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J'Alyiea Smith

Withrow High School



Withrow standout track & field all-star J'Alyiea Smith will be competing as a University of Arkansas Razorback beginning next season, but this year she is out to help the Withrow Lady Tigers capture a fourth straight Ohio state girls' team championship.

At the recent 2018 ECC track & field championships, J'Alyiea was conference champion in four events - the 100 hurdles in 14.64, the 300 hurdles in 44.13, the high jump in 5-10 and the long jump in 18-00.5.

J'Alyiea has won back-to-back Div. I Ohio state championships in the 300-meter hurdles. She also was Ohio state runner-up in back-to-back seasons in the 100-meter hurdles and last season was third in the high jump and part of the 4x400 relay team that finished as state runners-up.

J'Alyiea's athletic success has earned her numerous honors, including twice being named by the Women's Sports Association as Track & Field Athlete of the Year. She was last season also named Cincinnati.com Awards Show Track & Field Athlete of the Year and Cincinnati Div. I Track & Field Athlete of the Year by the Cincinnati Enquirer. She has been 1st team all-ECC three times.

Active in community service, J'Alyiea's favorite athlete and most-like-to-meet is Ayanna O'Neal, favorite entertainer is Lil Yachty and favorite book is The Bible.



NAME: J'Alyiea Smith
GRADUATING YEAR: 2018
SCHOOL: Withrow High School
GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT: Winning 300 hurdles at state; 3 state championships
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5'7"-140 lbs.
RESIDENCE: Bond Hill
BIRTHDATE: 3/27/99
MOM: Malinda Smith
FUTURE GOAL: Radiologist and a career in track & field

"J'Alyiea is one of the hardest working athletes I have ever worked with. Her desire to train is unbelievable, and the results are 'the fruits of her labor.' I have personally witnessed her maturity from a girl to now a young lady. Myself and the Withrow community are extremely proud of her and her accomplishments."

– Timothy Crooks, Track & Field Coach

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