

Mexican athlete receives sports scholarship at University of Arkansas



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Kenya Maturana has received a track and field scholarship at the **University of Arkansas** in the United States, where she will continue her academic and athletic training.

For the athlete from [PrepaTec Metepec](#), this **achievement** represents the result of several years' work.

*"Getting into the university represents the **effort** and **dedication** I have put in for years; it's not easy to get into that type of school in the United States. "It's a very good place to continue my studies," she said.*

The process began when she decided to contact the head coach of the University of Arkansas track and field team directly and share her **athletic journey** with him.

Kenya during her visit to the University of Arkansas. Photo: Courtesy of the interviewee



*“It was a matter of contacting the head track and field coach at Arkansas and sending him my résumé; **that’s where it all began**”, she explained.*

Later, she was invited to visit the institution. *“They noticed me and paid for me to visit the university to see what it offers both **academically and athletically**”, she said.*

Selected for the Mexican national team at the Central American Games

When questioned about the things that influenced her being selected, she highlighted two key parts of her training: *“**My self-discipline and the passion I***

have for what I do”.

In addition to joining the university, Kenya has already been selected to **represent Mexico** at the **Central American Games** in the Dominican Republic, which forms part of her participation in international competitions.

Reflecting on the impact of this experience on her future goals, she commented: *“I will achieve both my **athletic** and **academic goals** in the future. I’ll be able to participate in many important sporting events”.*

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Kenya receiving the gold medal at the Ibero-American Under-18 Athletics Championship. Photo: Courtesy of the interviewee



Finally, she shared a message with those seeking similar opportunities.

*“It’s not easy to do this; **work hard at your sport as well as in school** in the time leading up to your senior year of high school, because having a good GPA matters too”, she concluded.*

Kenya Maturana will begin her university studies in the United States thanks to this scholarship and will continue her **athletic development** internationally.

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