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Paul Chelimo, Kellyn Johnson become first-ever champions of the Collegiate Running Association 10k Road Race National Championships at the Ukrop’s Monument Avenue 10k

Jackie Woods claims AT&T Dash for the Cash to lead field of over 36,300

RICHMOND, VA – The 15th annual Ukrop’s Monument Avenue 10k presented by MARTIN’S went off this morning with more than 36,300 participants. The 10k hosted the first-ever [Collegiate Running Association](#) 10k Road Race National Championships, which drew 1,390 college athletes to the streets of Richmond to compete for prize money.

UNC-Greensboro’s Paul Chelimo, 23, took first place with a time of 29:24 followed closely by Tyler McCandless (29:33). Chelimo was the runner-up in the 5,000m at the 2012 and 2013 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. McCandless is a former NCAA All-American for Penn State University and current professional runner for Newton Running based out of Boulder, Co.

Kellyn Johnson, a multi-time NCAA All-American for Wichita State, took first place in the women’s field with a time of 33:18. Johnson placed 4th at the 2014 USA XC Championships in February and went on to win the NACAC XC Championships in Trinidad while representing Team USA. Susanna Sullivan, 23, finished second with a time of 33:42.

Ukrop’s Monument Avenue 10k – Open Division

Place	Open Men	Time	Open Women	Time
1	Paul Chelimo	29:24	Kellyn Johnson	33:18
2	Tyler McCandless	29:33	Susanna Sullivan	33:42
3	Robert Reynolds	30:00	Ashley Higginson	33:48
4	Cole Atkins	30:40	Nicol Traynor	33:49
5	Andrew Benford	30:54	Esther Erb	34:14

Collegiate Running Association 10k Road Race National Championship

Place	Collegiate Men	Time	Collegiate Women	Time
1	Paul Chelimo	29:24	Kellyn Johnson	33:18
2	Tyler McCandless	29:33	Susanna Sullivan	33:42
3	Cole Atkins	30:40	Ashley Higginson	33:48
4	Andrew Benford	30:54	Esther Erb	34:14
5	Matt McKenna	31:33	Sharon Zeller	36:35
6	Richard Morris	31:37	Julie Patterson	37:02
7	Adam Owens	32:11	Anne Menefee	37:03
8	Steven Zeller	32:25	Kathleen Lautzenheiser	37:22
9	Patrick Love	32:39	Alicia Grove	37:29
10	Ryan Lee	33:02	Samone Brockett	38:30



Although Chelimo and Johnson finished atop the standings, leading the pack today was AT&T Dash for the Cash contestant Jackie Woods, a 26-year old graduate student at Virginia Commonwealth University. Woods was selected at random from over 24,000 people registered for the Ukrop's Monument Avenue 10k on February 1, and was given a 2.35-mile head start based on her past race results. She took home the \$2,500 prize after beating the rest of the field to the finish line. This is the seventh year in a row that the AT&T Dash for the Cash contestant claimed the prize.

Prize money was also awarded to the top three males and females that live and train in the Richmond area. Robert Reynolds (30:30) took first place for the second year in a row. Matt McKenna (31:33) and Richard Morris (31:37) finished second and third on the men's side, while Sharon Zeller (36:35), Julie Patterson (37:02) and Anne Menefee (37:03) took home the prize money on the women's side.

Richmond Region 10k Championship

Place	Local Men	Time	Local Women	Time
1	Robert Reynolds	30:30	Sharon Zeller	36:35
2	Matt McKenna	31:33	Julie Patterson	37:02
3	Richard Morris	31:37	Anne Menefee	37:03

In addition to the 36,385 10k participants, 1,348 children ages 5-12 participated in the Virginia 529 Kids Run. Thirty-three bands performed and 21 spirit groups cheered, providing entertainment to all in attendance.

Full results are available at www.sportsbackers.org. The 2015 Ukrop's Monument Avenue 10k presented by MARTIN'S will take place on Saturday, March 28. Registration is scheduled to open in December.

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