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Olympics Bound: Two George Kleeman Grant Recipients Head to Japan

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The streets of Springfield, Oregon were sizzling the morning of June 26th. A Pacific Northwest heatwave engulfed the US Olympic Trials, but standout racewalking couple Robyn Stevens and Nick Christie brought a heat of their own. Both Robyn and Nick blasted into their respective 20-kilometer races to build sizable leads over the competition and never looked back. After crossing their finish lines, Robyn and Nick were crowned champions of the US Olympic Trials 20K Racewalk and will represent the US at the Olympic Games this summer.

Robyn and Nick highlighted a run of good performances from the USATF Pacific Foundation's 2021 George Kleeman Grant Recipients. In addition to the two that qualified for the Olympic Games, Malaina Payton finished 5th in the women's long jump, Elena Bruckener finished 14th in the women's discus, Jere Summers-Hall finished 20th in the women's discus, Craig Huff finished 22nd in the men's 3000m steeplechase, and Maya Weigel finished 26th in the women's 10,000m.

We will continue to highlight results from these athletes as they complete their track seasons throughout the summer and will be enthusiastically cheering for Robyn and Nick in Japan.

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