

CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES

MONDAY, JULY 28 | JIM DUNCAN TRACK | DRAKE UNIVERSITY

7 P.M. – CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES

- Baton Twirling Demonstration
- Parade of States
- Color Guard/National Anthem
- Isiserettes

7:30 P.M. – WELCOME & REMARKS *(see below for bios)*

- Greg Edwards – President & CEO, Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau and Des Moines Area Sports Commission
- Suzie Glazer Burt – Honorary Chair, 2014 AAU Junior Olympic Games
- Frank Cownie – Mayor, City of Des Moines
- Henry Forrest – President, Amateur Athletic Union
- Chris Norton – Student, Luther College

8 P.M. – TRACK COMPETITION

- 100M Dash Events

8:40 P.M. – CLOSING

- Torch Run – Torch runners include former Olympians Darnell Hall, Gary Morgan & Lamont Smith
- Fireworks



GREG EDWARDS

Edwards is President and CEO of the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, the parent organization of the Des Moines Area Sports Commission. The Des Moines Area Sports Commission is the event manager for the 2014 AAU Junior Olympic Games. Edwards is a community leader with a passion for Greater Des Moines and the travel industry as a whole. He serves on boards for the Greater Des Moines Partnership, Iowa Destination Marketing Alliance and the Travel Federation of Iowa, to name a few.



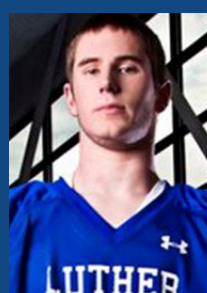
HENRY FORREST

Forrest was appointed President of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) in 2012. He has been a part of AAU for over 20 years in numerous leadership roles and brings a wealth of knowledge in everything he does. His goal as President is to continue positive ideas and develop AAU's goals for its members.



SUZIE GLAZER BURT

Burt not only contributes philanthropically to local charitable organizations but she also has a strong history in donating volunteer hours throughout the Greater Des Moines community. Her passion for supporting education and children's services lead her to her role as Honorary Chair of the 2014 AAU Junior Olympic Games. She has served various leadership positions, including with the Hospice of Central Iowa Foundation Board of Trustees, Variety Club of Iowa, Drake University and the Boys and Girls Club of Central Iowa.



CHRIS NORTON

Norton suffered a severe spinal cord injury while playing football at Luther College in 2010. Initially given a 3% chance of ever regaining movement from the neck down, Norton has shown a determination and "can do" attitude that has inspired thousands. At the age of 20, Norton started a non-profit organization, the SCI CAN Foundation, to help others with spinal cord injuries and other neurological disorders as well giving motivational speeches throughout the Midwest to thousands of individuals. Norton has received many honors including being named the 2011 CBS Courage in Sports People's Choice Award winner, appearing live on the CBS Early Show, throwing out the first pitch at a Minnesota Twins game, recognized in 2012 by the American Red Cross as one of the Heroes of the Heartland, and recently listed in the Iowa Hall of Pride as one of Iowa's Heroes.



FRANK COWNIE

Des Moines Mayor T.M. Franklin Cownie was elected to the seat in January 2004 and was re-elected in January 2008. Mayor Cownie has spent much of his time in leadership roles on the national and international stage representing issues that he is most passionate about: local control, green initiatives, jobs and the economy. Most recently, Mayor Cownie was selected to serve on President Obama's State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience.