

Stephanie Hightower honored with 2018 USATF Giegengack Award

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Stephanie Hightower, Olympian, IAAF Council member and former USATF President and Board Chair, was awarded USATF's 2018 Robert Giegengack Award at the USATF National Annual meeting held in Columbus, Ohio November 28 - December 2

Named after the former Yale University coach, the Robert Giegengack Award is presented by the USATF board of directors to a person who excels in contributing to the excellence and high standards of the sport of track & field. It is USATF's highest accolade for contributions to the sport in any category of volunteer work. Hightower presented the award at USATF's Annual Meeting opening session Thursday evening.

"Stephanie could not be more deserving," said USATF Interim President Michael Conley. "She has done just about everything there is to do in track & field, and she has done so at the highest of standards."

The Columbus resident has been successful at nearly every level of the sport. Hightower served as President of USATF from 2008-2016 and as chair of the board from 2009-2015. In August of 2015, she was elected to the IAAF Council and is the IAAF Gender Leadership Taskforce chair. Her 163 votes garnered at the 2015 IAAF Congress made her the highest vote-getter among all Council candidates. Hightower is CEO of the Columbus Urban League and previously was Vice President for Institutional Advancement for the Columbus College of Art & Design.

A former world-class hurdler, Hightower has served USATF in countless capacities, beginning with USATF's Athletes Advisory Committee and including as USATF women's track & field chair and as team leader, team manager and chef de mission for Team USA at international competitions. During her athletic career, she held American and world records and was a member of the 1980 Olympic Team in the 100m hurdles. Hightower served for five years as President of the Columbus Board of Education and received the Distinguished Service Award from her alma mater, The Ohio State University.

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“The people that have received this before me have been some of the greatest individuals to work in and contribute to this sport,” Hightower said. “To now be among them is the greatest honor.”