-18W (Sewickley)</i>	<i>100h, 4x1 relay</i>
<i>Kaleah Rose 17-18W (Pittsburgh Public)</i>	<i>4x1 relay</i>
<i>Kami Kaczanowicz 17-18W (Burrell)</i>	<i>4x1 relay</i>
<i>Tiara Scott 17-18W (North Gate)</i>	<i>4x1 relay</i>
<i>Tiana Morgan 17-18W (North Gate)</i>	<i>Triple Jump</i>
<i>Montae Nickelson 17-18M (Gateway)</i>	<i>Long Jump, 110h, 4x1 relay</i>
<i>Dayvon Williams 17-18M (West Mifflin)</i>	<i>4x1 relay</i>
<i>Cameron Gray 17-18M (Gateway)</i>	<i>100m, 4x1 relay</i>
<i>Nicholas Stallworth 17-18M (Pittsburgh Public)</i>	<i>4x1 relay</i>

*For live coverage, schedule and results go to [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org)*

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Best of the Batch Foundation is a registered non-profit foundation founded in 1999 by NFL quarterback, Charlie Batch. Best of the Batch Foundation's mission is to provide opportunities for disadvantaged youth in the Pittsburgh, PA area through programs designed to encourage academic excellence, positive motivation, and community pride. For more information on the foundation, its programs, or how to contribute please contact Latasha Wilson, Executive Director at 412-326-0119 or at [lwilson@batchfoundation.org](mailto:lwilson@batchfoundation.org) or visit our website at [www.batchfoundation.org](http://www.batchfoundation.org)