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NEWSLETTER BEGINS 40th YEAR

Franks Is Named Rhodes Scholar Finalist

Hello Again.....2015 is the start of our 40th year of publication and brings some happy news from Fayetteville, Arkansas where senior decathlete and honors student Nathanael Franks has been selected as a Rhodes Scholarship finalist. The news came in mid-December. A Portland, OR native, Franks has earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and physics with a minor in history, according to the university. "Being selected to interview is both an amazing opportunity and an incredible honor," said Franks who opened his 2015 track season at the Tyson Center with a 3event tune-up this past weekend. "I appreciate the tremendous support from the faculty, staff and students in academics and athletics here. They have shaped me and my future career. I am looking forward to the interview process." The University of Arkansas has had ten Rhodes scholars in the past.

He graduated magna cum laude, received an Honors College research grant to complete an honors thesis in chemistry, earned a master of business administration degree and is currently completing a master of accountancy degree, the university said. If he's selected as a Rhodes Scholar, he will pursue a master of science in global health science at the Oxford University in England.

Rhodes Scholars are awarded two years of study at the University of Oxford with the possibility of renewal for a third year.



Arkansas decathlete has recently been named a Rhodes Scholarship finalist.

Franks, who received his bachelor's degrees in only two and a half years, was the recipient of the 2013 John Wooden Citizenship Cup, which recognizes athletes' work outside of sports.

The current indoor season is off to a slow start. The 2nd week of January, 2015 saw just 4 meets scheduled and one (Eubanks Invnt at Grand Valley State U in Allendale, MI) was cancelled ...weather problems.

Top score belonged to BYU soph Jackson Walker who won at home with a 5237 score.

Eight meets are schedule next week and weekend.
