



## 2009 Alumni Honor Roll | Reasons to Believe



Role models who give us *Reasons to Believe* in the power of education

### Maurice Greene

F.L. Schagle High School, 1993

Maurice Greene is a hometown hero who continues to inspire today's youth through his achievements and success.

One of the greatest sprinters of all time, Greene held several world records. He broke the world record in the 100 meters (9.79) in 1999 and has run 53 sub-10 second 100-meter races.

Like any successful person, Greene has faced adversity. In 1996, his performance in the Olympic Trials failed to qualify him for the American team. But he persevered and came back strong. He captured gold medals in the 100 meters and the 400-meter relay at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Greene returned four years later to win a bronze medal in the 100 meters and a silver medal in the 400-meter relay at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

A three-time state champion in the 100 and 200 meters in high school, Greene was inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

His coaches have raved about Greene's strong work ethic and his drive to succeed and be the best. He once said, "If you want to be number one, you have to train like you're number two."

In February 2008, Greene announced his retirement from track and field. Today, he continues to take on other projects to challenge himself. In 2008, he participated in ABC's "Dancing with the Stars," and followed it up with a U.S. tour performing for audiences.

A sign posted in KCK reads, "Home of Maurice Greene, World's Fastest Human." Every day it reminds students that they have reasons to believe in themselves and their potential to reach high levels of success.

