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In almost every high school around the country the start of Spring means the start of track season. That would be the same for Canyon State Academy and Desert Lily Academy who both entered teams in the Canyon Athletic Association for the Spring 2022 Track & Field season. As for any sport, at the beginning there is a high level of optimism and adrenaline by the students to start something new and this year was especially exciting considering the fact that it was the first season back in over two years due to COVID-19 restrictions. This year's CSA track team was spearheaded by three tenured ROP employees, Derrick Jamerson (Site Trainer), Godfrey Bennett (Unit Manager) and Michael Brown (Teacher). The coaches had a herculean task at hand, getting the students in shape, keeping them engaged, and supporting them in their program. The Arizona heat started taking a toll on all, students and staff alike, but for those who committed to the season, their hard work would pay out tenfold.

As the season started, the boys track team came out the blocks fast in their first meet taking overall first place and they didn't look back the entire season. Meet after meet the boys ran hard and the lowest they finished as a team was 2nd place overall. The culmination of the season was the state track meet which was held on Saturday May 14th and as a team the boys shined bright under the night sky. When the dust settled, the CSA Boys Track & Field Team were awarded the 1st place trophy and named Charter Athletic Association 2022 State Champions. A special congratulations goes out to student athlete K. Evans for being named Track and Field 2022 Athlete of the Year and head coach Derrick Jamerson was named the CAA Track and Field Coach of the Year.

Track and Field is only a portion of the student athlete's program and what these students accomplished could not be done without the help and support of their unit staff, education department, student services department, medical department and ancillary department. The student athletes and coaching staff want to thank everyone involved for all the support that made this a season one to remember.