

Today in our #ThankfulThursday post, we'll be focusing on a Sienna Rec "alumni" that has participated in and graduated from Sienna Rec programming and learn what he's up to today!

Today, we'll catch up with Gabriel Oladipo.

Gabriel is the son of Gabriel Sr and Vanessa Oladipo. He is currently attending Texas Tech University where he is majoring in Sports Management.

Gabe began his participation In Sienna Rec programming in 2007-2008 when he joined the Sienna Youth Basketball League in its inaugural season! His most memorable Rec Department experience: "Winning multiple championships in basketball!"

Gabe later joined the REC-ing crew as a team member in 2016 as a referee and coach. His most rewarding part of the job? "...seeing the kids develop throughout the season! Some kids came in very shy and passive and became a lot more confident by the end of the season! Seeing the kids put in all that hard work brought back memories of my time in the leagues!"

Gabe has moved on to big things. He is currently a 2 time-All-American member of Texas Tech Track and Field team! He was named First Team all SEC (2019), First Team all Big 12 (2020-2021), Big 12 Champion (2021) and (again) 2x NCAA All American (2020-2021).

Gabe reminisced and told us, "I truly loved everything about my Sienna Recreation experience and wouldn't trade it for anything! Getting to compete against so many talented people in my own neighborhood helped to create a love for competition that I still have today! I had so many great memories and I feel so blessed to still be a part of it and get the opportunity to give back to the program that gave to me!"

We are SO proud of you and the man you've grown into, Gabe. We're so thankful to be able to call you a member of the REC-ing Crew.

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