Charles To Compete At Penn Relays

Sophomore transfer Pete Charles has been chosen to compete in the Eastern College Triple Jump at the Penn Relays. Pete, a native of Antigua W.I. is competing in his first collegiate season at Lehman College.

“I was primarily a long jumper back home but the coaching staff at Lehman convinced me I should give the triple jump a serious try,” said Charles.

In just one season at Lehman, Charles has been exceptional for the Lightning. Pete has been crowned the CUNYAC indoor champion and was a provisional qualifier for NCAA DIII nationals in all triple jump events.

Charles will get his chance on the runway at 11:00 am Saturday morning. On his opportunity to compete in one of the most prestigious meets in the country, Pete is very excited about the opportunity.

“This will be my biggest meet ever,” said an exhilarated Charles. “The chance to compete against some of the best jumpers in the country is an opportunity that I truly cherish.”

Pete has also assaulted the Lehman College record books. In the CTC Championships at Desales University, Charles set a new Lehman College record for the triple jump. Pete’s jump of 14.36 meters also moves him up the list of qualifiers for the NCAA DIII Nationals.

Lehman’s Daniel Gurdak Looks To Continue at Oxford

Daniel Gurdak is the epitome of achievement. At the young age of 22, he has already received many distinguished awards, along with accomplishing many personal goals. It’s no wonder that Oxford University has accepted him into their prestigious school. This is an immense victory because the academic standards for the school are very high and difficult to obtain.

There are only a small percentage of Lehman College graduates who have gone on to such a prestigious school for their graduate studies, and the Lehman Track & Field team is proud to call him a member.

With an outstanding index of 3.9, Daniel majors in Biology and Environmental Science. He has traveled to Australia, where he studied for a semester. In that semester, he worked in Rain Forests and visited many botanical conservatories which broadened his experience in this field, the area he wishes to build his career in. He is also a member of two exceptional honor societies, Phi Beta Kappa and Golden Key. He is a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship, an academic scholarship that funds graduate study at Oxford University. He received the Ranger Award; the highest rank which is awarded to youth members for advancement and service with a focus on outdoor skill proficiency and leadership.

These are only a few of his many impressive awards. Along with his many student and community activities, he is one of the captains of the Lehman Cross Country, Indoor, and Outdoor Track & Field Team where Daniel has continued to have success. As he finishes off his season, and prepares for his successful future at Oxford University, his teammates and his coaches wish him all the best.