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Flagler Sheriff's PAL Middle School Sports Compete in State Competition

Two participants in the Flagler Sheriff's Police Athletic League (PAL) Middle School Sports Track and Field program participated in the Florida Youth Running Association "FLYRA" State Meet over the weekend.

Flagler Sheriff's School Resource Deputy (SRD) Sam Cooper and Head Coach Kathleen Hoover of Indian Trails Middle School Track provided leadership and support in Bradenton for Travaine Whittick, who ran a 54.7 in the 400 meters, and Brayden Cox who placed FIRST in the State in discus, throwing a 142.7 and 76 in aero javelin.



Left: Brayden Cox who placed first in discus. Right: Travaine Whittick and Brayden Cox.

"We are very proud of these athletes and their accomplishments," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "There were 171 teams competing from across the state of Florida and it goes to show that the athletes in Flagler County have the grit and perseverance to go far in whatever they put their mind to. Outstanding job, Brayden and Travaine!"

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The Flagler Sheriff's PAL Middle School Sports program was the vision of Sheriff Rick Staly and then School Board Chairman Trevor Tucker and began with the 2017-18 school year. The program is run by Flagler Sheriff's PAL in partnership with the Flagler County School Board which provides transportation and facilities.

"It was an accomplishment that our kids qualified for the State Championship Meet, and for one of them to actually win it overall was icing on the cake," SRD Cooper said following the event.

Learn more about Middle School Sports in Flagler County by visiting <https://www.flaglersheriffspal.org/>

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