



United Age Group Track Coaches Association 2009 Youth Invitational



The Madeline Regina Willette Scholarship Award Committee Congratulates

MyNiqua Cotton

On her selection as their
2009 Female Recipient



MyNiqua G. Cotton is a student at the University of Charleston in Charleston, West Virginia majoring in Psychology and Political Science. She is the United Age Group Track Coaches Associations' inaugural female recipient of the *Madeline R. Willette Memorial Scholarship Award*.

MyNiqua was a member of the *Cotton Club Posse*, a track club formed by her parents, Michael and Esther, where she participated for eleven years. She is currently a member of the Charleston Golden Eagles Track Club. MyNiqua competes in the 100, 200, 400, 800 and the 1500. She also competes in cross country.

In 1998, MyNiqua set the record in the 400 in both the UAGTCA Championship Meet and in the Mid-Atlantic USATF Region 1 Meet. She also received Outstanding Athlete Awards from the East Coast Invitational, Mid-Atlantic USATF National Jr. Olympic Championship Meet, and the UAGTCA Meet.

MyNiqua says that once she started training with her Dad, she got to the point where she refused to lose. MyNiqua states: "I had the determination to win and I did whatever it took to make that happen". Today that determination still exists. When she says she's going to do something, she gets it done, no matter how hard it seems to be. MyNiqua gives credit to her Dad for his training which has disciplined her. She tells us that she was never allowed to miss practice. Although she hated it then, she is grateful because of it now. MyNiqua says, "As a college student, no one makes me get up and go to class or practice, but I do it because I know it will benefit me in the end."

MyNiqua has volunteered her time to the Greater Newark Boys and Girls Club of Delaware, and with senior citizens. She is also a volunteer with the UAGTCA. While in school, MyNiqua is a member of the University of Charleston Dance Crew and the Black Student Association.

Besides her athletic and leadership accomplishments, MyNiqua's academic achievements are superior. She was an Honor Roll student during her entire high school years. While at the University of Charleston, she is proudly on its Dean's List!

The United Age Group Track Coaches Association is happy to present the Madeline R. Willette Memorial Scholarship to its female recipient, MyNiqua G. Cotton.