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## **STANFORD-BOUND WILLIAMS WINS DECATHLON BERTH FOR WORLD JUNIORS IN EUGENE NEXT MONTH**

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SACRAMENTO -- Although just missing the national high school record, Stanford-bound decathlete **Harrison Williams** was among the first qualifiers for next month's IAAF World Junior Championships with his victory Thursday in USA Track & Field's Junior competition at Sacramento State's Hornet Field.

Williams, from Memphis (Tenn.) University School, scored 7,734 points in the two-day event, which preceded USATF's National Championship meet. His point total ranks No. 2 all-time behind the record 7,748 by Gunnar Nixon of Santa Fe (Edmond, Okla.) in 2011.

Another high school athlete, **Gabriel Moore** of Freeport, Fla., finished second with 7,594 points (No. 4 all-time) and will join Williams on the national team when the World Junior meet is held in the USA for the first time, July 22-27, in Eugene, Ore.

Junior competitors cannot reach age 20 this year. The fields include several college freshmen.

The heptathlon and decathlon are the only junior championship events being contested in conjunction with USATF's National Championships, which run through Sunday afternoon and feature most of the USA's current Olympians, including gold medalists.

There will be a showcase for top high school and junior class athletes at Saturday evening's **55th annual Golden West Invitational**, which will take over the Sacramento State track following the pro and open competition that afternoon.

In the heptathlon, **Ashlee Moore** of Hamilton High School (Chandler, Ariz.) and **Shaina Burns** of South (Lakeville, Minn.) became the first female athletes to make the U.S. team.

Already the U.S. high school leader this season in the heptathlon, Moore totaled a personal best 5,418 points in the seven-event competition to move up to No. 5 on the all-time high school list. Burns scored 5,363 to keep **Emily Godwin** of University of North Carolina out of the money in third place (5,304).

So high school athletes have earned all four team berths – so far.

Moore was elated to earn a berth in the first World Junior meet in the USA – which will be conducted at her future college, University of Oregon in Eugene, July 22-27. “It hasn’t sunk in yet, but I am definitely excited,” she said. “Last year I ended up fourth, when I was third going into the 800.” Moore knew she had a team berth in hand going into that final two-lap race this year, holding a 213-point lead over Burns – and 328 over Godwin.

Moore ran comfortably to finish in 2 minutes, 34.66 seconds to secure the title.