

1) Name: Leland Later

2) New Trier sport(s): Cross Country, Track & Field

3) Suburb you lived in (when you went to New Trier): Wilmette

4) What year did you graduate NT: 2012

5) Where do you live now: Berkeley, California

6) Who was your coach: Dave Wisner

7) HS sports accomplishments/awards/honors:

- 2011 3A individual Cross Country state champion
- 2012 3A individual 1600m state champion
- School record holder in 1600m and 3200m

8) Favorite high school individual sports memory:

Winning the State Cross Country championship

9) Favorite high school team memory:

Defeating Maine South in the 2010 Cross Country Conference championship

10) Who was your biggest team rival or individual rival in HS, and where did they go to school?

Michal Filipczek and Neil Omar were two 800m runners at Maine South and Niles West, respectively, whom I raced often indoors. They went to Duke and Loyola.

11) Favorite class and/or teacher at NT: Dr. John Kirkpatrick, Latin

12) Where did you attend college: University of California, Berkeley

13) Compare your HS sports experience to your college experience:

The two were very different because of the level of commitment required in Division I Athletics, both athletically in the Pac 12 and academically at Berkeley. Berkeley exposed me to varied, challenging academic interests and at the same time I trained for many more hours in and out of practices than in high school. I would say the amount of time I spent training is the most drastic difference between high school and collegiate athletics.

14) College sports accomplishments:

- 2015 DI NCAA DI Cross Country, 25th as a team
- Personal bests of 3:43 in the 1500m and 14:06 in the 5000m

15) Favorite college sports moments: Defeating Stanford in the 120th Big Meet

16) Area of study: Philosophy

17) What do you do now? Software engineering

18) If you could go back in time and give yourself advice/wisdom as you are starting freshman year at New Trier, what would that advice be? Study Spanish!

19) What would you do differently if you could do it again?

I would run more open 800m races my senior year.





