

## USATF Southern California Association assists in hosting successful Alvord Future Stars Championships track meet in Riverside, Ca.

The Alvord Unified School District middle schools met on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> for their 1<sup>st</sup> annual district track meet at Norte Vista High School. Each of the four middle schools (Arizona, Loma Vista, Villegas, and Wells) selected 72 student athletes to compete in six different events, including the 100 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 1600 meter run, 4x100 meter relay, softball throw, and standing long jump.

Former Riverside track and field star, Reggie Wyatt Jr., as well as his father, Reggie Wyatt Sr., received funding from USATF's national office as a part of the Future Stars grant program to help make the meet happen. Through the grant program, officials were hired and medals and a team trophy were distributed to the students.

The Alvord Unified Child Nutrition Services team were a big help in providing bussing for each school, as well as a healthy and free lunch for all participating students. The district has plans to continue this meet annually and incorporate a track and field program into their PE curriculum, prior to each year's track meet.

With this inception year having close to 300 student athletes participating, the event was considered a big success.

The meet was a part of SCA's outreach program to get more people involved and engaged with USATF. For more information about how to get involved with USATF SCA, please contact Madeline LeDuc, Program Manager, at m.leduc@scausatf.org