

ANDRES GABRIEL ARROYO-DOMINICCI

Andrés Gabriel Arroyo-Dominicci, Middle Distance Runner & Olympian Track & Field, born June 7, 1995 in Bayamón, Puerto Rico. He's the oldest of three children for José M. Arroyo-Rodríguez from Puerto Rico and Ada Dominicci-Peña, from Dominican Republic. He lives with his parents, his brother Christian Gabriel and his little sister Gabriella in Orlando, FL.

At the age of four, Arroyo, started playing baseball. When he commenced elementary school at American Military Academy in Puerto Rico practices Tae-K-Do and swimming. He was a regular baseball player in the community league and during the summer, participated playing basketball in the neighborhood team.

As soon as he moves with his family to Orlando, FL in 2003, he registered at a basketball team and Tae-K-Do. For Andrés, to have a better physical condition to perform at basketball, his dad coach him running by the timer with his brother around their living area. Andrés was improving his physical condition as well as his running timing.

During his 7th grade at Odyssey Middle School, he has the opportunity of being a member for the Track and Field Team but was not selected. As a fact, the school coach told Andrés to give up as an athlete and telling him to continue playing baseball. A year later, in 8th grade at Liberty Middle School, Arroyo was selected for the Track and Field Team. Being a freshman at Colonial High School, he officially started his passion for Track & Field and Cross-Country Sport.

At the same time, Andrés was playing baseball in his community and was also selected to be a baseball player for the school team. He plays as a pitcher and center field positions. He was a gifted baseball player winning several awards and recognitions.

As a junior student and as an outcome of his outstanding performance in track & field, Andrés presented with educational and sports scholarships offers from colleges in United States including Puerto Rico. During his last semester as a senior student at Colonial HS, Andrés made the decision to fully continue in track and field sport.

During his High School years, Andrés Arroyo was recognized with the following awards:

- Varsity Sport Track Athlete of the Year Sentinel Awards 2011 – 2012
- Cross Country Runner of the Year Sentinel Awards 2011 and 2012
- Breakfast of Champions Award 2012
- Orange County Boys Cross Country Athlete of the Year

- Boys Track Athlete of the Year – Recognition presented by Mr. Douglas K. Loftus, Colonial HS Principal; Mr. Ronald Blocker, Superintendent Orange County Public Schools and Mrs. Teresa Jacob, Orange County Mayor.
- Gatorade Athlete of the Year 2011 and 2012 – Andrés was the first high school athlete who wins this prestigious recognition.

Andrés Arroyo participated in 2012 at the Juvenile National Championship in Puerto Rico, winning Gold Medal 800m and Gold Medal 1,500m. He also represented Puerto Rico at the XIX Juvenile *Centroamericanos & Caribe* Championship celebrated at El Salvador winning again; Gold Medal in 1,500m and Silver Medal in 800m. In addition, Andres participated at 2015 *Panamericanos* Games celebrated in Toronto, Canada arriving to the final in 800m.

Currently, Andrés is a talented athlete in the 800 & 1,500 meters. Additionally, is a student pursuing a degree in English Literature at University of Florida in Gainesville. During these college years he was presented with more academic & athletic awards and recognitions including Indoor & Outdoor University of Florida Athlete of the Year Award. As soon as he finishes his bachelor's, Andrés will pursue a degree at college law school.

To this date, Andrés has continued representing his native Puerto Rico in numerous competitions. He is the First Puerto Rican in history to make the 800m Olympic Semifinals when he participated at the Olympics Games at Rio de Janeiro, Brasil on 2016. In addition, he's the First Puerto Rican in history to make the fastest time 800m indoor.

Up-to-date, he's the champion at SEC Indoor Championships 2017. He also obtained the classification for the World Championship with a time of 1:45.74 in the Virginia Challenge – NCAA Level. Furthermore, he classified twice for IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS LONDON 2017. This classification confers Andrés the standing to be one of the first six athletes competing in a worldwide athletic championship event celebrated at England, August 2017.

Recognition and Awards (some of them)

- 2016 Olympic Semifinalist (800m)
- 2017 IAAF World Championships qualifier (800m)
- 2017 SEC Indoor Champion (800m)
- Four-time USTFCCCA Indoor All-American (800m)
- Three-time USTFCCCA Outdoor All-American (800m)
- Three-time All-SEC Indoor Second Team (distance medley relay; 800m—2015, 2016) SEC Indoor Championships.

- Two-time All-SEC Outdoor Second Team (800m – 2015/2017)
- No.2 outdoor 800m runner (1:44.98) on UF's All-Time Top 10
- No.4 ranked 1,500m runner (3:41.95) on UF's All-Time Top 10
- 2015 All-SEC Outdoor Second Team (800m)
- Broke Mark Everett's 26 –year-old indoor 800m school records (1:46.20) at the 2016 SEC Indoor Championships.
- Owns the No.3-ranked 800m time (1:45.78) on UF's all-time outdoor top 10
- Ranks No. 9 in the 1,500m (3:44.54) on UF's all-time outdoor top 10
- Proclamation: “Andres Arroyo Day” June 13, 2016 Mayor Buddy Dyer and Commissioner, District 2 Tony Ortiz
- NCAA (Division 1) Men's Outdoor Track & Field Championships 2014 – 2015 – 2016 - 2017
- NCAA (Division 1) Men's Indoor Track & Field Championships 2014 – 2015 – 2016 - 2017
- SEC Men's Outdoor Track & Field 2015
- SEC Men's Indoor Track & Field 2014 - 2017

Achievements and Titles (some of them)

Personal Best(s): 800 meters: 1:44.98 (1), 1500 meters: 3:44.54 (1)

High School PR: 800meters: 1:47.79 – sixth-fastest high school time in history; 1,500m: 4:01.91; 1,600m: 4:11.79

Collegiate PR: 800meters: 1:45.78; 1,500m: 3:44.54; Mile: 4:14.61

