

## Melissa Ferguson Class of 1999

Melissa Ferguson ran on both the girls cross country team as well as the track team. In Melissa's freshman and sophomore years, Melissa led the girls cross country team to back-to-back league championships, back-to-back 2<sup>nd</sup> place team finishes at the Sac-Joaquin Section championships and back-to-back participation at the state championship meet. Melissa was recognized as Dixon High's Freshman Athlete of the Year for her cross country success. As strong as Melissa was at cross country, she was better at track, especially the hurdles. During her sophomore year, Melissa qualified for the Sac-Joaquin Section championships in both the 300 meter low hurdles and the 100 meter low hurdles—placing 5<sup>th</sup> in both events. Melissa's senior year, she won the Sac-Joaquin Section championship in the 300 low hurdles—becoming the only Dixon athlete, male or female, to ever win a Section championship in hurdles and only the second Dixon female athlete to win a Section track championship since their start in 1974. Melissa had won the Sub-Section events for both the 100 and 300 hurdles, becoming Dixon's only double winner at a Sub-Section event. Melissa went on to compete at the state track meet where she placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the 330 hurdles. Melissa holds the current school records in both the 110 and 330 hurdles. Melissa received a scholarship to U.C. Davis. In 2000, she was named an All-American in the 400 hurdles after placing 5<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA championships. Her time of 1:01.59 ranks 5<sup>th</sup> on the all-time best Aggie times. In 2002, Melissa again raced in the NCAA championships, placing 12<sup>th</sup> in the 400 hurdles.

Melissa is currently working as a project coordinator for a local internet consulting company.