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Senator-At-Large Angel Bolques Jr. Congratulates Michelle Smith on Adding To Her Remarkable Achievements

U.S. Virgin Islands – Senator Angel Bolques Jr. congratulates Michelle Smith for her extraordinary accomplishments in the sport of track and field. Michelle, a senior at Montverde Academy and a proud native of the U.S. Virgin Islands has continually demonstrated outstanding athletic prowess and determination, inspiring countless individuals across the territory and beyond.

At the recent Florida High School State Championships in Jacksonville, Michelle shattered the national U20 record in the 100m hurdles with a time of 13.77 seconds, claiming the state champion title. Her remarkable performance continued in the 400m hurdles, where she set a meet record of 57.82 seconds, further solidifying her position as a state champion. Additionally, Michelle's contribution to her team's victory in the 4x400m relay, with a record-breaking time of 3:40.75, helped Montverde Academy secure the overall State Championship.

Senator Bolques highlights Michelle's achievements as a source of immense pride for the U.S. Virgin Islands. "Michelle Smith's dedication, perseverance, and exceptional talent are a testament to what can be achieved through hard work and determination. She has consistently raised the bar, setting new records and bringing home numerous accolades," stated Senator Bolques. "Her story is one of inspiration and empowerment, particularly for young women in the sport. Michelle's journey shows that with commitment and passion, one can reach extraordinary heights."



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Michelle's success extends beyond the recent state championships. In 2023, she dominated the CARIFTA Games with two gold medals. She has continued to build on this momentum with notable victories at the Adidas Outdoor Nationals, New Balance Outdoor Nationals, and various other prestigious meets. Her continuous breaking of records, including the recent national record in the 800m at the Florida State Relays, underscores her exceptional talent and determination.

"Michelle has made the Virgin Islands incredibly proud," Senator Bolques remarked. "Her achievements inspire not only the youth but also the entire territory. She embodies the spirit of resilience and excellence that we all cherish. As she prepares to represent her alma mater one last time at the New Balance Outdoor National Championships and continues to compete internationally, we stand behind her with unwavering support and Virgin Islands Pride." Senator Bolques Jr. and the entire territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands celebrate her accomplishments and eagerly anticipate her future successes.

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