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## Samantha Bush Turpin High School



Turpin senior Samantha "Sam" Bush is one of the area's finest runners in both track and cross country. In track, she won the mile run at the 2019 Raleigh Relays in North Carolina and her 4:52.82 was the fourth ranked time in the USA.

Sam already holds school and ECC Conference track records in both the 1,600 (4:50.96) and 3,200 (10:36.70) runs. She also holds the SWO District record in the 1,600 (4:51.72).

Her junior year, Sam was ECC, district and regional champion in both the 1,600 and 3,200 events. She was named ECC Track Distance Runner of the Year for the third straight time.

In cross country, she is the school and district record-holder, and her best time of 17:30 is the second fastest in Cincinnati history. Her senior season, she was ECC champ in 17:51.25, helping her team win the ECC title. It was her second ECC cross country championship. She was also Div. I SWO District champ in 17:45.51, helping the Lady Spartans win the district title.

Sam was named ECC Cross Country Runner of the Year for the second time and was the Enquirer's Cincinnati Div. I Cross Country Runner of the Year. She also was Cincinnati.com Sports Awards' Cincinnati Cross Country Runner of the Year and the Women's Sports Association Cross Country Sportswoman of the Year for the second time.

Active in community service, Sam will run collegiately at North Carolina State University.

Her favorite athlete is Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, favorite entertainer is David Dobrik, favorite book is Looking For Alaska, favorite movie is Harry Potter and most-like-to-meet is the Kardashians.



**NAME:** Samantha Bush  
**GRADUATING YEAR:** 2019  
**SCHOOL:** Turpin High School  
**SPORT:** Track-Cross Country  
**RESIDENCE:** Anderson Township  
**BIRTHDATE:** 4/18/2001  
**PARENTS:** Gordon Bush & Kae Johnson  
**INFLUENCE:** "My aunt Iris Simpson Bush."  
**FUTURE GOAL:** NCAA Qualifier

Sam's dedication to her team and training has warranted the huge amount of success that she has achieved thus far. Sam has served as an example to young runners everywhere that a will to win leads down a path without limits.

Missy Siemers, Cross Country Coach

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