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Miramonte senior at National Track & Field

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David Marcus Young is a Miramonte High School senior who recently competed at a National Track and Field event titled Mt. SAC Relays - "Where the World's Best Athletes Compete!" Marcus began taking up the sport of Pole Vault late in the spring season last year and did remarkably well during his first season (which was only three months) ending with a 13' 7" personal record (PR).

At Mt. SAC on April 20, Marcus beat Samuel Wright who is currently ranked No. 1 in California where Marcus achieved a new record of 16' feet where he tied for first place with Jacob Rice, who is ranked second in the state, before a final jump off. Marcus is currently ranked No. 4 in California based on individual PR's and tied for No. 22 in the U.S. Both Miramonte Pole Vault Coaches Carey Immesoete and Doug Bockmiller have been very impressed with Marcus' astounding progress in only 13 months citing most pole vaulters take 4-6 years to achieve what Marcus has, and most don't ever reach such a height. Marcus' father finds it humorous that Marcus at 16' feet has already surpassed the Hong Kong Olympic Record of 14' 4", the country of Marcus' ancestry. With such outstanding athletic achievement, Marcus currently qualifies for college recruiting at all the Ivy League schools in the country but has tentatively committed to attend a foreign Medical School in the fall instead. Marcus who is graduating at the age of 17 is also a year younger than his peers and has plenty of opportunities to aspire toward the US Olympic qualifying standard of 18' 6".

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