



Did you know that Central Tech has a tradition of sending athletes to the Olympic as well as Commonwealth Games?

- For example, the movie *Race* (released in the winter of 2016), is about Jesse Owens a young African American athlete that qualifies to compete in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany. His participation in the Olympics at that time is publicly and personally controversial since Germany at that time was a Nazi regime ruled by Adolf Hitler. It was a time when racism was at its height in Europe, to the point of genocide. In spite of the great difficulties Owens won four gold medals, in the 100m, 200m, 4x100m relay and the long jump. He managed to break or equal nine Olympic records and also set three world records.
- Adolf Hitler hoped that the 1936 Berlin Games would prove his theory of Aryan racial superiority. Instead, Owens' achievements led the people of Berlin to hail him, an African-American, as a hero.

There was another great hero at that time in Hitler's Berlin:

CENTRAL TECH'S OWN SAM RICHARDSON (1919-1989)

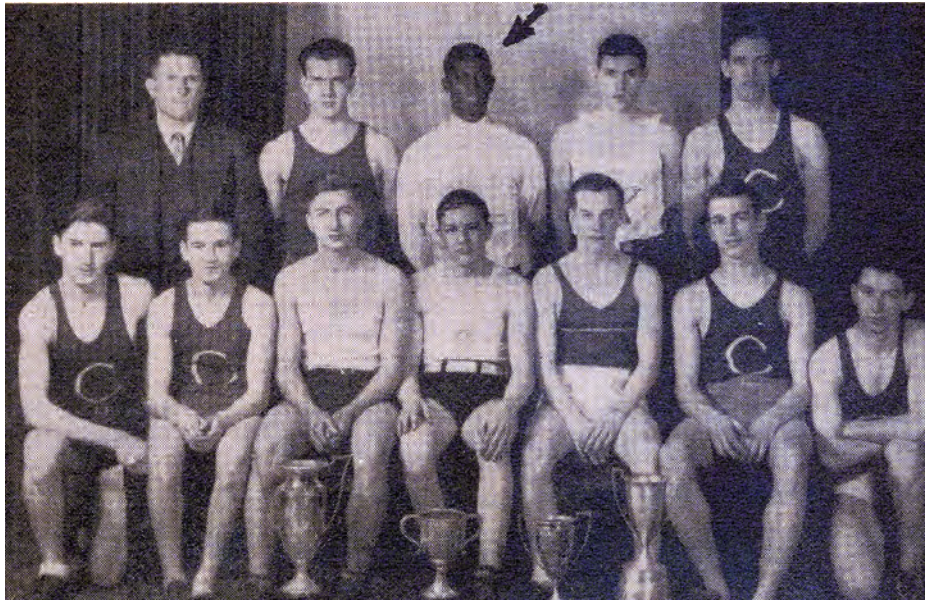
- Sam was born in Toronto and represented Canada in the 1936 Olympics as well as the 1934 British Empire Games. He was a Toronto born athlete who competed against Jesse Owens in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. As an 11 year old, Sam jumped a record 7', 6". At 15, he won the 1934 British Empire Games broad jump at 23', 8 1/2". In 1935, he jumped 24', 11" in the broad jump to set the Canadian outdoor record at Winnipeg. **That record was unbeaten until 1965.**



Sam Richardson laid the foundation for athletic excellence at Central Tech

One can only imagine the magnitude of the pressures that Sam faced when representing Canada at the Berlin Olympics not only as an 18-year-old, but also as a young black athlete competing in a country that had no interest in promoting racial equality. Despite these stressful conditions, Sam raced as a member of the Canadian 4 x 100 yd relay team against the famed American Jesse Owens, where they finished fifth. He also competed in the triple and long jumps.

- In the late '70s and early '80s, the track and field program at CTS began a seventeen-year era where the school dominated the TSSAA. **CTS teacher BRUCE SMITH was selected as a Canadian sprint/relay coach at the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics.** Joining Smith in Seoul were **Central Tech sprinters CARL FOLKES and KATIE ANDERSON, along with MIKE SMITH**, a decathlete ranked fourth in world rankings. Clearly, a track and field legacy was beginning. From 1980 to 1990, the track and field teams captured an unprecedented ten consecutive TSSAA championships and six consecutive OFSAA championships.
- Perhaps the most successful CTS track athlete was **ATLEE MAHORN**, who represented Canada in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and the 1986 Commonwealth Games, where he won a championship in the 200 metres. He also competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympics in Seoul and Barcelona. Atlee will be inducted into Athletics Canada's Hall of Fame in the summer of 2015 during the Pan Am Games. Also representing Canada in Seoul in 1988 was CTS student **EGERTON MARCUS**, who won a silver medal in boxing.



Sam Richardson
and his CTS
teammates, 1930's.



1936 Sam was a member of the Canadian relay team which finished fifth in the 1936 Olympic 4x100 metre event in Berlin

THE CENTRAL TECH
OLYMPIC CONNECTION



CTS PhysEd
teacher
Bruce Smith
and boxer Eger-
ton Marcus,
Seoul Olympics,
1988



CTS alumni
Atlee Mahorn
competing
in the 1992
Barcelona
Olympics



Egerton Marcus, CTS Student

Born in Guyana, raised in Toronto. A Canadian Olympic boxer, silver medal winner in the Middleweight division, 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul. Marcus turned pro in 1989 and began his career with fourteen consecutive wins, he retired in 2001 and has taught boxing since then.



Atlee Mahorn, CTS Student

Competed 200m event at the 1992
Olympic games in Barcelona.



Carl Folkes, CTS Student

Competed in the 4x400m relay event
at the 1988 Olympic games in Seoul.



Michael Smith, CTS Student

Olympic and Commonwealth Decathlete, CBC and CTV broadcaster and commentator. Attended Central Technical School and the University of Toronto Commerce program during his athletic career. Smith won a silver medal at the World Junior Track and Field Championships in 1986.

At the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, he

placed 14th. At the 1990 Commonwealth Games Smith won a gold medal. In 1991, he was the silver medal winner at the World Track and Field Championships, and was the first North American to win the Götzis International Decathlon, which he won again in 1996.

In 1992 at Barcelona, Spain, Smith was the opening ceremonies flag bearer for Canada at the Olympics. In 1994, he won gold at the Commonwealth Games for the second time. Smith was ranked in the top 10 in the world for 10 years in a row from 1989 to 1998 with his highest rankings being #2 in the world in 1991 and #3 in the world in 1995. Smith held the Canadian Record in the decathlon with a total of 8626 points set in Gotzis Austria in 1996. Smith's record was broken by Damian Warner, with a total of 8659 points, at the 2015 Pan American Games.