

# 2008-09

## Girls Track and Field

### Head Coach James Taylor



James Taylor is a graduate of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, earning his undergraduate and Masters Degree in Social Work in 1991. He attended Gary Roosevelt High School where he ran track and enjoyed an association with one of the winningest programs in state history during '70s and '80s. He credits part of his coaching success to two of the legendary coaches in Indiana's history, John Campbell and Roosevelt Pullium.

James is serving in his second year as the head Girl's Track and Field coach at Warren Central High School, but has been the one constant staff members for over 13 years. Since his official arrival in 1995, James has assisted in helping the Warren Central Girl's Track Program to become one of the premiere Girl's Track and Field programs in the State of Indiana. His excellence in the sport has been personified by producing a plethora state qualifiers, state champions, and more importantly, college graduates during his tenure.

James has been the School Social Worker for over 17 years at Warren Central High School. In addition, James worked as an adolescent counselor/social worker for the Marion County Health Department ACTION Center for over eight years. James has received a vast number of awards and honors for his work with adolescents. He was named social worker of the year for the Indiana Public Schools in 1991 and received the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Award for community achievement in 1997 and the 2006 Leadership Award for Fairness in Law Enforcement. Most recently he was one of the 2007 coach of the year nominee's for IATCCC and received the ICGSA State Championship Award. Coach Taylor is an adjunct faculty member for IUPUI School of Social Work; in addition, he is a certified trainer for the National Multi-Cultural Program entitled REACH (Respecting Ethnic and Cultural Heritage).

Although he has earned numerous honors through the community and school system for his progressive contributions and dedication to the well-being of adolescents; Coach Taylor is more than just a coach. He brings his special and professional skills to the students of Warren Central High School. He understands that when dealing with children, his humanity must blend with the art and the science of coaching. His innovative style along with his passion and dedication for servicing our youth has been

above reproach. He believes that it is truly an honor and a privilege to be able to coach at Warren Central High School.