

Karmen Auble is good at sports; basketball, volleyball and other sports. However, she was destined to turn to track and field. It was only natural with her parents and grandparents all track coaches. She started out when she was younger, organizing track meets with her friends and that eventually lead to many hours of pole vault competitions in the backyard vaulting facility her father built for his pole vault school. Therefore it was expected that she would make an immediate contribution with the Warsaw High School track program. And she did.

In her six years as a Warsaw Tiger she dominated the pole vault, but she also won titles in the shot put, long jump and relays earning six Livingston County Athletic Association championships. She holds the LCAA pole vault record at 12'7"

Karmen competed in eleven events in her sectional career, winning six titles in classes C and CC in the pole vault. She still holds the pole vault records in both classes, 12' and 12'4". Karmen also won two titles in the shot put and one in the long jump. Her other sectional places were seconds. As a senior in 2014 she won all three individual events and anchored the second place 400m relay that fell a tenth of a second short of her fourth title. The girls were runner-up for the team title.

Karmen also competed in the state meet each of her six years, four times in the pole vault and twice in the shot put, earning state medals five times. She earned a second place in the shot put. Her other medals all came in the pole vault including a sixth and two thirds. She also earned fourth and seventh place Federation medals

She concluded her high school career in 2014 winning the Division II and overall Federation titles in the Pole Vault with a jump of 12'3" She was also highly seeded in the shot put but due to a delay in the pole vault for equipment repairs she was unable to compete.

Karmen also had the honor of representing Section Five as its Division II Sportsmanship award winner at the 2014 state meet.

Karmen left Warsaw High the owner of five individual school records, the pole vault (12'7") , long jump (17'0"), high jump (5'3") 100m high hurdles (16.4), and Pentathlon (2961 pts.) and as a member of the 400m relay (51.0) Her 12'7" vault is third all-time in Section Five and her best shot put of 39'7 is a top fifteen all-time performance. She also won the Devin Snyder Award twice.

Warsaw started an indoor track team in Karmen's freshman year. Karmen, along with teammate Carissa Plesums were a very successful two girl team placing in the top six teams in class D all four years. Karmen won six indoor sectional titles in class D, four in the pole vault, and one each in the shot put and long jump. She also recorded a second place in the long jump and pole vault. She also participated in the state meet each year. She earned two thirds and two second places in the pole vault and also competed in the shot put once.

In the single class indoor state championships she placed second twice and third twice in the pole vault and also competed in the shot put once. She is fourth all-time indoors in the pole vault (12'3") and 6th in the shot put (40'3").

Karmen went on to compete at Division I Xavier University in Cincinnati. After placing third indoors and eighth outdoors in the Big East in the pole vault her freshman year she switched to the more challenging mutli-discipline heptathlon and pentathlon. Again she was successful with sixth and fifth places in the pentathlon indoors and twice placing third in the heptathlon outdoors in Big East championships. Karmen was named a team captain. Unfortunately in her senior season she suffered a season ending injury ending her college career. She holds four Xavier University school records, both indoor and outdoor pole vault, as well as the heptathlon and pentathlon records. She also is the Big East Conference record holder in the Pentathlon Shot Put.

Karmen chose a career in law enforcement and recently joined the family business coaching high school track and field in Ohio.

We are pleased to have Karmen join her grandfather, Bill Santora, in the Section Five Track and Field Hall of Fame. Congratulations Karmen.

