

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDERS HONOR THE NEWARK TECH GIRLS TRACK TEAM 2011 GROUP I STATE CHAMPIONS**

(Newark, NJ) – During the Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, meeting of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders held at the Hall of Records, the Board honored the Newark Tech Girls Track Team for having won the 2011 Group I Outdoor Track State Championship on Saturday, June 4, 2011, finishing ahead of 40 other Group I teams and ahead of its nearest competitor, Penns Grove High School, 58-54.



Pictured above with members of the team are: Freeholder Juan Rivera, Jr. (front row, far left), Head Coach Eddie Green (2<sup>nd</sup> row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left), and (in back row, from left to right), Freeholder Rufus Johnson, Athletic Director Daniel Harris, Vice Principal Kristie Howard and Freeholder Carol Clark. Freeholders Patricia Sebold and Linda Lordi Cavanaugh are at the far right of the photo. Photo by Glen Frieson

The Newark Tech Girls Track Team, competing in only its second year of existence, has enjoyed unimaginable success, having won both the 2010-2011 Group I Indoor and 2011 Group I Outdoor State Championships in the same academic year.

In addition to its Group I North Jersey, Section 2, Sectional Championship and Group I State Championship, the team also won the Ranger Relay Invitational Track Meet at Walkkill Valley High School and the Blue Devil Invitational Track Meet at Malcolm X Shabazz High School, competed successfully at the prestigious Penn Relays in

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and captured second place in the Essex County Outdoor Track Championships.

The team was led by standouts Iana Amsterdam, Brionna Singleton and Sabratina Rojas, and was comprised of the following members: **Juniors** Gifty Amankawh, Sabratina Rojas, Jazmine Howard and Nichole Candelaria; **Sophomores** Iana Amsterdam, Natalia Hinton and Essence Underwood; and **Freshmen** Natalie McAlister, Jenyce Baytops, Brionna Singleton and Stherline Silencieux.

The team was coached by Head Coach Eddie Greene and Assistant Coaches Aaron Brown and Felicia Smith.

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